

Neighbourhood Plan Update

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- On 17/10/23 Neighbourhood Planning Group met and held a meeting with Planning Consultant Jo Witherden. Present were Jo Witherden, Mick Connolly, Alinda Howland, Maxine Mussell, Cheryl Pountain and Barry McDonnell.

- Jo Witherden provided the following update:-

Steve Dring, the Interim Planning Policy Manager at BCP, has advised that for Burton and Grange, the current draft target is 120 homes for the 15 year period (either 2023-2038 or more likely 2024-2039). 80 homes will be as windfall and a minimum of 40 homes on the current allocation south of Burton.

This is draft at this stage and may change. Jo has asked him how this breaks down between Burton and the part that falls within Christchurch in terms of the windfall element, and he will get back to her on this. But it is clear that the plan that they are working on is neither proposing further site allocations or Green Belt release in our areas.

The Plan will be ward-based, and as such will have a ward-based policy. He has also provided the name of the planning officer leading on this ward and can be our point of contact to discuss the emerging ward policy and its link to the Neighbourhood Plan. BCP are hopeful to get the next draft of the Local Plan out for consultation early in the new year (if they can get it to the December cabinet meeting) and it should then be on track to get adopted Spring 2025.

Housing supply windfall:- is those sites which become available for development unexpectedly and are therefore not included as allocated land in a planning authority's development plan.

- Jo is to submit a further bid via Parish Clerk to complete further work on our NP.
- Following the meeting Jo has since provided the following documentation which has been forwarded to all of the NP group:-

Skeleton draft

Terms of reference advice note with examples attached.

Housing needs assessment (completed 20/7/20).

Site Options (completed 31/3/22).

Design Code (completed 18/5/23).

- The next stage is for us as a group to discuss the Skeleton Draft and provide Jo with feedback by 20th November 2023, so she can finalise and submit. A further six week public consultation on the NP will then take place.
- A Strategic Environment Assessment (SEA) will need to be completed. (Basically this is how the plan will affect the environment)
- Make contact with planning office point of contact and arrange meeting following the December Cabinet Meeting.