

DINNINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

Minutes of a Meeting Held on Saturday 16th December 2017 at Davies Court, Dinnington.

Present: David Smith (Chairman), Steve Moore (Group Secretary), James Simmonds (DSJTC), Andy Milner (DSJTC), Pam Cotton, Rachel Gyte, Brian Keeley, Pauline Davies (DSJTC), Linda Banham, Dave Johnston

In attendance: A. Towlerton

1. Apologies: Dave Walker (GAG), David Dixon, Debra Bloor, Graham Capper, Brenda Keeley

2. To consider the key actions from the meeting held on 25th November

Item 3: A letter has been sent to the Inspector. A receipt has been received.

Item 7: Facebook page membership is now at 156

Minutes from 25th November meeting were accepted and approved.

3. Feedback from Community Consultation days on 8th & 9th December

The 2 days were seen as being very successful with a good footfall for the 2 days being achieved. Verbal feedback and support for the plan from people attending the days was very positive.

Exit reviews were completed by most attendees and an analysis of this feedback is being completed by Andrew Towlerton. Feedback from the analysis will be given at the next group meeting.

4. Letter received from RMBC re: alternative sites and matter 17 re: submission made to inspector by RMBC

The response received from RMBC was seen as very negative and somewhat threatening in its tone regarding the statement in the letter '*unless the neighbourhood plan conforms to the adopted RMBC Development Plan it will not be accepted*'.

A response has been made to Rachel Overfield (RMBC) that we will take their comments under advisement.

The letter received from RMBC refers to a Planning Board meeting where the sites determined for development within the Dinnington Area. This meeting has carried out on 3rd July 2008 and it was felt that many things have changed in the 9 years since the meeting. The minutes from the meeting makes the statement on planned residential development for 271 dwelling units at Outgang Lane, Dinnington '*although the site is allocated for industrial and business use, there is a surplus amount of employment land in Dinnington.*'

This would support the neighbourhood group's current argument that the land to the south of Monksbridge Road (E14) should be changed from industrial to residential development.

A number of statements are made by RMBC within this document regarding funding initiatives, provision of social housing etc, and it was felt that if our proposed site changes do not take place then the group should put pressure on RMBC to carry out the actions stated in the document.

A copy of the Matter 17: Dinnington/North & South Anston/Laughton Common Hearing Statements (September 2016), Sites and Policies Examination was also forwarded to the group for discussion.

5. Current Position re: DSJNP letter to inspector

See item 2.

6. Letter sent to RMBC re Manson's Timber Yard site

Letter has been sent to RMBC with regard to our view that the old Timber Yard site should be changed from Residential to Industrial development due to a number of factors. These include further information gained at the consultation days on the depth of ground contamination on the site, the position of the site and its location within other industrial buildings, the proposal of a business to build a purpose built factory and training centre allied to the renewable energy industry with the development of up to 80 job positions for the local area.

This was also discussed in view of the 2008 RMBC Planning Board minutes, the Matter 17 Hearing Statements and the draft Dinnington Ward Area Housing Profile as supplied by RMBC.

A response to the letter sent to RMBC was received on 15th December. The letter states that *'contamination issues were considered in the outline planning permission), that planning permission for the site has now lapsed, but the Local Plan has policies in place which will ensure that any contamination issues are considered and addressed in future planning applications.* (There is no evidence to suggest that these considerations have been made in when placing the Mason site into the RMBC development plan for its use for residential properties.)

The letter also states that planning histories are not normally provided to the inspector as part of the Local Plan examinations.

7. Update on AECOM Town Centre Survey

This report should be available in early February 2018

8. East Street Highways Report

The Transport Statement and Report was issued to the group for discussion. Aecom have recommended that further work be carried out on looking at the accessibility to the site.

Negotiation has been entered into with a developer to develop the site for a social housing development which will also include a construction training programme within the building development process.

There are some concerns on the response from the school that may be affected by the development. From the report Option 2 – Victoria Street access was seen as the preferred option. Dave Smith is to contact the school by letter with regard to any school land that might be required to allow access to the site. It will be discussed with the school as to whether they would be interested in selling a strip of land that would be required to allow safe and suitable access to the site.

It was questioned that RMBC have the site down for 15 dwelling and it would be interesting to know what the RMBC site access plans are.

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

Looking at final chapter drafts in order to put together the full draft Neighbourhood Plan report.

10. Any other business.

The new Neighbourhood Development Officer for Dinnington is Steve Lavin, replacing Janice Curran in that role. It was suggested that we should invite Steve to future group meetings.

11. To confirm the date of next group meeting

Next full group meeting: 10.00 a.m. Saturday 20th January 2018. Venue: The Lyric Theatre