

FURTHER COMMENTS FROM ALAN THOMPSON (COMMUNITY MONITOR)

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My observations as a "critical friend" This time I have just put thoughts down and not reconsidered them.

I have noticed there appears to be a lack of enthusiasm in the attendance at the Steering Group meetings. The last one was cancelled.

Could it be that this part of the exercise is very time consuming and for me, not easy to carry out.

I question whether we should have been given the task of marking the land allocation sites after they had been marked by our consultant. I personally would stand by his marking of them. I might have personal thoughts about individual sites but that should not come into it. The S.G. should be allowed to comment on the marking.

I still think the re-location of the Willink, and Football fields together with the tennis courts and Bowling Green should have been considered at the same time as the sites for housing.

In a perfect world we would have all the land we require for the N.P. land allocation.

IN REALITY WE DO NOT.

We therefore have to suggest sites which will be accepted by the majority of the residents and most importantly by SLDC.

How do we re-invigorate our Steering Group's enthusiasm?

I have great confidence in our consultant Nigel. He will have come across our circumstances in the past. You probably have already spoken to him about this, if not can you?