

MINUTES OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
STEERING GROUP MEETING
Held on Monday 25 October 2021
At 4:00 pm by ZOOM



Attending: Chairman, Cllr D Thomas, W Mack, G Hogan, Mrs D Dolley, Mrs Y Scriven

1. Wyre Forest District Council Local Plan Consultation

Consultation responses have to be in by 26 November 2021.

(Timetable for completion of Local Plan – received from WFDC after the meeting)

- Consultation on Main Modifications – Closes 26th November 2021.
- Responses to Planning Inspectorate – December 2021.
- Final Report from Inspector – February 2022
- Report to Full Council for Adoption – April/May 2022.

2. Revised Timetable for draft NP Consultation

DT felt it was important to get our draft NDP out for consultation before the Local Plan was adopted and had prepared a revised draft Timetable which indicated commencing consultation preparations with a special Parish Council meeting in December. Formal Regulation 14 Consultations would then commence in February 2021. This would give the NDP some standing when considering planning applications, even before it is formally 'made', which could happen in Autumn 2022.

Before starting the consultation process the following still had to be completed:

1. AECOM Site Viability Report - Chasing
2. Local Green Spaces – Review of wording to ensure compatible with NPPF.
3. Wildlife Corridor – Meeting Friday 29 October

DD/WM would review wording on LGS and make necessary amendments.

3. Revisions to Version 15 of the draft NDP

DT noted that the new criteria for numbers of affordable dwellings in rural areas was 25% for developments of more than 5 properties. This would mean that the Hewitts site would be subject to this Policy.

DT felt we should strengthen what the NDP says about light pollution.

Page 35 – Map of Talbot did not include all of the site. YS to prepare revised map.

All members to provide details of any changes and send to YS for onward transmission to Kirkwells.

4. Fold Lane inclusion in Local Plan

YS to draft a response objecting to inclusion of Fold Lane in District Plan for circulation to Councillors prior to meeting on 1 November.

Kirkwells had deleted Fold Lane from Local Green Spaces in the draft NDP, but DT had asked for this to be reinstated, as the NDP needs to be in conformity with Local Plan Strategic Policies, and this matter is at a much lower level. The final decision on this may rest with the External Examination of the NDP.

5. AECOM Viability Assessment

If the Viability Report contains financial calculations then this would have to be treated as confidential and just made available to the Inspector and not the general public, so it may not be vital to have this before commencing Consultations. YS chasing.

6. Wildlife Corridors Working Group

DD/WM/MN would determine what was needed to include in the NDP and advise timescale. DT to provide template.

7. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 24 November at 4:00 pm.