



Chair (pro tem) NDP Working Party

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To: 'Clerk (laptop)'
Subject: NDP-013 - SP Broadway - Telephone Conversation - File Note

I have received a call this afternoon from a PR company SP Broadway working on behalf of one of WPG. In essence they are looking to:

- (a) Meet with me privately to brief me on the approach they intend to take. I refused this request immediately.
- (b) Find out who is on the Working Party and how they can interact with them. I said that the names of the members would appear in the minutes of the Parish Council meeting once they have been confirmed and released.
- (c) Attend every public meeting of the Working Party so that they can track progress and interact. I have indicated that this isn't a problem, indeed we would welcome it.
- (d) Conduct their own village wide consultation exercise. I have said that they are free to do so but I have indicated that unco-ordinated approaches by each of the land owners to the Village would be unhelpful.
- (e) Find out the timetable. I have shared the proposed timetable verbally as it will shortly be a matter of public record.

After discussion of WPG's plans, I explained that WPG had been given a challenging ride at last year's Annual Parish Assembly and residents' meeting. They had presented a plan which was far removed from the original discussions of a 15-20 house extension of Chelston Rise which had been held with the Parish Council in the previous year. I emphasised that Chelston Rise was a unique settlement in an open plan, American suburban style and that this is what had attracted many of the tenants and buyers. In the view of residents and the Parish Council, the 69 settlement plan presented by the architects was completely out of keeping with the original vision and the site as it is currently presented.

I re-emphasised the point that the NDP would need to be congruent with the emerging Core Spatial Strategy and this was emerging with a definition of Caldecott and Chelston Rise as open countryside.

The tone of the phone call is best described as firm and challenging. The consultants are clearly well briefed on the NDP process and pushed hard to be allowed to participate. They also sought to challenge some of the statements I made about how the soundness of the plan will be determined by the inspector. I stressed that our plan needs to be aligned and congruent with the higher order plans at County and District level. The consultant disagreed and said that under the Localism Act 2011, the NDP would take primacy.

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I agreed that he would be informed of the first formal public meeting of the Working Party.

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