

## **Notes of meeting of Bridge Neighbourhood Plan Committee and Canterbury City Council.**

**Tuesday 14 March 2017 10.00 am. Canterbury City Council Offices, Military Rd, Canterbury.**

**Present:** Lisa Gadd (Planning Policy Officer CCC), Karen Britton (Planning Policy and Heritage Manager CCC), Simon Cook (Leader and Nailbourne Ward member CCC), Joe Connor (Chair BNPC), Alan Atkinson (Chair of Bridge Parish Council and member of the BNPC) and Philip Wicker (Clerk to Bridge Parish Council and member of BNPC).

The BNPC advised that a potential housing site had been put forward (Land adjacent to Conyngham Lane) that lies within the Green Gap, as identified on the Proposal Map in the emerging Local Plan. LG advised that if this site was taken forward in the Neighbourhood Plan it would not be in general conformity with the emerging Local Plan. Karen Britton advised that the BNPC may wish to bring this to the Inspector's attention through the current Local Plan Main Modifications consultation. She advised that to date the Inspector had made no suggested changes through the Examination process relating to this Green Gap between Bridge and Canterbury.

The BNPC also highlighted that Site 3, Land to the Rear of Bridge primary School (SHLAA 201) was a potential housing site for consideration given the planning constraints on Site 2, land adjacent to Conyngham Lane.

- LG offered to speak to a transport colleague regarding access to Site 3.
- LG asked for an updated timescale for the next stages of the Bridge Neighbourhood Plan. (Action for Jim Boot)

Discussion then took place about the Neighbourhood Plan consultation process and the Duty to Cooperate

- LG advised that her colleagues in the communications team may be able to provide guidance to the BNPC.
- KB/LG will advise on the process for ensuring the NPC are meeting all the requirements of the Council's Statement of Community Involvement and the Duty To Cooperate as appropriate.
- LG reminded the NPC that statutory consultees include Neighbouring Parish Councils

KB advised that there may be potential funding for progressing the Neighbourhood plan through the Community Housing Fund.

- KB advised that the NPG should consult with the Housing Enabling Officer at Canterbury City Council to discuss the details of this and he will advise on whether there is funding available.

It was also decided that the next meeting should take place between CCC planners and the NPC at the end of April/, or start of May once the BNPC have completed the SEA and Local Housing Needs Assessment.