

HIGHLIGHT REPORT

January 2020



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Reporting Period:	01.01.20	31.01.20
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Project Manager's assessment of the overall current status of the Project:	
Status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Wolston Parish Council resolved at its Extraordinary meeting of 23rd January to continue to support the NDP in relation to the designation of LGS1 as a Local Green Space.New Working Group lead for Community, Sports and Leisure appointedAnalysis of results of 9th November public consultation event to followWork on development of policies, evidence and explanations continuingFormal presentation of Draft Plan to Wolston Parish Council delayed until late spring/early summer 2020
WORK	

Budget Status:	AMBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none">November/December/January expenditure tbc
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Resource Status:	AMBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none">New WG lead appointed for Community, Sports and LeisureCG members continuing to provide interim cover for 2 x WG leadsOngoing requirement for further additional volunteer resources, e.g. Housing WG
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Stages / Phases completed in this reporting period:	<p>SG meeting of 28th January 2020 focused on recent meetings/exchanges with Wolston Parish Council (PC) and establishing the PC 'steer' in light of its potentially conflicting decisions re: LGS 1 and R19/1411 (development of Allotments site). SG also acknowledged potential delay to submission of draft Plan and await Project Manager (PM)/CG update re: new dates.</p> <p>Working Group (WG) headlines:</p> <p>a). Support ("backroom") Groups</p> <p>i). Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">WG lead (as CG member) continuing to provide interim cover to Comms WG£2000 budget for 2020/21 from Wolston Parish Council (PC) confirmed <p>ii). Communication and Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Analysis of results of 9th November Consultation event to followPin Map exercise to show the village community any proposals for (Housing) on hold until further noticeInterim cover for WG lead being provided by CGLog of correspondence in place
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	<p>iii). Co-ordination Group (CG)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Further to PC meeting of 2nd January 2020 and presentation of PM report and subsequent informal meeting of NDP and PC on 9th January, CG meeting of 14th January focused on ongoing exchanges with PC re: impact of PC decision to support planning application R19/1411 (LGS1) and validity of its earlier decision to support NDP progressing potential designation of site as a Local Green Space• CG maintaining support function to SG, e.g. advising on strategic direction and relevant policies in line with APS feedback as appropriate <p>b). Neighbourhood Plan Working Groups</p> <p>i). Economy and Infrastructure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• As per previous HRs - work on development of policies progressing in line with updated Project Timetable• CG to add any additional information and explanations to the draft Plan in due course in line with any APS feedback <p>ii). Housing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• As per previous HRs - work on Housing policies x 3, i.e. local needs, design, and local sustainability continuing to progress• Final Site Assessments following Call for Sites completed (tbc)• WG to add any additional wording, evidence and explanations to the draft Plan in due course in line with any APS feedback <p>iii). Environment (Natural and Built)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• As per previous HRs - work on development of policies continuing to progress• Character Assessment work to be scaled back in line with APS steer• WG to add any additional wording, evidence and explanations to the draft Plan in due course in line with any APS feedback <p>iv). Community, Sports and Leisure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New WG lead appointed – Debbie Pritchard• As per previous HRs - work on development of policies ongoing• WG to add any additional wording, evidence and explanations to the draft Plan in due course in line with any APS feedback <p>v). Avon Planning Services (APS) – feedback on Draft Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• APS to review and input into draft Plan prior to presentation of draft to PC and RBC
Stages / Phases to be completed in the next reporting period:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CG meeting on 11th February 2020• SG meeting on 25th February 2020 – to include consideration of ‘next steps’ following PC decision to maintain support for designation of LGS1- 5• Further progress by WGs and APS re: drafting of Plan in preparation for presentation to RBC and Wolston PC at earliest opportunity following APS input (target date tbc by PM/CG)• Final work on suite of LGS and Call for Sites Assessments and any additional sites following 9th November Consultation event (with support from APS tbc)

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- Assessment of any outstanding LGS or sites submitted to Call for Sites to be completed
- Project Timetable to be updated

Progress against Project Timetable (current version (22 September 2019 update)):

