SOUTHBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

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Dear Members of the STC Neighbourhood Plan Working Group,

You are invited to a meeting of the Southborough and High Brooms Neighbourhood Plan Working Group will be held in the Bounds Oak Room, Southborough Civic Centre, 137, London Road, Southborough, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. TN4 0NA on Wednesday **13th April 2022 at 7 p.m.**

Seating for the public will be allocated on a first come-first-serve basis and cannot be guaranteed. If you cannot attend the meeting, please advise the committee clerk admin@southboroughcouncil.co.uk or call 01892 529176.

NEIGHBOURHOOD AND LOCAL PLAN WORKING GROUP MEETING

AGENDA

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

New members to introduce themselves

2. LAMBERHURST NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN –

Members to note Councillor Graham White has advised he is happy to meet with representatives of this working group in Lamberhurst if they would like to hear his experiences as Chair of Lamberhurst Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

3. TUNBRIDGE WELLS BOROUGH COUNCIL

Members to discuss the Neighbourhood Development Plan with Tunbridge Wells Borough Council representative Stephen Baughen.

4. LOCAL AREAS THAT REQUIRE PROTECTION

Members to discuss and agree on the local areas that require protection.

5. NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN IDENTITY

Members to discuss and agree on the vision for the Neighbourhood Development Plan and how to ensure Southborough's identity remains separate from Tunbridge Wells.

6. DERELICT, UNDER-DEVELOPED AND DELAPIDATED SITES IN SOUTHBOROUGH AND HIGH BROOMS

Members to note this was due to be discussed at the Extraordinary Full Council meeting on 10th March 2022, however the meeting did not take place. This was subsequently discussed at the Planning and Transportation Committee meeting on 4th April 2022.

- a) Joint Ventures in Property (JVIP) Members to note that a list of sites owned by JVIP has been requested from Tunbridge Wells Borough Council.
- b) Farm Buildings Members to discuss the regeneration of Farm Buildings locally.
- c) **Prospect Road –** Members to discuss the small area of land on Prospect Road up for sale for £25,000. Members to note the previously supplied tree preservation map.

7. ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) CHARGING POINTS

- a) Local EV Charging Points Members to note the previously supplied 'Zap Map' outlining publicly available EV charging points in Southborough and High Brooms.
- **b)** Kent County Council Members to discuss contacting Kent County Council with a view to improving the availability of EV charging points in Southborough and High Brooms, focusing on Pennington Park and High Brooms Station.
- c) Town and Country Housing Association Members to note that Town and Country Housing Association do not fit EV charging points as standard on their properties and tenants are required to complete a permission form to install a point on their property.
- d) Security Members to note that the security of EV charging points be included in any future plans or discussions related to new or existing points.
- e) How other areas have implemented EV points Members to refer to the previously supplied document on how other Councils have implement EV charging points

8. PUBLIC TOILETS

Members to note improved signage has been requested from Tunbridge Wells Borough Council with a view to increasing awareness of the public toilets located within Southborough Civic Centre. Members to also note that St Andrews Medical Centre, located at Southborough Civic Centre, have re-opened their toilets to patients.

9. SOUTHBOROUGH AND HIGH BROOMS TRANSPORT LINKS

Members to note this was discussed at the Planning and Transportation meeting on 4th April 2022 and that Go Coach have indicated they lack the funding to implement a new route. Members to also note that the Planning and Transportation committee plan to investigate alternative funding sources.

Members to note the previously supplied information on Sevenoaks Minibus service.

10. DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

Members to determine a date for the next working group meeting

Edmund Thorley Office Administrator 7th April 2022