



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON  
Wednesday 7 March 2018 at THE CHILTERN CONSERVATION BOARD OFFICE,  
90 STATION ROAD, CHINNOR, OX39 4HA COMMENCING AT 10.05 AM**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Appointing Body</b>
<b>Appointed by Local Authorities</b>	
Cllr David Barnard	North Herts District Council
Cllr Heather Kenison	Three Rivers District Council
Cllr Lynn Lloyd	South Oxfordshire District Council

<b>Appointed by the Secretary of State</b>	
Colin Courtney	Secretary of State
Helen Tuffs	Secretary of State
Elizabeth Wilson	Secretary of State- Chair

<b>Elected by Parish Councils</b>	
Cllr Alison Balfour-Lynn	Hertfordshire
Cllr Sue Biggs	Oxfordshire

<b>Co-opted Members</b>	
Chris Hannington	

<b>Officers present-</b>	
Lucy Murfett	CCB Planning Officer
Mike Stubbs	CCB Planning Advisor

<b>And others</b>	
Bradley Downes	Planning student assisting the Planning Officer.
Deirdre Hansen	Minute taker
John Nicholls	Board Member, observing

**322. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Nick Rose, Chiltern District Council.

**323. Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were made

### **324. Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair after the following amendment was made:

- Item 316. Recommendation 3; (2018) was added at the end of the sentence.

### **325. Matters Arising from the minutes**

10:08 Cllr Sue Biggs arrived

- Re item 321. Lack of resources at Natural England. NE are not able to fulfil the role that is expected of them in the Chilterns AONB. This problem continues.

### **326. Public Question time**

No members of the public were present.

The Planning Officer introduced Bradley Downes, an Oxford Brookes planning student assisting her 1 day a week.

### **327. Update on the Chilterns AONB debate in the House of Commons.**

The Planning Officer informed the Committee that the CCB was encouraged by the response of the Minister for Housing, Communities and Local Government to the adjournment debate 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018 on the planning pressures in the Chilterns AONB.

The response from the Prime Minister at PMQ's 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018 provided additional reassurances on national policy protection and policy direction.

The Committee noted that the Government's 25-year Environment Plan has been published.

The Committee discussed amendments to the National Planning Policy Framework which is currently out for consultation and made suggestions to assist the Planning Officer in the Board's response, which is due by 10 May 2018.

- 1. The Committee NOTED the update and made suggestions to assist the Planning Officer.**

### **328. Development Plan Responses**

The Planning Officer informed the Committee that she had submitted responses on 11 development plan documents and 1 infrastructure consultation.

She gave brief comments on the submissions made. In particular the substantial responses made on the Wycombe Local Plan and the South Oxfordshire Local Plan. She raised an issue which had arisen at the North Herts Local Plan Examination, where there was an inconsistency between Natural England's Statement of Common Ground and the comments the CCB had made about the effect of housing allocations on the setting of the AONB. NE had apologised and written to the Inspector to clarify their position.

The Planning Officer had attended the hearing.

The Chair thanked her for the work undertaken.

The Chair had attended the Strategic Stakeholder Group meeting for the Ox-Cam Strategic Expressway on behalf of the CCB. It was noted that a meeting will take place 26/03/18 for consultation on the M1-M40 corridors. The AONB impacts need to be assessed. To be reported back at the next meeting.

- 1 The Committee APPROVED the responses that had been sent, NOTED the current consultations on development plans and provided comments to the Planning Officer as appropriate.**

### **329. Planning Applications Update**

The Planning Officer informed the Committee about and sought approval for, the 12 responses and 4 appeal representations that have been made by the Planning Advisor under delegated powers in connection with Planning Applications as detailed in the agenda.

The responses were discussed and particular note was made of the number of refusals on AONB grounds.

The Planning Advisor was thanked for all his work on Planning Applications.

- 1. The Committee NOTED and APPROVED the responses made in connection with the applications as listed.**

### **330. AONB Management Plan workshop on the planning section.**

The Planning Officer gave a brief presentation on the information already gathered. The workshop is intended to gather ideas and feedback to be incorporated in the planning chapter of the new Management Plan. It is proposed that the chapter will incorporate development and transport.

The workshop looked at the following questions:

1. How can we make the Management Plan more effective in planning terms?
2. Horizon scanning- what new forms of development can be foreseen in the Chilterns?
3. What policies should be changed and why?

The Committee discussed the questions and put forward suggestions. The Planning Officer thanked them for their contributions. She will write the chapter's first draft and circulate.

- 1. The Committee PROVIDED feedback through the workshop for the revised Development and Transport section of the Chilterns AONB Management Plan.**

### **331. Urgent Business**

None.

Date of the next meeting Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at CCB offices at 10.00 am.

Future dates: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018.

The Chair.....*Elizabeth Wilson*.....

Date.....*18 July 2018*.....