

DINNINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

Minutes of a Meeting Held on Saturday 9th September 2017 at the Lyric Theatre, Dinnington.

Present: D.Smith (Chairman) D.Dixon, J.Simmonds (DSJTC), S.Moore (Group Secretary), G.Capper, D.Walker, L.Banham, B.Keeley, Mrs B.Keeley, P.Cotton, P.A.Davies (DSJTC)

In attendance: A.Towlerton

1. Apologies: J.Curran, D.Bloor, R.Gyte, A Milner (DSJTC)

2. Minutes from 19th August were accepted and approved.

3. Update on AECOM housing sites/Town Centre survey

There have been no further updates from Aecom to date. Andrew Towlerton will contact them for other additional information and discuss with them the Town Centre survey and Housing Needs study.

Ideally feedback should be received before the meeting with RMBC planned for 22nd September.

Note: Aecom have since informed us that the full draft report should be available before the 22nd.

4. Feedback from sub-group meeting held on 22nd August

Our response to the RMBC position statement has been set and will be discussed with them on 22nd September. There has been no further response to our statement from RMBC at this time.

Note: There has since been communication from RMBC with regard to infrastructure being planned in Dinnington. This is as follows –

- Schools – works are currently occurring with an extension at Laughton Junior School, however, other than that RMBC have no other extensions or new school currently planned up to 2021.
- Libraries – Informed that no changes/extensions are planned to the current Library at Dinnington by RMBC.
- Green spaces and leisure facilities – The RMBC Leisure and Greenspaces Manager is not aware of any RMBC plans for new facilities in Dinnington.

This will be discussed at the 22nd September meeting as it is felt that the above is totally inadequate in consideration of the planned growth in housing and population in the Dinnington area over the next 15 years.

5. Policy Theme – Developer Contributions

Due to time constraints this will be forwarded to the next meeting

6. Preparation for RMBC meeting on 22nd September re: Evidence for alternative sites, formulation of questions to ask RMBC etc.

It was agreed that for the meeting on 22nd September a set of questions should be prepared aimed around how RMBC have determined their housing and industrial sites and the need for infrastructure requirements to be built into the neighbourhood plan.

It was felt that RMBC are not currently meeting their responsibilities in supporting and working with Neighbourhood Planning groups.

Current issues which need to be quickly resolved with RMBC are:

- The changing of housing sites
- The provision of full housing needs information and how this was determined.
- Infrastructure needs – supply of information on how additional infrastructure requirements should be determined.

David Dixon issued the group with a draft 'vision statement' on what we expect from and our objective for a full committed and fit for purpose Neighbourhood Plan that fully meets the needs of the area and its community. The statement was accepted by the group as a good start which can be developed into a clear statement on intent for our Neighbourhood Plan.

Dave Smith already has a set of questions that can be aimed at RMBC at the 22nd Sept meeting. He will submit these to Steve Moore who will distribute them around the group for comment and suggestions for additions questions that would be useful to ask.

7. Response from RMBC re DSJNP Position Statement

No response received.

8. Review of Neighbourhood Plan progress, current position and timescale

David Dixon to send through a draft Neighbourhood Plan timetable ready for the 22nd Sept.

A funding application has been submitted to further explore the suitability of the Allotment site.

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

This will be dependent upon the outcomes of the 22nd September meeting.

10. Any other business.

There is a pressing need for future housing to meet local needs. David Dixon suggested that we explore the 'Local Connection Policy' for consideration in the determination that future housing fully meets the needs for the current and future local population. There is a need for the N.P. to consider what type of 'affordable housing' is required within the Dinnington area and the evidence as to why.

11. To confirm the date of next group meeting

The next meeting will be at 10.00 a.m. on Saturday 14th October. Venue to be confirmed.