

MINUTES

OF EMAIL DISCUSSIONS VOTING FOR A 'GO/NO GO' ON THE DRAFT COOKHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (June 2025)

Email circulated to:

Cllr Bill Perry (Chairman) (Cookham Parish Council)

Cllr Mark Howard (Cookham Parish Council)

Cllr Jacqui Edwards (Cookham Parish Council) Joined the CNPWP 06 May 2025

Cllr Anna-Louise Regan (Cookham Parish Council) Replaced on the CNPWP by Cllr Jacqui Edwards 06 May 2025

Cllr Jamie Moore (Cookham Parish Council)

Cllr Laura Tull (Cookham Parish Council)

Nicholas Dawkes (Save Cookham)

Dick Scarff (Cookham Society)

Richard Campin (Cookham Footprint)

Lars Ahlgren (Wild Cookham)

Dr Shez Courtney-Smith (Representative Stanley Spencer Gallery)

Nina Milner (CNPWP Administrator)

Jon Herbert (Troy Planning)

CC'd to the following Parish Councillors - Cllr Carol Aisladie; Cllr Harriet Pleming; Cllr Lesley Austin; Cllr Mandy Brar; Cllr MaryLou Kellaway; Cllr Nick Bedwell; Cllr Richard Kellaway; Cllr Tony Caen

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1.	<p>Voting for a 'Go/No Go' on the draft Cookham Neighbourhood Plan in the light of the review by the Examiner, for submission to RBWM and a referendum.</p> <p><i>By email discussion the working Party has agreed to proceed with the Cookham Neighbourhood Plan (by the voting below) because it still considers the Plan a worthwhile significant benefit to Cookham.</i></p> <p>The voting from the Working Party group is now largely, though not yet fully (it may never be fully), complete. There are 5 Councillors on the Working Party of whom 3 have voted 'go', with 4 representatives of community groups and Shez personally, making 5 in total, of whom also 3 have voted 'go' and 1 has abstained. This is therefore 6 'go' out of 10 people, with 1 abstention and 3 votes not (yet) cast.</p> <p>There is therefore an unassailable and substantial majority for 'go'. It is unassailable in the sense that even if everyone still to vote were to vote 'no go' there would still be a majority of 6 : 3 in favour of 'go' (and a majority for 'go' in both groups).</p>	

	<p>We have received one indication from a Councillor not on the WP, who was also a 'go'.</p> <p>In these circumstances, the WP has exercised its "delegated authority ... to amend and/or approve the draft Cookham Neighbourhood Plan in the light of the review by the Examiner, for submission to RBWM and a referendum" by approving it. We shall inform RBWM promptly.</p>	
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