

LIMPSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL – LNP REVIEW WORKING GROUP

Notes of the meeting held on 26th March 2025

Attending: Mark Wilson, Tony Taylor, John Thompson, Jenny Williams and Ted Beresford Knox, Clerk: Sophie Martin

Absent: Ann Osborn, Robin Masefield.

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

- TBK suggests an introductory statement that alludes to the 5 years have passed, and whilst our environment may have changed but the principles of the policies are still relevant.
- **Potential note of what projects have and haven't been implemented and why (change of environment, devolution, NPPF etc):** "Strategic Planning Context" - Notes regarding NPPF changes if they may have bearing on the criteria. The changes do not fundamentally affect the LNP.
- Footnotes may also be possible on key LNP sections – to clarify with TDC.
- Regarding Local Green Space, TBK's understanding is that LGS designation still stands and should not be adversely affected by new NPPF.
- It is agreed that we should have a fully written review to all intents and purposes before presenting it to TDC / Emma Amies for proposed (non-material) changes etc.

2. Review of LNP9 - *Employment and Business Across the Parish*

- LPC has no influence over businesses closing. There is however some influence that may be had over what happens to the building in terms of planning and change of use, e.g. business to residential or retail to hospitality etc etc.
- The policy (which only applies to Limpsfield) follows the assumption that any application for change of use from business to residential should be refused.
- In relation to businesses, for example Limpsfield Bookshop, TDC has failed. The upholsterers (the front room of the Old Bakery) has also closed which means this is also likely to change to residential, but no application has been received to our knowledge).
- Wickham's Stores is a very positive development of small business space within the village.
- **To Double check that commercial use definitions haven't changed.**
- *References in the LNP that are outdated: Regen Oxted has been shelved due to lack of funding.*
- **To request to update photos as many are out of date. Should include Wickham's Courtyard etc (non-material)**

3. Review of LNP10 – Rural Economy

- No changes to the principle of the criteria. LPC is supportive of existing and new business on previously developed land. There may be threat of change of use to residential.
- *To note Coast to Capital SEP may now be outdated but still exists.*

4. LNP 11 - Community Services in Oxted Town Centre

- No material changes to this policy.
- *Could Tandridge Council offices be included in this to allow for some influence over what may go into the building if TDC gives it up (d1)??*
- TBK believes this would be a material change but will try to find out why the Council Offices weren't included in the original document.
- *Double Check all business classes for Glossary*
- *Can we create a footnote regarding East Surrey Clinical Commissioning Group; Check re CAB and TVA. Are they still running clinics / consultations there?*

5. LNP 12 – Community Services in Limpsfield Village and Other Parts of the Parish.

- DP3 is still relevant and used.
- ACVs Carpenters Arms, Memorial Stores and The Bull Inn have been registered. Others are in progress. *Potential to include St Peter's Hall, St Andrew's Hall, Legion.*
- Brook Field mention should not have been in there for ACV. It is designated LGS.
- *Check definition of Asset of Community Value re. Air Raid Shelters.*
- Ask Tandridge - do they have number of SMEs registered in Limpsfield Parish? This will be very hard to quantify given number of sole traders, non-VAT registered etc.

6. Performance indicators:

- Residents Surveys. Consider leaving some time until after we have done the review and assessed change of environment (NPPF, other government policies).

7. Budget

- JW – suggests some money should be put aside to fight legal or appeals for green belt developments etc. To be discussed.

APPENDIX E - PARISH COMMUNITY ASSETS – to review as out of date. Should not be material.

8. Next meeting – to review LNP 2, 3 & 5.

Wednesday 23rd April 3pm at Jenny Williams' house.

Given these are planning criteria, it is suggested that Ann Osborn and Robin Masfield may not wish to attend.

Meeting ends 17.20