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of

Meeting held with

East Challow Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group & Dandara

On

23rd March 2017

PRESENT

Parish Council & Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Vanessa Bosley, Francis Webb, Olwyn Nugent, Les Cannings, Peter Rumsey, Helen Butcher

Apologies: Robin Bashford, Caroline Dunstan, Chris Nugent

District & County Councillor Yvonne Constance

Dandara John Richards, Rachel Allwood

Define Andy Williams

MEETING NOTES

The meeting was requested by Dandara to allow them to present their development proposals to the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

Dandara tabled outline plans for proposed development of land in the area of Woodhill Lane, East Challow. They contend that the development, about 750 houses over 10-12 years, would finance construction of the proposed Western Relief Road. The site is not yet allocated by VOWH, but Dandara have signed up the necessary land parcels with the three landowners involved, in anticipation that development will be possible in due course.

Dandara would like to see their proposals considered in preparation of the NP, in particular to allow the village to consider the benefits that might accrue; eg.

substantially reduced long-term traffic flow on the A417,

dedicated village traffic management arrangements long-term and during construction,

non-specified new or improved village amenities,

curtailment of the threat of further sprawling development in the village,

new school and playing fields within the new development,

clear and guaranteed green space between the village and the new development,

non-specified measures to guarantee the future of the village as a pleasant rural settlement

Notwithstanding the above, the Parish Council and Steering Group representatives expressed great concern at the impact of so large a development in close proximity to the village, which could mean the end of East Challow as a rural village even if the final benefits are substantial.

Dandara were briefed on progress with the East Challow NP. In particular, design of the main consultation questionnaire is underway and villagers’ views on the pros and cons of the proposed development could be sought in this way, probably supported by presentations at village meetings.