Southbourne Parish Neighbourhood Plan Housing Focus Group

Meeting 7.00pm Thursday 27th March, 2014 at 2 Marsh Cottages, prinsted

Present: Jonathan Brown, Roy Seabrook, Sue Talbot

Apologies: Bruce Finch, Robert Hayes, Oona Hickson, Jim Jennings, Robin Rolfe

Minutes: the minutes of the last meeting were still to be circulated

Draft Plan / Housing Policies: The appeal decision allowing the appeal by Hallam Land for a Care Home, 40 assisted living units and 30 age-restricted cottages for occupation by the over 55s on land north of Alfrey Close was reported. Full details are available on the CDC website, and it was clear that the Inspector considered that the appeal site together with land up to the railway line could be developed for housing without detriment. This whole site was being considered for inclusion in the SPNPlan.

As all the members of the Housing Group are on the Steering Group it is not necessary to go into detail but all were aware that rCOH are making good progress in drafting the Plan ready for publication / public consultation in mid April.

Strategic Environmental Assessment: It was noted that CDC had agreed to fund the SEA and this was being steered by Bill Ferguson and undertaken by consultants (Urban Edge).

Next Stages: Planning the consultation events for local residents was well underway, with a day of presentations by the Parish Council at the Bourne Leisure Centre, distribution by volunteers of a leaflet to every home in the Parish, and full poster coverage. Bill Ferguson was organising this with the help of members of the Communications Group and other volunteers.

The meeting ended about 9.00pm.