

**Notes of NP Revision meeting held on Teams, 26/01/2025**

*Attendees:*

Alison Eardley Planning Consultant (AE)

Yvonne Jacklin Resident (YJ)

Sunningdale Parish Council: Cllr Anne-Catherine Buxton (ACB)  
Cllr Lilly Evans (LE)  
Nikki Tomlinson (NT), Deputy Clerk

Sunninghill & Ascot Parish Council: Cllr Robin Wood (RW)  
Olivia Marsden (OM), Project Administrator

Item	Item / Topic	Action
1.	<p>Update on progress to date: Alison (AE) AE confirmed that there would be little change to the existing NP. There was an update on each topic, as per AE's draft NP available on Sharepoint:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Spatial strategy</b></li> <li>• <b>Housing</b> – Alison to propose wording for NP regarding the type of new housing demands in the area. Thanks were given to YJ for her work on the housing aspect of the NP. There was discussion about housing issues in both parishes, with high prices and the lack of affordability for many people, especially young people and key workers, being noted. ACB raised the issue of the rising number of single residents living in large properties, with a lack of suitable smaller properties for older people to downsize into.</li> <li>• It was noted that developers are often reluctant to build affordable housing on their sites, and it was also pointed out that housing in the two parishes is so expensive in the first place, making even “affordable” housing difficult for many.</li> <li>• AE concluded that, although the issue of affordable housing cannot be solved by ourselves, we should acknowledge the situation in our refreshed NP. The new NPPF is likely to be adopted in July 2026 (currently under consultation until March 2026). We cannot differ from the policies laid out in the NPPF.</li> </ul>	<p>AE / YJ</p> <p>AE</p> <p>OM</p> <p>RW</p> <p>RW</p> <p>NT / OM</p> <p>AE</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was suggested that we should promote social housing in our parishes, rather than affordable housing. ??</li> <li>• <b>Character heritage and design</b> – propose 2 new townscape types, Cheapside and Greenbelt.</li> <li>• AE explained that a local volunteer has been carrying out a review of the existing townscape document, and has also put together case studies on four of the strategic sites. Note direction heritage views on map – it was suggested that we indicate in the NP on Map 10: Locations of Landmark views and buildings, arrows to show the direction of the Landmark View.</li> <li>• <b>Local economy, jobs and High Street</b></li> <li>• <b>Environment and green space</b> – AE and LE had met with Catharine Paige of Wildlife in Ascot before Christmas, to discuss the environmental and green space issues. It was decided that we should keep the existing policies on biodiversity and trees.</li> <li>• Should we add local green spaces?</li> <li>• <b>Transport and movement</b> – Car parking policy needs to be investigated. OM to ask if the survey can be promoted on Sunninghill &amp; Ascot Parish Council's webpage.</li> <li>• <b>Community Facilities</b></li> <li>• <b>Implementation and plan review</b></li> <li>• <b>Infrastructure improvements and provision</b> – to note parish council's Business Plan projects in NP</li> <li>• <b>Strategic sites</b> – note the new ones to be proposed by the borough</li> </ul> <p>Alison to update the task list</p>	<p>OM</p> <p>OM</p> <p>AE</p>
2.	<p>National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) Reforms and Changes</p> <p>The proposed changes regarding the Green Belt will affect both parishes.</p> <p>S'Dale Planning Committee to discuss commenting in consultation of new NPPF - green belt and housing.</p> <p>There was discussion about how we should class our parish areas, whether they are rural, semi-rural or semi-urban. AE mentioned that it would be important to establish the settlement boundaries. RW felt that within Sunninghill &amp; Ascot Parish Council, our area is made up of individual villages: north Ascot, Ascot, South Ascot and Sunninghill.</p> <p>A definition needs to be reached.</p>	ACB
3.	<p>RBWM's new strategy to accelerate climate progress.</p> <p>Does the refreshed NP re affirm what is in the new BLP regarding energy, natural environment and transport?</p> <p>AE explained that we can cross-reference RBWM's new Environment and Climate Strategy 2026-2035, currently out for</p>	LE

	consultation until the beginning of March 2026, with our refreshed NP.	
4.	<p>AOB</p> <p>NT to send doodle polls for future Teams meetings</p> <p>OM and NT to update the list of projects for Sunningdale, Sunninghill &amp; Ascot Parish Council.</p>	<p>NT</p> <p>OM</p>