



**Minutes of Steering Group Meeting Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023 10am on Zoom**

**Present:** Becky Hopkinson (Plan-et), Liz Bourne (Plan-et), Norman Holmes, Hellen Orme, Diane Holden, Sue Zatland, Richard Chatterton

**Apologies:** Heather O'Regan, Alistair Cumming, Jane Hudson, Nicholas Moss, Jaspal Chhokar

NOTES	ACTION
<p><b>ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE</b> – At the last meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> September we noted a desire to have GX Memorial Centre designated an Asset of Community Value (ACV). This means that should it come up for sale, the town council would have six months to make a bid for it before it went on the open market. Six months to find the finance and put a plan in place to fund it and run it or arrange for another organisation in the community to do so, should it want to. There is no obligation. It carries no disadvantage. The only disadvantage to the custodians is they have to wait 6 months. They do not have to accept the town council's offer should they make one. The process is straightforward. The Town Council applies to the Buckinghamshire Council, the forms are online, and a case has to be made that it is of community value. Bucks contact the owner and if they want to object they have to make a case. The decision lies with the Buckinghamshire Council. The meeting agreed we would like an application to be made and would ask Jaspal to take it forward to GXTC.</p> <p><a href="https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/community-and-safety/community-right-to-bid-assets-of-community-value/#list-of-assets-of-community-value-acvs">https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/community-and-safety/community-right-to-bid-assets-of-community-value/#list-of-assets-of-community-value-acvs</a></p>	<p align="center"><b>Jaspal</b></p>
<p><b>THE PLAN</b> The meeting was made aware of strong objections to the Beaconsfield Plan by the local community who felt there were gaps in it. In contrast the meeting felt that the comments having been considered and incorporated where it was felt they strengthened the plan, the GX Plan was comprehensive and thorough.</p> <p>Concern was raised regarding objections from residents that had been responded to with 'noted' and 'no action taken'. In the particular case of Orchehill Rise car park the objection was based on erroneous information. The comments all go to the Independent Examiner who will look at them alongside the submitted Plan.</p>	
<p><b>NEXT STEPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Becky will make minor edits and improve the maps to produce a clean copy that can be sent to GX Town Councillors on Monday 13<sup>th</sup>, giving them 2 weeks to review it before the full council meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> November</li> <li>● This needs to be an agenda item (Jaspal has already arranged this) and a motion needs to be passed and minuted <b>“To agree that the Neighbourhood Plan should be put forward for submission for examination to the Buckinghamshire Council”</b></li> <li>● The Plan and the comments to go on the website. Updated appendices (minus updated maps - to be worked on ready for BC) will be available for TC to review on GXPlan website next week.</li> <li>● Becky has already alerted Bucks Planning to expect it at the end of November but there is no telling how long they will take.</li> <li>● We will be given a choice of examiners. Liz and Becky can advise on this.</li> </ul>	<p align="center"><b>Becky</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Diane</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Jaspal</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Hellen</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Becky</b></p>
<p><b>NEXT MEETING</b> tbc when necessary.</p>	