

Hurst Green Neighbourhood Plan Update

October 2022 - Supporting Paper

1. Following the Parish Council's decision at its last meeting, on the 28th September a grant for £8,335 was applied for from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities. This also included support to update the Council's approved Masterplan and approved Design Codes as needed.
2. Following the Parish Council's decision at its last meeting, the RFO has returned the unspent funds from grant # NPG-12876 to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.
3. As of the 19th October 2022, the above grant had not yet been awarded, therefore work on analysing the representations has not yet begun.

For discussion/decision:

4. As previously reported, the Council has not received any representation from its neighbouring parish, Etchingham - does the Council wish the Clerk to follow up around this with Etchingham's Clerk?
5. Is the Council aware of any further regulation 14 representations that have been received that need to be shared with Councillors and the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group?
6. To pass the following motion: "*That this council for reasons of complying with the terms of its grant award, will following all valid expenditure under grant #NPG-11380, instruct the RFO to return in short order any unspent sum to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.*"

For noting:

7. According to the latest statistics from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, four authorities, including RDC, have failed to meet the threshold for quality of planning decision-making. This potentially puts RDC at risk of a 'special measures' designation, which could see housing developers and site promoters being able to submit their planning applications directly to the Planning Inspectorate.

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