- Project Timetable to be further refined following:
 - a). Impact of Outline Planning Application submitted for LGS1 site
 - b). Analysis of results following 9th November Consultation event
 - c). Completion of LGS/Call for Sites Assessments
 - d). Progress of WGs in drafting the Plan
 - e). Feedback from APS re: current version of the draft Plan and any required updates/re-writes
- Policies and Explanations and research for Plan will continue to be progressed by WGs in conjunction with APS as appropriate

Potential issues and suggestions for their resolution or prevention:

1. Programme slippage/stall due to external/internal factors such as volunteer resources shortage, additional consultation requirements, unsuccessful funding bids:
Action: a). PM to alert SG and PC to any delays, b). PM to work with affected WG lead and record/progress mitigations via Action Plan, c). PM to report delays to PC via monthly meetings d). PC to put NDP 'on hold' until updated programme confirmed, e) abort NDP.
2. Maintaining Working Group Resources/Membership:
Action: a). WG leads to explore widening membership on an ongoing basis, b). WG leads to identify skills shortage within individual groups and seek to address gaps via recruitment drive, c). PM to assume support role(s) on a temporary basis as required, d). in the event sufficient resources are not in place, SG and/or PC to put NDP 'on hold' until additional resources confirmed, e) abort NDP.
3. Finance, e.g. approval for spend of Grant funding not forthcoming:
Action: a). SG and/or PC to confirm if/where funding is 'essential' or 'desirable'. b). SG and/or PC to seek alternative external funding streams, e.g. amended submission to Locality, Rugby Borough Council (RBC) for alternative grant funding, c). SG to submit further funding bid to PC. d). PC to put NDP 'on hold' until future funding confirmed, e) abort NDP.
4. Maintaining Steering Group Resources/Membership:
Action: a). Chair of SG to re-allocate tasks as appropriate, b). PM to assume role(s) on a temporary basis as required, inc. Acting Chair, c). SG to identify skills shortage within the group and seek to address gaps via recruitment drive, d). in the event sufficient resources are not in place, SG and/or PC to put NDP 'on hold' until additional resources confirmed, e) abort NDP.
5. Conflict of interests, e.g. NDP used to drive personal agenda:
Action: a). Raise as formal agenda item at either planned or additional SG meeting, b). report outcome of meeting to PC, c). SG/PC to maintain watching brief, d). PC to assume management of NDP SG and/or request change to SG membership.

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	<p>6. Required outcomes of Wolston PC and NDP SG are not aligned, e.g. potential development of any LGS sites included in the draft Plan: Action: a). Maintain robust reporting and discussion at monthly PC meetings via public forum and as formal agenda item, b) 'stand alone' meetings between PC and SG (and/or CG) to be diarised if/when appropriate, c). PC to assume management of NDP SG and/or request change to SG membership, d). put NDP 'on hold' until alignment achieved, e). abort NDP.</p>
Explanation of any difference between planned and actual events	PM has identified further potential slippage in the Wolston Plan being 'made' due to additional LGS designation consultation exercise, Call for Sites, timing, e.g. Christmas break(s), resignations of WG leads and NDP/PC meetings and exchanges re: LG1 and R19/1411 (proposed development of Allotments). Timetable will be further refined as new updates received, e.g. WGs progress on development of policies etc.
Outcome of any actions required from previous reporting period	Nothing to report
Requests for approval to change agreed resource, timetable or scope	Nothing to report
Note of any other document(s) with the report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PM response to PC Allotments Working Group • Analysis of results following 9th November Consultation event to follow • Minutes of SG and CG reports to be distributed to PC ahead of its monthly meetings • Log of Correspondence • Draft PC minutes to be shared with NDP SG Chair and PM for information
	Highlight Reporting launched from January 2018, i.e. this is 'issue 25'

Key to Status:

GREEN	On track and any issues/exceptions can be handled by the Project Manager.
AMBER	Issues/exceptions that need resolution by either the Co-ordination and/or Steering Group
RED	Issues/exceptions that need escalation and resolution above either the Co-ordination and/or Steering Group, e.g. Parish Council, Borough Council etc.