

**MINUTES OF A
NDP STEERING GROUP MEETING
Wednesday 16 February 2022
At 4:30 pm by Zoom**

Attending: Cllrs D Thomas (Chairman), W Mack, G Hogan, Mrs D Dolley, Mrs Y Scriven

1. Site Viability Report

DT had spoken to Bailey Venning explaining our reasoning for a watermark on the report and other issues raised and a final copy of the report had been issued. Locality were now happy with the report. We can request a copy without the watermark if required in the future. The purpose of the report was to establish if development sites were viable for development and it confirmed that all three sites were viable for development of affordable housing, although a small number of market housing may be required. As regards housing for the elderly, the additional building costs for life time homes had been incorporated into the calculations.

2. Version 17 of Draft Neighbourhood Plan

All previous changes had been incorporated into this version which would now be used for the Regulation 14 Consultation. A discussion took place about references in the report to the Fold Lane site and it was suggested that we should ask Paul Round if he could update us on whether or not the Inspector would recommend removing this from the Local Plan. If we did not get a response by next week we may have to consider whether or not to still start the Regulation 14 Consultation on 1 March, although DT considered that it should be possible for the draft to be consulted on even if it included two differing views on what should happen to the site, as this was not a strategic policy in the Local Plan

3. Local Green Spaces – Responses from Landowners

10 letters were sent to Landowners of Local Green Spaces and so far two written and two verbal objections had been received and one email acceptance (subject to slight changes proposed to the map). It was noted that changes to the draft NDP could not now be made until after completion of the Regulation 14 Consultations. DT had circulated a technical guidance note from another Council that set out a useful framework for evaluating Green Spaces against the NPPF criteria. WM and DD agreed to look at this as preparation for responding to landowners' objections.

4. Public Consultation

There would be a face to face Consultation Day on Wednesday 30 March from 11:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Village Hall. A0 paper information and plans would be printed for display purposes.

Residents and Consultee letters about the forthcoming consultation were due to be sent out after 21 February 2022 and a response form would be available on the

website. Paper copies of the draft NDP would be available to view at St Cassians Church and Kidderminster Library and at the consultation day on 30 March.

It was agreed that the Steering Group would meet again on Tuesday 22 February at 2:30 by Zoom to confirm final arrangements for the Consultation.

5. **Presentation of draft NDP to Parish Council**

DT ran through the Powerpoint Presentation which would be shown to Councillors at the Parish Council meeting on 21 February. A number of points were made that would be incorporated in the final version. At the end of the presentation, Councillors would be asked to approve the draft NDP for Consultation.

6. **Dates of Next Meetings-**

Tuesday 22 February at 2:30 pm by Zoom

Monday 21 March 4:00 pm by Zoom