

DOWN AMPNEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING STEERING GROUP – COMMITTEE MEETING 3
October 2022 – MINUTES

In Attendance: Andrew Scarth (AS), Geoff Tappern (GT), Jackie Scuri (JS), Ray Jenkins (RJ) and Mike Bruce (MB)

2 Members of the Public were in attendance.

Item 1. Apologies: Lisa Spivey, Darrell Warner, Jon Campbell

Item 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting. Minutes of 1 June 22 were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Item 3. The purpose of this meeting was to review the progress to date and describe the immediate way forward.

AS confirmed that the Reg 14 Consultation was completed and that the Reg 16 Consultation was very close to completion with only minor textual adjustments to be made. AS raised the policy of vistas within the Landscape section as an area for discussion by the SG as he felt that possibly too many were being offered with the potential to become ‘hostages to fortune’ at a later date. The SG agreed the removal of 2 vistas (numbers 3 and 4 on the chart shown) thus resolving the matter. The Reg 16 Consultation would be sent imminently to Michael Wellock of Kirkwells (Planning and Sustainability Consultants) for his action. A Basic Conditions Statement and a Consultation Statement were also to be produced.

The news that the applications for development of Dukes’ Field and the Millennium Field had been dismissed was raised and applauded by all with the reasoning likely to affect future proposed developments within the village. This would possibly allow the Millennium Field to be designated as a Green Space. RJ, on behalf of the PC, thanked the SG for their support in this matter.

Item 4. AS briefed that AECOM had, following a village reconnaissance, produced a Scope of Works for the NP Design Code. This was tabled. Further discussion had taken place (AS and GT) and refined Scope of Works is being prepared with a draft Design Guide expected in 4 weeks. There would be periods of consultation required before the NP was ready for the Examiner and subsequently the required Referendum. AS advised that NP funding from internal and external sources had placed the SG in a favourable position to complete the necessary work.