

**Hampshire and Isle of Wight
Local Government Landscape Group**

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**Meeting on Thursday 19 January 2006
Civic Offices, Penns Place, Petersfield
2pm Start**

Present

Paul Johnston (Chair) - Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council
Mark Wilson - Hampshire County Council
Mike Tartaglia-Kershaw - Fareham Borough Council
Stuart Dunbar-Dempsey - Winchester City Council
Jill Colclough - New Forest District Council
Stephen D'este Hoare - East Hampshire District Council
Julie Boschi - Havant Borough Council
Mark Ellison - Southampton City Council
Tim Dyer - Eastleigh Borough Council
Claire Collins - Rushmoor Borough Council

Agenda

Mark Wilson gave a presentation of the work on landscape sensitivity that he has been undertaking over the past couple of years, updating the group on the work done since his last talk on the subject in Sept 2004.

Mark kindly agreed to email PJ with copies of the presentation which would then be forwarded to the group.

1. Apologies

Neil Williamson, Paul Best Peter Phillips, Viv Fifield, Paul Best

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

All Agreed

3. Vice Chair

Mark Wilson Has kindly volunteered to be the vice-chair for this year and will take over as chair after the September meeting this year. At the last meeting, Paul Best volunteered to take of the post of vice-chair at the same time that Mark steps up to the hot-seat.

4 HLGLG Meetings

At the previous meeting in November 2005, the issue of attendance at the group was raised as an issue and whether or not there needed to be some restructuring. Various issues were discussed - reasons for not being able to attend (which included last minute work issues, being

the sole landscape architect, location of meetings); frequency of meetings - should they be quarterly (this idea was not favourable as missing out on one, meant that there was a 6 month gap between meetings); time of meetings - the meeting had been moved to afternoon from the morning and it was suggested that this should be reviewed (however the general consensus was that afternoons were better); the locations of meetings - it was agreed that meetings should generally be fairly central (although visits to the extremes would enable the group to see a wider range of work).

In view of this PJ is to review the location of the next meeting if the speaker is willing to change , which is scheduled for Basingstoke. SD-D said that he would be willing to organise a room in Winchester. PJ to update SD-D.

5. Development Checklist Progress

A request had been made as to whether the draft version could be used to provide advice to applicants - Mark Ellision was happy for this to happen until the document is finalised.

Southampton City Council are redoing their residential standards and the Development Checklist would be appended to it. By doing this, the Checklist would go through a SEA and Sustainability Audit consultation process.

ME wants to draw a line under the HLGLG consultation and resolve comments received regarding quality of details etc. A disclaimer sentence is to be added to the general guidance introduction and Mark would welcome any comments on it from members of the group (**post meeting note:** see suggested text below and contact Mark directly please with any comments). It is intended that the latest draft will be sorted in the next couple of weeks and then to HIPOG for approval (so that funding can be received for printing). **PJ** to see if this can be fast-tracked.

The latest version of the document is on the SCC Planning Website.

Suggested text for comment;-

' [All drawings including standard details should address the context. Thus all examples of plans in this guide are indicative](#)'

6. Local Development Frameworks

A discussion was had on the work that everyone had been involved with so far.

MTK - the biggest issue in the Borough was the Landscape Character Assessments. To fit in with timetables these weren't included as part of the overall local consultation process and therefore were considered to be 'evidence-based'. Consequently would not be able to rely on them in a public inquiry as they would not hold as much weight. Therefore, if there is something that we think needs to be covered in SPD's we need to get them included in policy/SPD process at an early stage.

MW - 21 Feb - HCC LDF Seminar in Winchester. The County is explaining the services it offers for this. If anyone wants to go then contact Stuart Roberts/ Karen Taylor at HCC (David Carmen is speaking at the event) - lunch is provided!!

As this is an issue that we will all be getting more and more involved in, then the item is to be included on every agenda from now on.

7. LI/ LISW

Landscape Institute

- 26 Jan – AGM London - all members welcome
- end of Jan – new website goes live
- 15 -16 March: Annual Conference Cardiff

LI Southwest Branch

Events (details to be confirmed)

- 9 Feb – pub quiz Southampton
- 5 April – design seminar (focus on Public Space) at Portsmouth, joint event with Solent Centre for Architecture + Design, RIBA, Swaythling HA
- 11 May – PPE Roadshow (to launch and explain the new system replacing the current professional practice examination, this is a very significant change for the profession, important that as many people as possible attend, not just those who are working towards MLI status)

8.Landscape Journal.

Landscape journal will be profiling each region in turn, and SW will have 10+ pages available in the autumn, material will be collected by the journal rather than by LISW. Would be good to start thinking about it now, to ensure public sector as well as private sector fully represented. Very broad criteria, must be work undertaken within SW region, but could include practice profiles, research, recently completed projects, exciting work in progress, etc.

The group thought that it was a good idea to get an HLGLG package together - some initial ideas included the Development Checklist; History of the Group; Homezones.

PJ to see how much space we could have and also the timetable.

9. Current Projects

MTK - Environmental Improvement Schemes - Highlands Road in Fareham, Upper Wharf (ROUA Scheme)

MW - reported that the format for developer contributions was undergoing significant changes. ODPM have produced a consultation paper – available on their web site. The paper proposes 2 areas of contribution, listing what aspects should and should not be included. One closely resembles the previous S106 agreement, but with a very much reduced scope of what can be funded within or closely associated with the development. The second effectively a development tax which would be collected by central government and redistributed to fund certain aspects: new libraries, schools etc.

SDD - Proposed redevelopment of Silver Hill in Winchester which is the big redevelopment of the bus station and Sainsbury's area. Limited Landscape Architect involvement so far, but there are some opportunities.

CC - Nothing new at present, however, there is a shake-up of staff at present.

SD'H - Landscape Character Assessment coming to an end, however, there is a local stakeholder event in February which should give a good indication as to how the landscape is perceived.

JC - recently started at NFDC as Open Spaces Co-Ordinator, so still getting settled

JB - Landscape Character Assessment; Liveability projects are getting onto site.

ME - Phase 1 of Northam Homezones finished last year, Government Homezones document showed that the scheme had the biggest speed reduction of all schemes

TD - Downs Farm, a large resi development with a large park. Just going to consultation to see what locals want. Now need to find funding for project, particularly Lottery. 'Changing Spaces' funding, directed at Local Authorities, coming in the summer.

PJ - next stage of Neighbourhood Renewal Scheme consultation coming up

Significant Views and Powerline assessment in AONB

Local Plan – we lost our policy on historic parks and gardens as the Inspector didn't consider that the Historic Parks and Gardens list provided enough detail (eg plans and descriptions) for this to be used as a back up document. Therefore this is an area of work that we will need to at and maybe an issue for others to be aware of.

10. AOB

MW - asked whether anyone had done any work on landscape indicators or mapping changes in the landscape.

ME - Groundwork Trust thinking of expanding into Southampton. Mark wondered whether the group would be prepared to submit a letter supporting the in-house resource. Similar unsuccessful attempts by groundwork had been made in several other districts.

Next Meeting - 23 March 2006 at 2pm, Venue either Basingstoke or Winchester (TBA).

Presentation on Biodiversity - and Basingstoke's Landscape and Biodiversity Strategy will be given by Mike Bird (Senior Biodiversity Officer - BDBC).