Next Rye TC Meeting Nov – Notes from which to draw

To Note: RNP Review: Remaining patient since our submission of the reviewed plan in July. The Rye TC website has been updated to reflect the latest developments. Been advised that RDC must carry out a Habitats review although it might have little impact on Rye allocations, however, refreshed Flood Risk assessment does have implications, which I have reflected in the representation (in context of the RNP) to Rother about the draft Local Plan.

The Mayor has also made a separate representation of three points about the Local Plan:

(1) underscore the value of our statutory RNP and our work to conform to the Local Plan - particularly the housing numbers - but express satisfaction that the Local Plan reflects our plan - particular the non replication of our allocations;

(2) Note that the Local Plan falls short of meeting government targets but noting that the Rye contribution is high given the serious constraints - Flood Risk and surrounding protected biodiversity - and therefore little scope for increasing the Rye numbers;

Para 2.11 "Despite this rigorous approach to identifying land for development, our evidence concludes that that there remains insufficient capacity to meet the Government's local housing need figure (i.e., standard method) for the district over the plan period. This is owing to the district's significant land-use constraints, discussed later in this chapter (and elsewhere in the evidence base). The Council has engaged with neighbouring and other authorities from the early stages of the plan process to identify whether they could assist

in accommodating unmet housing needs arising in Rother; there are no authorities in such a position. Indeed, many other authorities in East Sussex and the South East are also facing challenges in meeting the Government's local housing need figure in full.

Para 2.12 In light of the evidence base, the Local Plan sets a housing requirement figure of at least 8,671 net new dwellings over the plan period 2025-2042, or at least 510 dwellings annually (on average). This will facilitate a significant step change in housing delivery locally, well above the target of 335 dwellings per year set in the previous Rother Core Strategy Local Plan."

(3) note the advice from Rother Planners that we have received on Habitats and Flood Risk and this is being acted upon before a fresh submission;

To Note: Current developments.

- Freda Gardham: Remains in the ownership of ESCC. Issues with tree cutting and Highways representation about A259 access.

- Aldi etc: Communicating with Cavendish Developments (Overarching developer) about the rumours about McArthy Stone and some detailed development issues.

- Rye Hire: 6 Nov visit by Rother surveyors; (contractors not policy makers) lease expires next year.

Other Matters

To Note: St Margaret Terrace. "Concrete block wars" are under way. Jempson is letting Slade's Yard to a haulier and seeks to preserve access for heavy vehicle. With more development and Terrace citizens historically claiming part of the Terrace for nose on to pavement parking, I predict that there will be future difficulties.

To Note: Against the backdrop of millions pouring into Hastings, I note that our bus shelters in Station Approach need refurbishment. The original supplier in France cannot help with spare parts. It might be possible to get a local contractor to repair them, **but should Rye ask RDC to tackle as they remain responsible?**

To Note: Council should note that a REACT refresh of community resilience is under way, to reflect the national “Be Ready” campaign. 3rd meeting early Dec. The “Be Ready” campaign (23 other states have advised their citizens) is for a range of civil and military risks and involves creating 3 day stocks of food, drink and emergency items at home. REACT adopting care to “Alert but not Alarm”, is supporting the campaign. Separately, a tabletop exercise will be planned for early 27 to coincide with the planned national exercise.

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