



Item 26/103c Proposal for membership of Design Panel

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Budgetary considerations: None
Legislation: National Planning Policy Framework, Localism Act 2011
Summary: Proposals for external memberships to Design Panel

1. Background

As part of the updated Eynsham Neighbourhood Plan (ENP) and the ability through the Localism Act to include Design Codes/ Guidance, the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group would like to establish a Design Panel to review large scale and impactful developments.

The panel would include independent, external appointees/co-optees, as per the Terms of Reference.

2. Proposals

After undertaking some research and liaising with potential candidates, the working group would like the following persons to be considered:

Vincent Goodstadt

Has substantial strategic planning experience and has been a Design Council expert participating in design review panels, advising on local plans, and developing good practice. He is a Past President of the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI).

Paul Hunter

Worked in the Greater London Council's Planning Department, has a degree in Planning Studies and a RTPI Diploma. He has a keen interest in the built environment.

Louise Thomas

Is an architect and urban designer. She is a member of the Oxford Design Review Panel and served on the Design Panel of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead. She also advises a village in Buckinghamshire facing similar development pressures to Eynsham.

Georgia Butina Watson

Is Professor of Urban Design and Research and Practice Consultant in Planning and Urban Design at Oxford Brookes University. She was Head of the Planning Department between 2001 and 2015.

3. Recommendation

To approve the proposal and to make a recommendation for their appointment to full council.