

Minutes of the Meeting of the St Hilary Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group of 10/04/24

Present: Martin Searle (MS); Geoff Williamson (GW); Jane Howells (JH); Mike Ryan (MR)

1. Apologies: Peter Tunstall-Behrens, Roy King
2. Minutes of the Meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024: These were approved
3. Matters Arising:
  - Item 6: JH had not yet produced a communications strategy for the period leading up to the Referendum but would do so once we had received the finalised external examiner's report.
4. Responses to the Report:

MR indicated that there were some mistakes that we needed to correct. These included: in 4.3 an incorrect date for the designation application; in 4.3 the implied omission of Gears Lane in the Plan Area; in 4.12.1 an incorrect Vision Statement and list of Objectives. We also needed to change the references to "Settlement Boundaries" to "Development Boundaries" and "AONB" to "Cornwall National Landscape".

The meeting also agreed to request the following amendments:

- A change to the section heading for Policy 2 from "Landscape Character" to "Landscape" to accommodate the requested breakdown of this policy into three parts – Landscape Character", "Dark Skies" and "Views and Vistas"
- An acceptance of revised evidence based on the 2021 Census in support of the Principal Residence Policy (showing a 15.9% unoccupancy rate) even if this did not change the Examiner's conclusion

However, notwithstanding our specific comments, the Steering Group agreed to support the External Examiner's Draft Report by 4 votes to nil.

MR agreed to contact CC with our detailed responses and also to return the Report itself to CC with corrections marked up.

5. Any Other Business:

JH asked if we might be able to use the draft External Examiner's Report in response to the current Planning Application for a site on the edge of Relubbus. However, MR said that this was not advisable as the Draft Report was confidential and only the Final Report could be made publicly available.
6. Date and Time of the Next Meeting: To be arranged when the External Examiner's Final Report had been received.