

- Neighbourhood Plan upgrade independent examination in progress
  - First inquiries received from the examiner and responded to
  - Comments from HBBC to the examiner are not supportive or aligned with the previously agreed position. NP SG have reviewed the comments and are producing a response to the examiner on the basis that we wish the plan upgrade to be completed successfully.
  - There is a risk that the NP upgrade is rejected by the independent examiner or that it does not provide protection in relation to new development.
- Meeting of some councillors including 3 from the NPSG with Dr Luke Evans our MP where we shared, amongst other things, our concerns on the lack of consensus by HBBC on the NP, and his support was enlisted
- 2 steering group members participated in an independent review by PAS as to how Neighbourhood Plans are being handled by HBBC
- Local Plan Reg 19 consultation by HBBC.
  - Discussed by the NPSG as requested by the PC at the last PC meeting.
  - NPSG recommended the PC OBJECTS to the plan and further, contracts our NP planning consultant to help the PC develop and submit its response before the deadline of 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022
  - Given timing, the PC was asked and approved electronically, the consultancy costs to achieve this objective which was granted

## **FINANCE**

- NP upgrade project - On budget
- HBBC Local Plan Reg 19 consultation – quote approved the PC

## **NEXT STEPS**

- Continue working with HBBC and the appointed examiner to achieve a successful conclusion to the Examination phase of the NP update project
- Work to avoid any delays post Submission Consultation, that may arise re HBBC's Planning Policy resource shortages and also around their Local Plan activities.
- Work with our planning consultant to prepare a PC submission to the HBBC draft Reg19, to be approved by the PC and submitted by the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March

John Ward - Chair, Sheepy Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group