

CHICHESTER LOCAL PLAN (CLP) and FISHBOURNE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (FNP)

At its meeting on 8th May 2024, the FNP Group noted that the Local Plan had been submitted to an independent examination by a Planning Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State. Although the process is described as “continuous”, it is “not an opportunity to make further representations. The Programme Officer will contact representers if the inspector wants them to submit further material or take part in specific hearing sessions.”

THE GROUP’S MAIN CONCERN WAS WITH THE UNINTENTIONAL CONSEQUENCE OF THE CUMULATIVE IMPACT ON THE ALREADY OVER-COMMITTED A27 AND A259 - AND THE CONSEQUENT RESULT OF A HEAVY INCREASE IN USE OF COUNTRY LANES AS “DIVERSIONS” DESPITE BEING UNFIT FOR PURPOSE.

After considerable discussion, it was agreed that the next edition of Village Voice would contain a summary of the key transport issues concerning Fishbourne (compiled by Councillor Andy Relf) and a simple reply format to be returned to Lucy. In addition, the Group will monitor any changes in Government Policy which may have implications for the revision of FNP.

Councillor Geoff Hand