

DINNINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

Record of Decisions of a Meeting Held on Saturday 19th November 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), D.Bloor, P.Cotton, G.Capper & D.Walker (both Greenbelt Action Group), L.Clarke (Salvation Army), V.Betts (GAG), D.Dixon. R.Gyte.

In attendance:

A.Towlerton (YourLocale)

- 1. Apologies:** An apology was received from A.Evans (Clerk)
- 2. To consider the key actions from the meeting held on 15th October 2016**

These were accepted as a true record

- 3. To receive a report on the meeting of the sub group held on 5th November 2016**

The meeting was held to discuss the housing sites and policies from Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council (RMBC). Sites were discussed that that the group would like to se included in the plan along with other sites that the group would like to see protected.

A Dinnington Neighbourhood Plan of Proposed sites was issued to the group. The total number of proposed homes on this plan was 1091. The core strategy for the area was explained and that the Dinnington East district also covers areas that are outside of the Dinnington St John's Neighbourhood Plan area and it was stressed that the DSJNP can only cover those areas of Dinnington Town Council that fall within the DSJNP designated area. It was that the DSJNP area would be expected to supply 540 homes although the completed plan should show 700 new homes identified. The actual number of current identified sites for new housing could actually take 1000 new homes but the additional 300 homes should be kept in reserve.

It was agreed that sites identified within the Neighbourhood Plan should be prioritised as to their location, types of homes to be built etc.

It was also agreed that any homes planned within the designated 'Green Belt' areas should be opposed.

A.Towlerton indicated that a 'technical assessment' will need to be carried out on each of the proposed sites. The nature of this assessment would be discussed at a future meeting.

- 4. To consider the draft chapter on housing needs and requirements (previously circulated)**

It was further iterated that the housing mix must take into consideration the true needs of the area to include the areas increasing aging population, the need for affordable starter homes etc.

5. To consider the draft design policy

A.Towlerton stated that the design policy should also consider the aging population of the area alongside the consideration of the community needs.

Prioritisation of one type of housing over another should be contained within the plan and a statement stating that Dinnington should be considered as a 'self-contained' community.

A.Towlerton is to prepare a statement in association with other DSJNP members.

6. To consider proposed non-designated heritage assets for inclusion and associated policy (attached) in the Plan.

Building and sites that the group believe should be protected were identified at the previous sub-group meeting. A list of non-designated Heritage sites was issued by A.Towlerton of the sites and properties proposed by the sub-group. The group should now consider any additions to the issued list and a further sub-group meeting has been planned for 26th November.

Additional routes to protect any non-designated archaeological sites and remains within the district should be considered.

7. To consider important community facilities for inclusion in the Plan

The group have been asked to consider the protection of any community facilities for inclusion into the plan, for example the Miners Welfare that is presently being for housing on its site.

A Towlerton is to resend guidance to group members as to what can be protected. The list can include 'local green spaces'

8. To receive an update on the progress of the Rotherham Plan

The group were informed of the current position of the Rotherham Plan. It was discuss if it would be useful to invite Bronwyn Knight (RMBC) to a future meeting of the group so that we could further update us on the plan. However, it was felt that the group already had sufficient knowledge of the plan at this time.

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

It was agreed that the next theme to be considered should be 'Shopping and the Town Centre'.

It was suggested that the group write to RMBC that they should not meet with any planners until the Neighbourhood Plan development stage had been completed. A.Towlerton suggested that the Housing Chapter be completed before RMBC or the Inspector is approached via a letter.

A copy of suggested draft proposal for the Neighbour Plan statements was issued to the group for consideration. A vote was carried 7 to 3 that a letter should be sent to the Inspector in the near future. D.Smith will produce a draft letter for consideration.

10. Any other Business

A.Towlerton stated that there may be an additional £6000.00 of funding available on top of the £9000.00 already received for completion of the Neighbourhood Plan. This additional funding could be used for a Consultancy Study on the local area.

Janice Curran updated the group with regard to the setting up of a local Business Forum for Dinnington. This forum plans to complete a Business and Shopper Survey for Dinnington. She requested that this be included in any application for this additional funding.

11. To confirm the date of the next meeting.

Next full group meeting to be held on 10th December: 10.00 a.m. at the Lyric Theatre

A sub-group meeting regarding proposed sites within the plan, protected sites and facilities etc is planned for the 26th November: 10.00 a.m. at the Lyric Theatre.