

DINNINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

Record of Decisions of a Meeting Held on Saturday 15th October At Davies Court Ballroom, Coronation Avenue, Dinnington

Present: D Smith (Dinnington St John's Town Council (DSJTC)), A Milner (DSJTC), J Curran and Andrea Peers (both Rother Valley South Area Assembly), D Walker and G Capper (both Greenbelt Action Group), D Bloor, L Banham, S Moore, J Thompson.

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 3rd September 2016.** These were accepted as a true record.
3. **To seek a volunteer to act as Secretary to the Steering Group.** There were no volunteers at the meeting itself. Representatives were asked to consider undertaking this role.
4. **To receive a report on and consider the draft Chapter on housing needs and requirements (attached).** A Towlerton circulated an indicative draft chapter for consideration. This considered the amount, type and location of new housing in the Plan area for the next ten years plus. A wide-ranging discussion then took place on this document. Special mention was made to what should be the minimum housing provision for the Parish. Any figure, it was explained, would need to be in 'general conformity' with Rotherham MBC's Core Strategy, including the 700 new homes proposed as part of the Dinnington East Broad Area of Growth. A general view was that the Parish was expected to take too much housing development, and that the proposals were not sustainable. Also, that any housing target should also consider small scale 'windfall' development (normally sites of fewer than 6 houses) especially as it was not clear whether Rotherham MBC had included these in their figures. In terms of housing mix the view was that the focus should be on a mix of housing types with a preference for smaller properties. The need for more affordable housing was also emphasised.
6. **To receive an update on the progress of the Local Plan.** D Smith outlined the timescales for the sites and policies document, which was presently at the examination stage.
7. **To consider the theme of the next Steering Group meeting.** It was considered that the focus should be on housing. A Towlerton noted many of the buildings the Group had indicated they would like to see protected,

following an early exercise, were not presently protected. He added the Plan could seek to give them some protection through their designation as non-designated heritage assets. It was agreed that the Group would give consideration prior to the next meeting on heritage assets they would like to see the Plan protect.

8. **Any other business.** Nil.
9. **Date and time of next meeting:** The next meeting would be on Saturday 12th November 2016 at 10:00am at **The Lyric**. It was also agreed that an informal sub group would meet on Saturday 5th November.