

Members are requested to:

- NOTE the following report from Councillor Sharp
- NOTE the recommendations

REPORT OF PLANNING MEETING RWB, 21ST SEPTEMBER 2023.

Cllr Catherine Hacker, Cllr Samantha Chalker and myself attended the meeting of the Royal Wootton Bassett (RWB) planning group.

The main item on the agenda was the Wiltshire Council Local Plan Reg 19 initial appraisal and a motion to commission DLP Planning to prepare a formal written representation, on behalf of the RWB Town Council for submission to Reg 19 Public Consultation. Dr Kirsten Ward of DLP planning gave an interesting presentation about the proposals for housing development in RWB. Three of the four developments proposed are along the A3102 on either side of the road near Sally Pussey's Inn and the third towards the Rugby Club.

Swindon Housing Market Area, which includes RWB, Lydiard Tregoze and Lydiard Millicent, need is for 3455 dwellings between 2020-2038. RWB identified need is 1340 homes, approx. 39% of Swindon HMA. This proposal also takes in Lydiard Tregoze and although Lydiard Millicent does not have any proposed development it would badly affect Lydiard Millicent by the amount of traffic that will divert through the Parishes roads because of the extra congestion on the A3102. A proposed motorway service area at junction16 would also make things worse.

It was proposed by RWB Planning that the 3 Parish areas should work together in response.

Kirsten Ward's details have been obtained should the Parish Council wish to commission DLP to help with the Council's review of the Neighbourhood Plan. After the meeting, Dr Ward advised that it would be better to wait until the Wiltshire Local Plan is passed so the revisions can be taken into account when the Parishes Neighbourhood Plan is updated.

Recommendation from Councillor Sharp

To CONSIDER:

- responding to the consultation
- raising the issue of traffic in the Councils response to the consultation and the increase it would cause with such a sizable development on the A3102.