

Summary of expenditure for planning consultancy and other expenses raised by the HVA to fight overdevelopment of Holybourne

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Their local office is in Winchester. What follows is a summary of what we have asked them to do so far.

Scope of Services

Based on our review thus far, we recommend the following initial scope of services before formally advising you of the best and most appropriate route forward:

1. Conduct a detailed review of the evidence base of the Emerging Local Plan

2. Assess the planning merits and constraints of the site to specifically tailor the planning strategy to this circumstance

3. Provide an email summary of the research including our recommended strategy to progress. Our advice will include: -Overview of the likelihood of the site being allocated for residential development in the Emerging Local Plan / Alton Neighbourhood Plan -Review of possible strategies to resist the allocation -Our recommendation of the best planning strategy -A recommended scope of further works to enact our recommendation. Our fee quotes are based on the anticipated time required by our professional planners to undertake the work, informed by past experience of similar work. Our professional planners work to an hourly-rate or day-rate commensurate to their experience and qualifications and the quote below incorporates these rates. Our fee for carrying out the above work is £960.00 + VAT and expenses. Fees exclude VAT, which is payable at 20%, and expenses such as mileage (chargeable at 45p per mile).

Future Planning Applications

The above scope of services and fee proposal relate to fighting the inclusion of the site in the housing allocations of the emerging Local Plan. As you correctly identified in your email to Kai 30/08/2023 there is a high likelihood that a planning application will come forward, irrespective of whether the site is allocated for housing or not. There are a number of potential options we can explore to resist an application once it is made, including:

- Refuting the evidence base / assumptions of the proposal*
- Making representation against the application*
- Speaking in opposition to the application at Committee meetings*
- Seeking political support for the opposition of the application. A core principle of planning is that the context of each application and each site is unique, as such we do not feel it would be appropriate to advise you on the best option(s) to resist a planning application until we have had a chance to review the application. However, should you choose to instruct us for the above works, we would have an in depth understanding and familiarity of the site that would place use in a good position to provide advice as and when an application is made.*

Work conducted so far: I have had a telephone conversation with Tom, the agent carrying out the research and work on our case with Vanessa Gist and then Helen Walters and I met with him in person for a couple of hours when we talked about specific planning issues related to the village and

then walked around the entire village identifying things of planning interest. He has now gone back to conduct research and to work out the best way forward based on the scope outlined above.

Future expenditure is likely to be required in producing an argument on our behalf to present to the Planning Authority with the aim of keeping Holybourne out of potential development sites listed in the Local Plan. This might take the form of an in person appearance or a document to be submitted. We just don't know yet. Attendance at site visits and meetings of the Planning committee at the District Council might also have to be considered. All of this cost money and we can and will only do what we can afford. Currently I believe we have raised a sum approaching £5K but I won't know for sure until a meeting of the HVA committee tomorrow night.

We have also spent about £70 on printing costs and analysis of the village survey carried out by SurveyMonkey.

I hope you find this helpful.

Jerry Janes – Chair HVA