

Community Action Team Meeting (CAT) 13 November 2017: St Peters Church, Titchfield

Who was there?

Present: Cllr Woodward, Cllr Hockley, Cllr Evans, Cllr Keeble, Cllr Trott,
Cllr Davies, Cllr Harper

Residents: approximately 50

What was talked about?

Introductory presentation by Cllr Woodward focusing on the Borough's growing need for housing, the sites that were assessed for housing and the importance of infrastructure. This was followed by Richard Jolley, Director of Planning and Regulation who discussed the selection of the draft preferred sites for housing proposed in the Draft Local Plan.

Questions from the Floor

Q Explain windfall sites in the Draft Local Plan?

A There are many ways we can meet the housing needs over the planned period. There are planning applications that will come forward over the period, particularly on smaller sites, which have not been allocated within the urban area. We estimate these over the plan period looking at past trends.

Q Re: concern about pollution

A Seaan Woodward (SW) - It is an important issue, and we do have two air quality management areas in the Borough; one in Portland Street (near Market Quay) and another in part of the Gosport Road. We are currently being funded by the Government to put an action plan together to see what can be done about those areas. However, air pollution from traffic, comes from stationary traffic, so we are investing in road improvements to try and keep traffic moving such as the Stubbington By-pass. Also there are plans to increase road capacity on the M27 using the hard shoulder effectively widening the motorway from junction 4 to junction 11 to help tackle the issue of stationary traffic.

Q Re: empty houses, Newlands, South of Longfield Avenue, (application) and strategic gaps

A There are empty houses across the country, but in Fareham these numbers are in the dozens, not in the hundreds or thousands. In the Borough we have strategic gaps, and those are very important to Titchfield. We have the Stubbington gap, which is between South Fareham and Stubbington and we have the Meon gap, which separates Titchfield from the rest of the Western Wards. We have had applications over the years for Newlands, South of Longfield Avenue (application),, which contrary to our existing Adopted Local Plan and is also contrary to our Draft Local Plan. Newlands, South of Longfield Avenue, site is near the top of the list of sites we do not want to develop on.

Q We at the (Titchfield) Village Trust will not object to the plans. However, we do have concerns with infrastructure (particularly road) and the coalescing of settlements contributing to a future Solent city.

A Retaining the strategic gaps is something very important and we are trying our best to do.

Q RE concern with traffic the extra development will cause and the impact on our village particularly that coming from Warsash.

A Widening the A27 will help with traffic.

Q Are you able to diminish the problems of development, such as plant trees, and control over building design?

A What we are looking at now are where the homes will go, but when it gets to the detail of the individual fabrication that is something we can look at. We have built around half a dozen Passivhaus houses in Sarisbury, which are built to a very high standard. That is the kind of development we are trying to see, in Welborne for example, at least 10% of homes should be built to a Passivhaus standard. However, we do have other standards that we can apply.

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