

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING STEERING GROUP HELD ON 30<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2014**

Present: Cllrs Mark Houlbrook (Chair), Susan Durant, Rachel Durant, Ron Powell, Annie Farrand  
Caroline Robinson, Ann Pennington  
Jeremy Sherlock, Mike Dando

Apologies: Jane Stimpson, George Derx

1. **Workshop**– the tables that were developed by the 2 workshop groups on 18<sup>th</sup> June had been circulated. It was agreed that these would be posted on the website.
2. **URS Visit to Thorne Town centre** – as agreed, Mike Dando had arranged for an independent consultant to undertake a review of Thorne Town centre as part of the Planning Aid support. A number of Working Group members had met a consultant Niltay Tosun-Erdem from URS and accompanied her on a site visit. It was agreed that it had been a useful visit, with some more radical ideas being discussed. Niltay was focusing on urban design issues, and her colleague Una McGaughrin undertaking a socio economic assessment. Their report will be an input into the Plan following consideration by the Working Group. A meeting will be arranged to allow discussion on the report and its recommendations.
3. **Preparation of Outline Plan** – following a discussion with Mike Dando JSh had previously circulated a proposal that the next stage be an outline Plan, rather than a full draft Plan. Some examples of this approach had also been circulated. This would show policy areas, rather than full policies and justification, and would provide a much more digestible document for consultation. Following consultation, it would allow the working Group to assess whether the Plan is on the right lines, and prevent potential abortive work. It was agreed to progress on that basis.
4. **Outline Plan Consultation** – consultation on the Outline Plan needs to be more focused than the initial consultation, targeted at individuals and organisations who have shown an interest. The following was agreed:
  - Launch Event in mid-September (Thorne Town centre)
  - Publicity in the Thorne Times September edition with the Outline Plan as an insert (deadline is 17<sup>th</sup> September 2014, with circulation by 30<sup>th</sup> September)
  - Publicity on the websites
  - 2 public workshops – one Thorne and one Moorends (starting at 6:30pm) with invitations sent to local groups and organisations. Suggested venues were the Community Centre and Band Room.
  - Letters to Statutory consultees.

**5. Future Meetings:**

- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August -7:00pm – to consider the draft Outline Plan
- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October – 7:00pm – an assessment of the Outline Plan consultation
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November – 7:00pm

Jeremy Sherlock

Town Clerk