

**BECKINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
STEERING GROUP MEETING**

3pm – Thu 13 August 2026
Online via VTC

RECORD OF DECISIONS

Present: Ben Richards (BR), Paula Fox (PF), Clive Winterbourne (CW), Dave Chapman (DC) – NP Consultant

1. **Apologies for absence**
 - *Jo Hole*
 - *Laura Parry*
2. **Minutes of last meeting (8 Jun 2026)**
 - *The minutes were approved for publication. **Action: BR***
3. **Actions arising from last meeting**
 - *The SG noted that the collation of feedback points from the 12 Mar 2026 residents' consultation remained outstanding, (BR)*
4. **Emerging Somerset Local Plan**
 - *The SG agreed the need for a section in the housing background paper covering the LPA's call for sites and the four additional sites that have entered the mix.*
 - *This will ensure they are contextualised before being addressed in the SEA and draft Plan.*
 - *It was noted that two of the four sites were apparently not put forward to Somerset this year; they were included from the 2023 HELAA.*
5. **SEA and HRA**
 - *The SG discussed the draft SEA received from AECOM and:*
 - *Agreed that DC would redraft Section 5 (Developing the Preferred Approach)*
 - *Noted a number of issues on facts/context to be flagged to AECOM.*
 - *The SG noted the next steps:*
 - *BR to submit comments/amendments to AECOM*
 - *AECOM to finalise SEA, and produce NTS (Non Technical Summary) and package for Reg 14 Consultation*
6. **Views Assessment Report – Open Plan**
 - *The Assessment was formally accepted by the SG and would be included in the evidence pack.*
7. **Correspondence Received**
 - *Correspondence received was noted and discussed.*
 - *It was agreed that the SG would update Landowners ahead of the Regulation 14 Consultation.*
8. **Preparation for Regulation 14 Consultation**
 - *The SG agreed the following sequence:*
 - *Receive the final SEA and HRA from AECOM*
 - *Update the Housing Background Paper*
 - *Complete draft Consultation document*

- *Complete draft Basic Conditions Statement*
- *Update the draft Plan*
- *It was agreed that this work should be completed by the next meeting.*

9. **AOB**

- *Cotswold Homes Appeal outcome. The SG noted that the Inspector had stated that he hoped to have a decision for the LPA in 'early September'. The LPA had confirmed to BR that they had no further update on the decision timeline.*

10. **Date of next meeting**

- ***Afternote.*** *The original date of Thursday 10 September has now been replaced by Wednesday 16 September. Online at 1800.*