

## Shaugh Prior Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Notes from meeting April 28<sup>th</sup> 2026.

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**Apologies:** Julia Sanders, Pam Golding

**Present:** Tim Clewer, Lesley Nel, Simon Francis, Jennie Winter, Tim Thomas, Vanessa Tyler.

**Simon** had received feedback from the draft plan from Deborah McCann our Planning consultant. She felt we should focus on three policies:

- Climate Change, this must include measures for mitigation and adaptation and should be woven throughout all policies;
- Nature recovery, we must align our plan with local nature recovery plans (SHDC, DNPA, DCC)
- Housing.

We discussed the briefing previously circulated that had specific changes to the National Planning Policy Framework regarding housing and Neighbourhood Plans, which was felt to leave us with two options going forward:

- Keep settlement boundaries but these would then require site allocations in line with the minimum of indicative homes identified in the current JLP; or,
- Remove the settlement boundaries, and strengthen our policies to include density of proposed housing, design guide for each village, and early site analysis by developer prior to proposals.

Discussion on this included possibilities of the Steering Group issuing a Call for Sites, but this would be time consuming and costly, we don't have the people on the ground to carry it out. **Tim Clewer** reminded us that in community engagement sessions we were not looking for sites, and using sites that some people had suggested, or putting out a call for sites goes against that good faith engendered then. In addition, SHDC are currently developing their new JLP and this includes a call for sites. The forthcoming LGR may well change rules again next year and if we spend time doing a call for sites ourselves (thus delaying the NP) we may lose out on any protection that it would provide the Parish.

A vote was taken on how to proceed, with unanimous decision to opt for a policy driven NP.

**TC** keen to ensure that as we have written about the quarries and their afterlife, we could include a bit about potential for new homes on those sites in the future.

**TC:** Once Deborah returns her amendments to us, we will complete the Plan, circulate for final comment to the SG, get it off to SHDC and DNPA, and then the

final 6 week consultation for the Parish, and referendum. We retain our target to complete the process this calendar year.

**Next Steering Group Meeting Tuesday May 19<sup>th</sup>, 7pm Moorland Hotel.**