



Minutes

Open Forum meeting 10th December 2024 held at The Ruby Pub and Hotel 2.30pm.

1	<p>Registrations - see Register</p> <p>Apologies Councillor Mitchie Alexander. Erica Verrall, Deputy Chair Coldean Residents Association, Carol Bryan and Kara Ward.</p> <p>Present 12 attendees in person including Councillor Tobias Sheard, Deborah Yuill, Chair of Coldean Residents Association and Committee members: Debbie Annells (Minutes); Patrick Lowe (Chair), Manish Suchak, Anant Suchak (Treasurer), Jack Moxley and Jean Thomas.</p> <p>Welcome and Introductions Chairman Patrick Lowe welcomed our Councillor to the meeting, and all Forum and Coldean Residents Association Members. This Open meeting was called to go through the policies and wordings suggested by Southern Water, one of the Statutory Consultees responding to the recent Regulation 14 Consultation on the draft Coldean Neighbourhood Plan.</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of the last Open Forum Meeting held on 19th November 2024. These minutes were agreed unchanged. They are now available on the updated CNPF website.</p>	
3.	<p>Discussions and Voting on New Plan Objective, Policies and Design Code wordings regarding Water and Flooding provisions, as suggested by Southern Water, one of the Forum's statutory Consultees as set out below:-</p> <p>*New Plan Objective - Voted on and Unanimously Agreed To include the following new overall Objective (h) for the Neighbourhood Plan:- <i>h.) To promote sustainable development that helps Coldean to respond to the impacts of water scarcity, flooding, and climate change into the future.</i></p>	

	<p>It was noted that the reasons for including this new Objective in the Plan should be elaborated on in the Regulation 14 Consultation feedback document , explaining why Coldean needs such an objective now, in particular, protecting the Aquifer, Climate Change and heavier rain and flooding, agricultural run-off and foul water flooding into gardens and properties, and the fact Coldean is/was a dry river bed.</p> <p>*Then additional wordings to include, as unanimously agreed:-</p> <p>In the Supporting Document: Coldean Design Guidance & Codes , to be amended by AECOM our advisers, as follows:-</p> <p>*1 Policy H1 Code 11.SS.02 Parking provision We propose the following inclusion in the Design Code to be set out under Parking Provision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>• Ensure any integrated ‘on plot’ parking spaces are designed with permeable surfacing to reduce surface water run off during wet weather periods.</i> <p>*2 Policy H1 Code 17.SD.04 SuDS We strongly support the inclusion of sustainable drainage systems in the Coldean Design Guidance & Codes as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>• Ensure the requirements for sustainable drainage measures on future developments comply with Brighton & Hove City Council’s Sustainable Drainage SPD SPD16 Sustainable Drainage (brighton-hove.gov.uk)</i> <i>• Existing flow routes and drainage features within the development site should be identified and preserved eg ditches, seasonally dry watercourses, historic ponds.</i> <i>• To minimise the risk of sewer flooding and protect water quality, surface water will not be permitted to discharge to the wastewater network</i> <p>*3 Then unanimously agreed , to include a new Design Code requirement re Water efficiency as follows:- (New Paragraph number to be allocated by AECOM)</p> <p><i>*All dwellings on new developments are to be constructed in accordance with the Building Regulations optional standard for water efficiency. This standard is already adopted within the Brighton & Hove City Plan (policy CP8) and South Downs National Park Authority Local Plan (policy SD48).</i></p>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Then unanimously agreed, In the draft Neighbourhood Plan itself additional Policy elements/ wordings:- <p>Policy E5 – Adapting to Climate Change Inclusion of new Policy element (d) promoting sustainable drainage as follows:-</p> <p><i>*4 E5(d) Adopt best practice in suitable urban drainage. The requirements for future developments should also comply with City Plan Policy DM4 and Brighton & Hove City Council's Sustainable Drainage SPD.</i></p> <p>Policy E6 – Biodiversity Net Gain We suggest the inclusion of a policy promoting the conservation and protection of water resources at E6(f), replacing the existing wording there as follows:-</p> <p><i>*5 E6 (f) Implement measures to conserve and protect water resources, including their preservation from pollution, sustainable water use practices, and the preservation of watercourses crucial for the ecosystem.</i></p> <p>*Lastly, a new Policy to support the provision of Infrastructure:- (Policy number and location in Plan to be decided - in the Housing and Development section). To include the following new Policy within the Plan: -</p> <p><i>*6 New and improved utility infrastructure will be encouraged and supported in order to meet the identified needs of the community subject to other policies in the Plan.</i></p> <p>Everyone present was happy with all these wordings.</p>	
4.	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Council's new Strategy on Housing Review document, does not show a target for new housing in Brighton & Hove although we believe the Council does have a new increased housebuilding target in mind, from the previous housing target of 13,200. The Committee does not believe it would affect our Plan, although it is referred to there. A new Technical Support Grant from Locality has been obtained for a Mock Independent Examination/ health check of the draft Coldean Neighbourhood Plan and documents, which will be amended in the light of the decisions unanimously voted on above. The updated draft Plan v17) , will be forwarded to Locality to provide to the selected Mock Independent Examiner (based in Bristol but working on reviewing Neighbourhood Plans nationally) before Christmas. 	Attachment 1.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Councillor Tobias advised the s106 data schedule on the Council intranet is now publicly available information and confirmed we may share it on the NPF FB page and website. We are invited to a further meeting to go through s106/CIL(the post 1/1/2021 system) with Sian Berry MP in the New Year. We shall include Coldean Residents representatives in that meeting. CNPF disagreed that s106 spending should be shown on a Ward by Ward basis, as has been done in the Council analysis. Coldean Area itself has not benefitted from any moneys spent under s106. 	Patrick
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	Meeting closed 3.10pm, followed by refreshments, turkey sandwiches , mince pies and Mulled wine.	