

LIMPSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL – LNP REVIEW WORKING GROUP

Notes of the meeting held on 26th February 2025

Attending: Mark Wilson, Tony Taylor, John Thompson, Robin Masefield and Ted Beresford Knox

Clerk: Sophie Martin

Jenny Williams, Ann Osborn unable to attend.

1. Review of any action points from the last meeting (notes attached)

- NPPF has still not been clarified.
- No meeting with TDC as yet. It is agreed that it is best that we complete our review and make a list of proposed changes for Emma Amies to go through and decide if they are material or non-material. The aim is for changes to be non-material.
- It is agreed that in our opinion, policy changes relating to NPPF/Green Belt/Grey Belt etc should not result in “material changes” as they are imposed on the plan.
- Note to parishioners that we are reviewing the LNP has already been published in Oxted Local and will be published in Parish News. Also to put note in LPC Newsletter.

2. Review of LNP1 - Vision, Objectives and Spatial Strategy

- Vision: TBK does not see any need to change that statement
- Objectives: No need to change – these are all sound objectives
- LNP1: Minor amendments being wording to reflect designation of AONB > Surrey Hills National Landscapes, AGLV etc in both the policy and supporting text.
- TBK will write an overview of LNP1 for next meeting and circulate.

3. Review of LNP4 – Limpsfield Village Conservation Area

LNP4 remains relevant and does not require any material changes.

- Regarding planning applications, SM is still updating the overall responses document. It is agreed that we should not quote specific numbers of applications and results as the applications included in previous reports has changed and not been consistent, so stats would be skewed.
- Over the last 5 years, there have been very few applications that have contradicted the LNP. TBK notes that these are also not necessarily contradictions (with the exception of Priest Hill) as they largely relate to Green Belt, which is down to TDC's interpretation of NPPF policies.
- A list of recommendations and future actions is written into the overview document.

4. Review of Local Listings LNP6

- LPC has contributed to the local heritage listings project - not yet concluded.

- Clerk to follow up with Claire Blackwell on potential conclusion. Is there anything we can do to assist with consultation (in Limpsfield only)?
- To review on regular basis.
- Future projects to include review of Historical and Archaeological sites in conjunction with the National Trust and Review of Veteran Trees and Hedgerows

5. Review of LNP 7 - Local Green Spaces

- No material changes
- Future actions:
 - To focus on and decide how to respond to any changes to Local Green Spaces designations because of the NPPF reforms, if required.
 - Continue to monitor any potential development of these areas.
 - To check and update any paragraph references with the NPPF update.

6. Review of LNP 8 – Promoting Biodiversity

- Discussion as to whether the policy statement/principles are outdated and should be changed. It is agreed that the overall, the policy principles are still valid and do not need changes. Wider policy has moved on.
- A non-material update of the wording may be appropriate to reflect the NPPF reforms.
- Non-material change – delete the “such as” ... part of biodiversity measures
- To ask Emma Amies if we can change policy wording with relation to need for biodiversity net gain.
- Potential paragraph addition in supporting comments to recognise that we have moved on with biodiversity on a broader basis outside of planning and recognising we are now looking at biodiversity strategies in line with national and regional objectives.

7. Review of LNP13 - Community Services in Limpsfield Village and Other Parts of the Parish

- No material changes
- Possible non-material changes: As per LNP4, could we reference / footnote issues / implementation projects the Parish Council will look to pursue, and where or where we cannot make any further improvements.
- To get statement from Highways regarding high street parking and traffic issues/potential solutions that cannot be implemented and why.

8. Next meeting – Wednesday 26th March 2025

- To review Initial review of Business, Economy and Community Well-Being Policies (LNP9, LNP10, LNP11 and LNP12) and Review of community infrastructure projects LNP14 apart from those relating to transportation.
- Allocation of policies for Review: ?????
- John Thompson offers to go through LNP14

To note, TBK cannot make May meeting