



# FUTURE DURSLEY

Our Neighbourhood Plan

## Future Dursley Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) Minutes of Steering Group Meeting 7pm 9<sup>th</sup> August 2017

**Present:** Chair, Councillor Wendy Thomas, Nick Organ, Dursley Resident, Councillor Sue Creswick, Councillor Neil Grecian, Krystyna Dembny, Dursley Resident, Jonathan Bird, Dursley Resident, Anita Gambie, Dursley Town Council.

1. Apologies for absence

Leah Wellings, Mel McCree, Mike Johnson, Gayle Collins, Mel Laybourne

2. Minutes from 28 June 2017

The Minutes were agreed.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes

The draft **Heritage Strategy for Stroud District** was published in July and is out for consultation until 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017. Councillor Brian Cairns is reviewing this on behalf of Dursley Town Council (DTC).

No comments had yet been received on the draft **Basic Conditions Statement** and **Sustainability Matrix** which had been shared with Stroud District Council (SDC). Anita will follow this up.

The **revised note**, of the meeting held on 21 June with **developers Bell Cornwell regarding Land off Shakespeare** had been placed on the website and sent to Bell Cornwell.

Anita has discussed with Leah how the Tourism Networking Group had used **Survey Monkey**. It had been used to consult on a name for the Network. A more detailed discussion about the format for the Regulation 14 consultation would be held at the September SG meeting.

SDC has completed the consultation in respect of the planning application for the proposed Long Street Car Park. DTC is awaiting a decision.



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## 4. Local Green Spaces Report

The SG reviewed the initial Local Green Space Designation Evidence Report which had been drafted by Place and added to by Anita.

Each proposed Local Green Space Designation (LGSD) was reviewed against the evidence which had been collected. The SG had already agreed that the nine proposed (LGSD) meet the criteria in Paragraph 77 of the national Planning Policy Framework.

**Land off Acacia Drive** had received strong support for LGSD through the NDP leaflet responses but very few returns from the letter drop to the houses and flats which surround this land. A query was raised as to whether this land should be supported as a green space in view of the lack of responses to the letter drop. However, the SG noted that the number of response does not mean there is no interest and **decided to support this LGSD**. This site is also included in the SDC Strategic Assessment of Land Availability (SALA 2016) ref DUR002.

**Cambridge Avenue** had received strong support in respect of LGSD. It was noted that only the small tarmacked equipped play area in the centre is protected by SDC Local Plan policies. The SG agreed the importance for the whole area to be protected from development through a LGSD.

**Highfields Play Park and Field** had received strong support through the NDP leaflet returns as a LGSD. Only two responses had been received from the letter drop. It was noted that this green space lies outside the settlement boundary. The SG agreed to support this LGSD.

**War Memorial Recreation Ground** had received strong support from both the letter drop and NDP leaflet responses to this LGSD. The value of the recreation ground was agreed. However, it was noted that LGSD would make recreation and amenity improvements to this space in future difficult as these would be defined as development. The SG **do not** support LGSD for the WMRG for the above reason.

**Kingshill House Play Park and Field** received a good response from both the letter drop and NDP leaflet returns as a LGSD. The SG also support this green space designation.

**Land off Hardings Drive** received substantial support from both the letter drop and NDP leaflet responses. Whilst this area already has significant protection from development due to it being outside the settlement boundary and within the Cotswold Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. It is also important in terms of landscape character, tranquillity, wildlife habitat and views in and out of the town.



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**Holywell Orchard (the part which is in the Dursley parish)** received a good response in support as LGSD from the NDP leaflet, but a low response from the letter drop. This site is also included in the SDC SALA 2016 DUR021. The SG support this land as a LGSD.

**Union Street Green** received strong support for LGSD from NDP leaflet responses and some supportive responses to the letter drop. The SG support this site as a LGSD but noted that Union Street Green is fairly steep so less of a play area than some of the other proposed LGSDs.

**Long Street Town Green** received good support for LGSD from NDP responses and some support from responses to the letter drop. This green space already has Town Green status. The SG would also like this space to be awarded LGSD status as well.

## 5. Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitat Regulations Assessment

Further to the comments received from Historic England (HE) and SDC on the assessment of the draft plan to determine whether a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) are required. Cleo has reviewed the advice from HE and SDC and suggested the following revisions to the draft plan to accommodate this.

- Planning Policy DS1 had been revised so that it was no longer applicable to just the potential development locations within the development strategy.
- The potential development locations had been renamed as potential areas for enhancement and relevant policies linked to the views from the local community about how they would like to see these areas improved.

The SG agreed to accept the changes Cleo had recommended for the draft NDP.

## 6. Health Check Reviewer Proposed by Neighbourhood Planning Independent Examiner Referral Service

The SG reviewed the CV for the individual who had been recommended by NPIERS to undertake the health check for the draft NDP. The SG noted the person's wealth of relevant experience in neighbourhood planning and agreed to accept the recommendation. Anita would contact the person.

## 7. NDP Consultation

- a. The note of consultation at Carnival Dursley held on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2017, had been circulated to SG members on 17<sup>th</sup> July. There had been lots of interest from residents in the NDP and strong support for the proposed local green space



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designations. The letter from Rae Bolsher, published in the Gazette on 20<sup>th</sup> July which urged local residents to comment on the draft plan was noted.

- b. The SG agreed to the proposal not to attend the Transition Cam and Dursley Flower and Produce Show on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2017 due to the amount of consultation already undertaken and as the feedback on the draft plan has been consistent. It was also noted that there would be a further round of consultation shortly as part of the Regulation 14 stage in of developing the NDP.

8. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017 in Jacob's House. This will be chaired by Mel Laybourne.