

**Minutes of Northill Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting.
26th September 2017 at 7.15pm
at 24 Hitchin Road UC**

1. Present Phil Sandell (chair), Jill Parker, Richard Cass, Stephanie Bennett (vice chair), Cllr David Milton, John Crawley, Jonathon Payne

2. Declarations and Possible Conflicts of Interest

PES Housing

3. SG Decision regarding sites selected for Rural Exception affordable housing for local people.

In the light of additional advice from CBC, the meeting was asked by SB to consider which of 3 options they would like to be included in the NP, bearing in mind three commitments the NP needed to make:

- to ensure that all sites selected had a secure evidence base to justify their selection
- to consider the importance of proportionality across the settlements in the parish
- to consider the probable changing needs revealed by Housing surveys conducted across the lifetime of the plan.

The 3 options can be summarised as:

Option 1 Keep to the 4 sites originally chosen

Option 2 To initially specify 3 of the 4 sites originally chosen which could be deemed to meet bullet points 1 and 2 above and in addition add a clause considering further sites which had some evidence supporting them to meet additional and future needs

Option 3 Removing the choice of sites to a non-policy action which in our terms would mean a Community-led Project.

The implications of each choice were explored and a proposal to accept option 2 was carried by 4 voted to 3 (including 2 proxy votes)

It was agreed that SB should redraft Option 2 and add to the Housing Policy section of the draft NP.

4. Date and time of next meeting

Tue. 17th October at 7.15pm. Venue tba