

DINNINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

Record of Decisions of a Meeting Held on Saturday 10th December 2016 at Lyric Theatre, Laughton Road, Dinnington.

Present: D.Smith (Dinnington St John's Town Council (DSJTC)), A Milner (DSJTC), J.Simmonds (DSJTC), J.Curran (Rother Valley South Area Assembly), S.Moore Group Secretary), P.Cotton, G.Capper & D.Walker (both Greenbelt Action Group), V.Betts (GAG), D.Dixon. R.Gyte, L.Banham, B.Keeley, Mrs B.Keeley, M.Bingham, R.Seymour.

In attendance:

A.Towlerton (YourLocale)

1. Apologies: None

2. To consider the key actions from the meeting held on 12th November 2016

Item 6 on minutes of meeting: report to be sent by A.Towlerton in order to investigate any alternative routes for the protection any non-designated archaeological sites.

Minutes from meeting were accepted as a true record

3. To receive a report from the meeting of the sub group held on 26th November 2016

It was advised that the Housing Policy/Statement be written as soon as possible in order to show the areas planned housing requirements.

It was stated that the planned change of the E14 Industrial Site to housing development may be difficult to get accepted.

A.Towlerton to complete a justification report on the sites that are being submitted in the plan and as to why these sites should be accepted. The study and report will be carried out against 5 or 6 points in order to assess the suitability for housing of each site that is to be stated in the neighbourhood plan.

4. To consider policy options in relation to housing provision

Within the neighbourhood plan it was agreed that there is a need to ensure that a set on undeniable facts are included that will give a solid argument and projection on housing, infrastructure, community needs, etc in the foreseeable future of the area.

Data is already available to help set these arguments. Much of this data can be found in the 'Housing Needs' study already completed.

A.Towlerton is to provide any other data required.

5. To consider progress with important community facilities

A Pro-forma had previously been sent to all members by A.Towlerton in order to identify all the community facilities within the area. Some have been returned but insufficient to give a

comprehensive list. A.Towlerton to therefore to resend the pro-forma so that additions can be made to the current list of facilities.

6. To consider policy options with regard to local green spaces.

It was stated that identified 'local green spaces' can make a strong argument for their protection within the neighbourhood plan.

Group will need to identify which local green spaces they believe should be stated for protection within the plan. These green spaces can include playing fields, allotments, school playing fields, local wildlife sites and other community green areas.

The identified spaces to be determined and discussed in the next sub-group meeting of 7th January 2017.

7. To receive an update on the progress of the Rotherham Local Plan

A meeting is being held in the following week from this meeting on the Rotherham Local Plan. Dave Smith will be attending this meeting and will feed back to the group at the next meeting.

Dave Smith will also issue a copy at the next meeting to all members of the letter recently sent to the Inspector.

8. To receive an update on funding issues

The possibility of an additional £6000.00 in funding mentioned at the last meeting was discussed. A.Towlerton informed members that the funding works on a financial year basis and therefore need to be spent by the end of March 2017. It was therefore recommended that an application is made after the start of the next financial year and it was agreed that work should be carried out in the New Year in order to prepare the bid.

9. To consider the theme of the next Steering Group Meeting

The next themes were agreed as the following:

- i. Definition of the town centre boundaries
- ii. Nature and mix of shops and commercial businesses within the town centre.

A.Towlerton to circulate example of other town centre plans for information and consideration.

Discussions should involve the recently formed 'Business Forum' for Dinnington which is also looking at local commercial requirements. It was proposed that Debbie Bloor to act as a link between the DSJNP group and the Business Forum.

J.Curran is to supply updated information on the current shops and commercial businesses available within the Town Centre.

10. Any other Business

A request was made for the Neighbourhood Plan website to be updated and maintained. It was agreed that Andy Milner will take over responsibility of the website.

11. To confirm the date of the next meeting.

Next full group meeting to be held on 14th January 2017: 10.00 a.m. at Davies Court Ballroom

A sub-group meeting regarding Green spaces and the Town Centre is planned for the 7th January 2017: 10.00 a.m. at the Lyric Theatre.