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Dear All

Thank you for your responses to my last email of the which had WC's response to our proposals and most recent discussion with Nick Botterill and the Strategic Planning Team.

The next steps proposed (copied below) has been supported with an appetite for a robust positioning by us. I'll pull together a Steering Group meeting so we can pull this together.

In the meantime:

(i) Anne, wearing her CPRE hat has kindly pulled together the attached summary of CPRE views on the Government's direction of travel - thanks Anne.

(ii) James Gray MP said some supportive words in the House of Commons - his Press Release attached.

(iii) We have just completed a two day planning hearing in Malmesbury on an appeal against non determination for another 70 houses. It is the first one, I think, to test WC's new improved 5YHLS numbers. Unfortunately I can confidently predict it is highly unlikely the new numbers will be treated any differently by Inspectors than the old numbers - they will remain, at best, 'a modest shortfall'. We were also hugely disappointed that a robust and encouraging WC Statement of Case against the application was given away WC by the time the Statement of Common Ground was agreed with the developer. I would describe WC's participation at the Hearing as 'insipid'. And as an Appeal based on non determination no Planning Committee of elected councillors had any input into how this case was dealt with by officers, despite WC assuring us they typically were in their recent response to WALPA.

Next Steps:

We are:

(i) Requesting a meeting directly with Nick Botterill to thrash out what if anything he intends to do to keep engagement with Neighbourhood Plan groups, plus

(ii) Following up an opportunity Kim has created for us to talk collectively and directly to Danny Kruger (with Nick Botterill also invited).

Thanks for your continuina support.

Best regards

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