

Little Kingshill Village Society

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Held on Wednesday 23rd March 2016 at 8.15pm
At Little Kingshill Village Hall

Presentation: *The Emerging Local Plan and its implications for the Green Belt*

Speaker: Chiltern District Councillor, John Gladwin.

John suggested that the key Consultation questions were Nos. 8, 9 and 13 and he urged everyone to respond to the Consultation on Preferred Options in Oct/Nov 2016.

He also replied to the following questions asked by the meeting:

Q What increase in industrial and commercial activity is driving housing growth or is the area just taking on housing needs from elsewhere?

A There is considerable growth in the number of small businesses in Bucks, therefore housing to supply local need.

Q How many houses needed in Chiltern District and South Bucks?

A Chiltern District 7500; South Bucks 7600.

Q Local plan is set out for 20 years, is there any flexibility during that period?

A LP is set in stone first and then can be amended. LP's reviewed every few years as dictated by Government.

Q Sandra said some cynicism around consultations but very comprehensive reading of responses to DDPD.

A JG said CDC has made a real effort to encourage communities to respond. They have received more than 5000 responses. Diana Varley also said local residents have local knowledge that the Planning Officers don't and so it is very important to let them know.

The Consultation questions are difficult but residents need not answer them but can instead put in what they want/don't want to happen.

Q If 200-300 houses to be built in LK, how would this be done?

A They would be built in stages, over time. JG doubtful so many would be proposed, maybe 50-100, which would still be significant.

Q Do central Government provide money for infrastructure?

A Funds go directly to eg. education; GP surgeries.

Q Who is responsible for bad state of roads, drains?

A BCC. JG said put this in consultation response.

Q Are Academies relevant to LK?

A Yes.

Q If LK was to be taken out of Green Belt, how would this be decided?

A Based on Government policy partly – does the land need to be in GB?; are there areas that don't meet GB requirements that could meet the housing needs?

Q A resident said livings are made from the GB – walking trails, horseback riding, holiday lets. Do these meet GB purposes? All will suffer from increased traffic.

Sandra added that LKVS response said increase in traffic would put pressure on Watchet Lane, Windsor Lane and other local roads. Already have problems with school run to LK, no Primary School buses and Academies will have own impact on local area as BCC backs away.

Q What will be the % increase in the number of dwellings?

A 15000 new houses (Chiltern District and S Bucks) would represent an increase of 1/3.

JG said the CDC Planning website includes links to the Local Plan evidence base and planning discussions. Responses to the first consultation and planning replies will go up.

Bernice thanked John for his informative presentation.