

## Neighbourhood Plan Progress Report – PC Meeting 13 December 2016

1. *Main focus of effort over the past 4 weeks* has been on collection further evidence for the Plan, attending meetings with some of the key consultees to gather their views and more recently starting to plan for the January consultation meeting.
2. *Environmental work* – We have started to build the evidence database that will allow us to define the Baseline situation / state of the environment in the Parish. This has involved collecting information from the websites of government (DEFRA) and other public bodies and extracting data from the NBIS's database. The information will be used to (i) carry out a screening assessment which the BC will submit to the statutory consultees for comment and (ii) possibly for an SEA if one is needed.
3. *Meetings* – various meetings held:
  - a. Richard High – mainly to discuss our Vision & Objectives and the proposed template for the actual NP document
  - b. Policy Team at BCKL&WN – to discuss our approach and identify where they will provide active support to the NP process. RH accompanied us to that.
  - c. NCP – again to discuss approach – with a focus on environmental policies and SEA. Helpful meeting that identified synergies and adopting some of their ideas.
  - a. NCC Environment team – very useful meeting to discuss visitor pressures, diffusion strategies, Traffic restraint & parking, footpaths, signposting, Biodiversity networks - wildlife Corridors, Hedgerows etc. We still don't have the Visitor numbers from the 2015-16 surveys.
4. NRT – follow up to meeting trying to clarify state of the Hun (does it still have plenty of fish and otters in it?).
5. Margaret Easton is liaising with NCP on their proposals for a Dark Skies Policy and looking at whether it is something we should consider for Holme
6. Rest of the month - will be preparing for consultation which Christina Jones is organising with help from the rest of the team and we have further meetings planned / arranged with NWT and Lord Melchett.