

EAST CHALLOW NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Notes of Meeting with VOWH Wednesday 4th January 2017

1. A Neighbourhood Plan cannot stop development
2. Presumption of sustainable development exists only in the built-up area designated in the Local Plan
3. Try to establish WHY we want to prepare the NP (ie. to help influence development locations, to help build village community spirit, sense of village togetherness)
4. Project Plan should start with SWOT analysis of (a) the village, and (b) the steering group and its members, and include a suggested vision for the village, a consultation statement and a basic condition statement (ie. conformity with Local Plan, national guidelines, sustainability and environmental requirements, EU etc)
5. We should withhold our view of developers' proposals until the NP is accepted
6. Funding available:- £10k from VOWH on acceptance of our project plan; £9k from "Locality" (see mycommunity.org.uk on acceptance of project plan. The Parish Clerk will be the Responsible Finance Officer for the NP.
7. We are urged to contact others who are already advanced in their NP development (Wantage, Faringdon, Longworth, Blewbury, Cumnor, Appleton) to discuss development of questionnaires, publicity, suitability of consultants.
8. VOWH Community Engagement Officer is "Louise"

Peter Rumsey