Notes of a meeting held by Zoom on Tuesday 28th June 2022

**Sutton Benger Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)**

Attending: Nicola Hayward; Ruth Gaunt; David Thomson, Peter Oldale, and Martin Verspeak

**Apologies**; Neil Roynan:

**Bluestone Update - Funding** – funding for the next stage is in progress and we will be expecting an Invoice from Bluestone to put everything in place.

**Character Appraisal –** Bluestone have not done any revisions since about a year ago, but they now hope to do this and to amend the Design Code in one update. We were **ALL** asked to check and agreed the Design Code principles on pages 67 – 72. It would be best if this could be done on-line and **Nicola** will send us **ALL** a link so we can put in our comments. It was suggested we try to respond by this Friday 1st July. (A later suggestion was the end of Sunday the 3rd)

**Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitat Regulations** – it was thought that we may have to do some work on this, but none of us knew what was entailed. **David** would write to Louise Tilsed at Wiltshire Council to see if they can advise on a way forward without having to go to the extent required for these Assessments in full.

**Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan** – We looked through some of the draft policy areas, and gave some thoughts to Nicola. **Nicola** would get in touch with Bluestone with our thoughts and ask them for draft Policy wording (possibly from their other areas of work) for us to comment on in more detail.

**Viewpoint assessment –** We **ALL** agreed to meet on Saturday 9th July to discuss the wording to accompany the photos. We would meet at 9am at **Ruth’s** home.

**Green Spaces** – a pdf has been supplied but Peter can’t edit this. **Nicola** would send an editable (probably Word) version and send it to **Peter** and **Martin** who agreed to meet off line to go through the document.

**Communication opportunities**  - The Group could start getting some Chapters onto the website – they could also consider putting draft Policies on the web-site for public feedback.

**Planning Applications** – An Appeal had been granted for an extra 23 houses down Sutton Lane and it was thought a further site had also been granted on Appeal for an additional 20 houses on the main road through to Christian Malford. This raised concerns that the larger proposal for 178 houses (which has been refused buy the Council) may now come forward for Appeal, in the light of the Inspector’s views that the lack of a 5 year plan to deliver Wiltshire’s Housing Numbers means that houses can be built without the usual safeguards of an identified site.

**Any Other Business** – we had been copied in on WALPA (Wiltshire Area Local Planning Alliance) notes forwarded by Linda – it was suggested that the members of that group might be a useful resource if we were faced with questions and didn’t know where to look for answers.

**Next meeting** – Saturday 9th July at 9am at Ruth’s House. But we should ALL keep 12th July and 26th July in our diaries in case they might be needed.

The meeting ended at 7.10pm David Thomson 30th June 2022

(Note:- An **emboldened name** implies there is an action for you)