



Hackbridge & Beddington Corner
Neighbourhood Development Group
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Minutes

6 May 2015

Attendees:

Lysanne Horrox (chair), David Goymour (note-taker), Peter Alfrey, Sue Riddlestone, Tony Killaspy, Julia Armstrong, Danielle Reid, Norman Jones

1. Apologies:

Helena Barrowclough, Pat Hersey, Ken Hersey, John Drage, Dean James, Hanna Zuchowska, Roy Bennett, Angela Leahy

2. **Minutes** of the meeting held on 15 April were accepted.

3. Matters arising

Due to the likelihood of the incinerator going ahead, Policy EW&EP2 – Neighbourhood Heating Network was raised to review, to ensure that all members of the NDG had read it and were in agreement about using the waste heat from the incinerator.

The members were reminded that the NDG does not agree with the incinerator and has written various letters during the course of the planning application. It was however felt that if we had no option than for it to go ahead, that it would seem silly not to be able to use the waste heat from it.

Current wording:-

All development shall be required to demonstrate how it addresses waste heat in contributing to zero carbon emissions, including through its connection to the proposed Sutton Decentralised Energy Network and the provision of lower cost, low and zero carbon heat to local resident.

However, there are too many unanswered questions at the moment for the policy to be kept. Planning Aid England has suggested that the wording should reflect Sutton Core Strategy 6.91 'safeguarding existing heating and cooling networks and ensuring that new development is designed to connect to them'.

Some of the questions raised are recorded below:-

- What is the Sutton Decentralised Energy Network? Is it wholly owned by Opportunity Sutton Ltd?
- Have other councils set up such a company, has it been done before? (Sue: Yes, at least one other London council is supplying heat to residents from a heat network.)
- Do residents have a choice of their energy provider?
- Who gains financially?
- Rumoured that heating costs will be more expensive than existing providers.

- Connection charge of £1400 per household?
- How much disruption will pipework cause?
- How can local people have a stake in this as they are the ones who will be affected by pollution, heavy traffic, blot on the landscape, taking away some of the WVRP, building on MOL etc?

Sue: Two years ago Sutton Council invited tenders for energy companies to develop a heat network but nothing viable was forthcoming.

Danielle: there are good principles for running heat networks – micro-generation is the way ahead.

Sue: BedZED has a heat network which used to be fired by woodchip. Currently it's gas, but there are plans to go back to woodchip.

Sue said we should encourage Sutton to develop the heat network, and that we should have a hand in managing it.

Danielle: What plans for pipe through Wandle Valley Regional Park, and will heat from the pipe affect the local ecology?

Danielle: discuss the best route for the pipework, to ensure future developments will be able to connect to the network.

Lysanne asked whether the policy should stay in the plan or be removed – PAE says developers would find it hard to implement the policy as the energy recovery facility is not yet in place.

Further information is needed from Sutton Council before this policy can be accepted by the group and also speak to Adam Brown to discuss the problem, work out how to re-word the policy.

Action: Sue to speak to Adam Brown, once Lysanne has established best way of contacting him with other queries regarding the plan.

List of questions needed to be given to Sutton Council to answer.

CIL

It has been suggested that a separate policy be put in the plan to state specific things we think should be funded from CIL. For example an independent air monitoring system, safeguarding of Irrigation Bridge. Visitor centre for WVRP might attract CIL funding.

Action: All to think of the possible areas that CIL could be used for to put into the plan.

4. Draft Neighbourhood Plan: update on work in progress

There are still lots of outstanding actions which is why a workshop at the end of the meeting was proposed to try and finish these.

5. Workshop

The group split up to continue with the actions from the last meeting, looking at suggestions from Planning Aid England to amend our plan.

Action: Any amendments to the plan should be sent through to Lysanne making clear the changes needed to be made.

Meeting adjourned: 9.35pm.

Date of next meeting: 3 June 2015, 7.30pm at BedZED Pavilion