

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

**Minutes of meeting held Thursday 18th March 2004
Rushmoor Council Offices, Farnborough**

Present

Graham Flatt (<i>chair</i>)	Hampshire County Council
Stuart Dunbar-Dempsey	Winchester City Council
Julie Boschi	Havant Borough Council
Clare Collins	Rushmoor Borough Council
Peter Phillips	Test Valley Borough Council
Neil Williamson	New Forest District Council
Paul Best	Hampshire County Council
Ian Phillips	Hart District Council

Circulation

HLGLG members; Dorset Landscape Group; HIPOG;

1 Apologies

Neil Jones, Mark Ellison and Stephen D'EsteHoare, Mike Tartaglia-Kershaw and Julian Davies

2 Minutes of meeting held 22 January 2003

- Re-phrase point in Section 4
- Agreed to change the paragraph 5 in Section 2.2 of Annexe 1 to read: *'that if HLGLG ceases to function any residual funds will be transferred to Landscape SW as the role of County Landscape Architect has now ceased to exist'*
- Re-phrase first point in Section 5 to read *Design Statements needed in general*

3 Matters arising

- PPS 1 – available now on ODPM website and any comments should be emailed to IP by Easter to allow him to integrate them into his response.

4 New Projects and Innovations

Hart (IP)

- Appointed Kit Campbell Associates as consultants for the PPG17 Audit.
- IP to circulate the consultants brief to group through GF.
- IP now co-ordinating Parish Plans – these are hoped to lead into the LDF and refer to local matters and produce Supplementary Planning Documents.

Hampshire (PB)

- Funding stream for Libraries has become available, spaces around libraries in Hampshire could now benefit from funding.
- Promoting Community use of schools. Fernhill School, Farnborough has recently gained a new sports hall from this, project was backed by Sports England.
- Parks next to schools also have the potential for funding as a result of above funding.

New Forest (NW)

- Still no outcome on Dibden Bay.
- NW to keep group posted on Design Statements work as reported at last meeting.
- Solent Centre for Architecture is continuing its recruitment and it is hoped a Chief Executive will be appointed in the next few months.
- Decided that the Solent Centre is to cover the geographical area between the Milton Keynes and Kent Centres for Architecture. Information to be circulated to Local Authorities soon to make them aware of the Centre.

Havant (JB)

- Liveability funding for next 2 years has just been awarded directly from the ODPM to Havant. Many new schemes are to be planned over the coming year.

Test Valley (PP)

- Romsey Town Centre started on site w/c 08.03.04
- Community Landscape project completed.
- Local BAP consultation period finishes week ending 26.03.04
- Master-planning for major development areas being undertaken.
- Market Towns Forum being organised.

Rushmoor (CC)

- Nothing new to report.

Winchester (SDD)

- Planning Application recently been submitted for Winchester City North for 2,000 new homes at the Barton Farm Site, which will bring up to 4,000 new residents to the city.
- Large amount of developers Contributions from the past year and have spent 70% on projects.

5. Presentation by Charlotte Webb on Corporate Urban Living Strategy (See notes attached)

6. Landscape SW Branch (NW)

- Wrap event postponed.
- Sunday 23rd May event in Portland Quarry , format and details to be confirmed.

- Still struggling for volunteers to work with the branch, hope to focus on private practices in coming months to encourage more volunteers.
7. **Landscape institute (LI)**
- Secretariat growing – communications department has been disbanded.
 - Bid for policy officer not progressed any further than last meeting.
 - BS5837 consultation draft has been delayed. Final drafting meeting on 19th March and anticipate full consultation draft to be published in May '04.
 - Construction Industry Council has developed Design Quality Indicators (DQIs) as a means of measuring the quality of design in buildings.
 - DQI consists of 97 questions which assess the design quality at the 3 stages of the process - Briefing, In House and Development. These answers are then fed into a database to calculate the Design Quality.
8. **Presentation by Christianne Strubbe and Clare Collins on the Enquiry by Design: The Process and its outcomes for Aldershot**
9. **AOB**

Next Meeting

10am Thursday 20^h May 2004 at Test Valley Council Offices, Romsey

Future 2004 meetings;
July 15th
September 16th
November 18th

Item 5 notes below

Urban Living Corporate Strategy and the Sustainable Suburbs Initiative.

Notes for HLGLG Meeting Minutes 18 March 04 –Item 5

Charlotte Webb, Principal Planning Officer, responsible for co-ordinating the Hampshire County Council Corporate Urban Living Initiative. The Urban Living Initiative arose as a response to the Urban White Paper in 1998. The principals of the Urban Living Initiative are:

- Making better use of urban areas
- Improving access to services
- Strengthening Communities

Currently main area of work is the Sustainable Suburbs Initiative. Sustainable Suburbs Initiative has many similarities to the SEEDA Market Towns Initiative.

In 1998 the County approached Civic Trust and commissioned them to carry out 2 pilot studies in Hampshire:

- North Camp, Rushmoor
- Lee-on-the-Solent, Gosport.

Sustainable Suburbs pilot studies involved 18 month process of public consultation and stakeholder workshops, to identify issues under local economy, local environment, local community and local transport and access.

In 2001 in North Camp. Rushmoor Borough Council appointed dedicated North Camp Regeneration Officer. 3yr Action plan, based on recommendations of Civic Trust report was endorsed by the community. Some project carried out are: streetscape improvements funded by ROUA; CPO of derelict building by Rushmoor; changes of use in District shopping centre; reinvigoration of local traders group, with new marketing strategy and promotional info.; newsletters and community events. Future programme includes: master planning for Recreation ground; Shop front design guidance; potential CPO of vacant site by the County

Lee-on-the-Solent is progressing at slower pace and smaller scale. Draft action plan in place. Site signage and interpretation panels due on site now. Pedestrian crossing-point improvements planned around town centre.

Sustainable Suburbs Initiative has become involved in Popley, where there is an existing Community Forum. Currently discussing future programme with Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council.

As a result of involvement in Sustainable Suburbs Initiative, Charlotte Webb chairs a Suburbs Task group for the South East England Regional Assembly. Suburbs Task group is looking into the potential for regional policies which will help make suburbs more sustainable. The Regional Assembly will commission research to test robustness of a hypothetical policy against different suburban types. May have an effect on Local Development Frameworks. Research will identify drivers and capacity for change.

The County, Rushmoor Borough Council, the South East Regional Assembly, the Civic Trust and others have formed a partnership called the In Suburbia Partnership, which took a report to the Urban Summit in 2002, stating the case for the need to include suburbs in the Urban Renaissance. Group still meets and will take a second report to the next Urban Summit in 2005.

Info. about the Urban Living Initiative, the Sustainable Suburbs Initiative and the In Suburbia Report are on the Hampshire County Council website. <http://www.hants.gov.uk/urbanliving/>