

SLAUGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

**NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING COMMITTEE AGENDA**

**Monday 20th January 2025 at 6.00pm in the Sports Pavilion, High Street, Handcross**

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**Others Present: None**

1. **Apologies for absence:** To receive and accept apologies for absence:
2. **To approve the minutes of the meetings held on the:** 9th March 2023
3. **To receive declarations of interest from members in respect of any items on the agenda:**
4. **Adjournment for questions from the public:** The Committee is to consider whether to adjourn the Meeting in accordance with Standing Orders, in order to receive questions from members of the public.
5. **Members to receive to Chairmans update on St Martins Close housing project**:
6. **To receive an update on the District Plan Hearing Stage 1:** Members to receive and consider key issues raised by the planning inspector, summarised as follows:
7. **Development Strategy**: Concerns about the lack of a clear housing strategy, including insufficient exploration of urban infill or brownfield.
8. **Housing Needs**: Concerns raised at to whether targets adequately addressed both local and neighbouring areas' unmet needs.
9. **Unmet Needs and Cross-Boundary Pressures**: The inspector's remarks highlight the need for evidence to justify current choices, hinting that areas with less development opposition or better infrastructure may be considered​
10. **Key Concept Debated**: A concept deemed unsuitable for the district due to rural geography.
11. **Transport and Infrastructure**: Collaborations with National Highways and WSCC.
12. **Sustainability and Planning Compliance**: Strengthening alignment with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).
13. **Timeline and Modifications**: Revisions and consultations required, delaying Stage 2 until early 2025. Housing plan period extended to 2040.
14. **Following the updates provided, Members are asked to consider the following:**
    1. To approve the appointment of the Council’s Neighbourhood Planning Consultant, Dale Mayhew of Dowsett & Mayhew Planning Partnership Ltd, to:
       1. Assist with progressing the site at St Martins Close and review of Councils options
       2. Review the Slaugham Neighbourhood Plan following the adoption of the District Plan, anticipated in late 2025 and into 2026.
    2. **Budget Recommendation:**
       1. To approve a budget of £10,000 to support the evaluation of the St Martins Close project and the Neighbourhood Plan review post-adoption of the District Plan late 2025/26.
15. **Matters for future consideration:**
16. **Date of the next meeting:**