

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING WORKING GROUP HELD ON 6th APRIL 2016

Present: Rachel Durant (Chair); Cllrs Susan Durant, Mark Houlbrook, Tony Brookes; Ann Pennington, Caroline Robinson, Rob Porter, Annie Farrand; Jeremy Sherlock, Kathryn Jukes, Jane Stimpson

1. **Minutes of the meeting of 17th February 2016** – agreed as a true record
2. **Doncaster Local Plan Consultation – Homes and Settlements** – JSt provided information about a current consultation. The document proposes 920 new homes per year for 2015-2032 in Doncaster Borough to meet local need and to allow for economic growth. In Thorne and Moorends the total proposed for the plan period is from 510-1069, with the lower figure based on housing need – anything above would support growth.

The main issue for Thorne and Moorends is Flood Risk which will make it difficult to allocate sites above the need figure. The Environment Agency are requiring Flood Risk to be fully mitigated on site which creates significant issues regarding viability due to the increased development costs. Concern was expressed that over zealous flood risk policies could inhibit development and hold back the regeneration of Thorne and Moorends.

DMBC have completed a Level 1 Flood Risk assessment, and are preparing a Level 2 assessment. Any sites in FZ3 will also need a site specific FRA before they can be allocated. One issue that may be considered in the future is some form of flood “levy” to support the continued maintenance of flood defences.

JSt confirmed that they would engage with the Sub Group with regard to their site allocation proposals.

The timetable for the Local Plan is for draft proposals to be considered by Full Council in September. There will then be a 6 week consultation period, with formal submission prior to Christmas, and an examination in March 2017.

There will be a need for continued liaison to ensure that the Neighbourhood Plan is in conformity with the Local Plan, and there is a consistency with regard to policies. It is unlikely that this will create any significant problems.

DMBC will only consider sites which can accommodate at least 5 houses. There was some discussion about whether the Neighbourhood Plan should include the need for traffic assessments on smaller sites as the cumulative impact of a number of approvals can be missed. It was agreed to consider this further.

3. **Neighbourhood Plan Draft** – KJ has prepared an updated draft of the Plan, which has been re-ordered, and some policies/ justifications updated/ merged. It was agreed that this read much better. KJ felt that the design associated policies needed more local flavour, and it was agreed to commission some additional consultancy support to assist with the final drafting and supporting information.

The parking study is also needed. JS confirmed that this will be commissioned shortly.

4. **Community Sites and Buildings and Site Allocations** – JS had prepared revised schedules based on the sites etc agreed at the last meeting. It was agreed that these would be used in the draft plan.
5. **Town Centres' Boundaries** – these were agreed with some minor amendments, including the exclusion of the shops at the Circle in Moorends as these now form a row of local shops, with Moorends centre being along Marshland Road.
6. **CIL priorities and Policies** – it was agreed that it would be sensible to include these. JS agreed to draw up an initial list.
7. **Documents to be submitted with the Draft Plan** – it was noted that the Statement of Community Consultation and Basic Conditions Statement will need to be completed for submission.
8. **Quora proposal, Capitol Park** – a request had been made for the sub group to comment on the current planning application for retail development on Capitol Park. Whilst it was recognised that the sub group could not prejudice any policies in the Plan it was felt that the consultation results indicated that the current proposal and the Plan were unlikely to be in conflict. JS was asked to draft an appropriate response.
9. **Grant funding** – JS reported that he had commenced preparing the application for a 2016 grant which he will complete in the near future.
10. **Next Meeting** – date to be agreed as it will be dependent on progress on other issues – however mid-May was seen as the target. JS will circulate a date once an assessment is made regarding progress.

Jeremy Sherlock

Town Clerk