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Future Dursley Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) Minutes of Steering Group Meeting 7pm 12 April 2017

Present: Chair, Nick Organ, Dursley Resident, Councillor Sue Creswick, Councillor Neil Grecian, Councillor Wendy Thomas, Mike Johnson, Dursley Resident, Anita Gambie (Dursley Town Council).

1. Apologies for absence

Krystyna Dembny (Dursley Resident), Leah Wellings (Dursley Resident), Gayle Collins (Dursley Resident), Councillor Mel Laybourne, Jonathan Bird (Dursley Resident)

2. Minutes from 1 March 2017

The Minutes were agreed.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes

There is still one outstanding **Members Interest Form**.

The draft Heritage Strategy from SDC has not yet been published.

4. Feedback from meeting with Simon Maher Neighbourhood Planning Officer at SDC

Leah and Anita had met with Simon on 14th March 2017 to discuss the draft NDP and to request that SDC get the initial screening for a Habitat Regulations Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment underway.

5. Update from consultation on working draft version of the NDP

a. Site Visit to Potential Development Location 1 – Old Dairy/Prospect Place and 11 May Lane

Jonathan Bird (NDP Representative) Cleo Newcombe-Jones (Planning Consultant) and Anita Gambie (Dursley Town Council) met Pippa and Conrad Moore (Dursley Residents) on 17 March to discuss concerns they had raised about two policies and the design principles for potential development location 1 in the draft NDP. The meeting was followed by a site visit to get a better understanding of the issues raised in their correspondence.



As a result of the meeting and site visit we agreed to:

- Amend Location 1: Old Dairy, Prospect Place and 11 May Lane in the development strategy map so that their garden was no longer included.
- Revise the wording of the principles in the development strategy to take account of the issues they raised related to vehicle access to the site, building heights, landscape setting and level changes in the land.
- Add some wording to the update note in the Dursley Urban Design Framework 2007, to articulate that the secondary pedestrian and vehicular links proposed in Figure 6 for Prospect Place are not achievable without the landowners consent.

Comments on the policies Environment and Sustainability Policy 1 and Development Strategy Policy 1 will be considered when all the policies are reviewed following further comments we receive on the draft plan. The deadline for these is 26th May.

b. Briefing session for Councillors

An interactive briefing session for Councillors which took the form of a quiz on the NDP was held on 4th April 2017. Feedback from participants was positive and Councillors who are not members of the Steering Group felt they were better informed about the NDP.

Anita had also met Dursley District Councillor Doina Cornell on 11 April 2017 to update her on progress being made with the NDP.

6. Amendments, Revisions and updates to the draft plan

Anita reported that all the maps in the plan were now complete.

The SG reviewed the draft plan and in discussion the following points were made:

- Page 11 – the photographs for Littlecombe Business Park and Drake House are too dark. A query was raised about whether these pictures could be made lighter using the computer software that is being used to produce the plan. The picture of Drake House should be cropped so that there is less road and more of the office building.
- Page 16 – The top photo of May Lane is too dark.
- Page 18 – The photo of Reliance House at the bottom of the page needs to be lighter. The top photo of Reliance House needs to be replaced with another picture.
- Page 24 – The photo of Castle Street (top left) and the Broadwell (bottom right) needs to be lighter.



Anita would contact Cleo to check whether all these photographs could be made lighter using her software package.

Wendy has offered to proof read a final version of the draft plan.

7. Evidence gathering for the proposed local green space designations

The Town Council's Green Spaces Committee had considered the written request from the Steering Group for Kingshill House Play Park and the War Memorial Recreation Ground to be nominated as Local Green Spaces in the NDP. The committee had agreed the nomination for the Kingshill House Play Park but not for the War Memorial Recreation Ground as they felt the 'Rec' could benefit from improvements to recreational and community facilities in the future. They did not want to restrict the potential of the Recreation Ground by designating it as a Local Green Space at this time.

The Steering Group noted the letter, map and pro forma which would be delivered to residents living next to the nine proposed local green space designations. These were based upon the templates provided by Place Studio.

8. Stroud District Council Landscape Sensitivity Assessment

A link to SDC's Landscape Sensitivity Assessment (LSA) had been circulated to the Steering Group. The LSA had been undertaken by Stroud District Council to help inform the Strategic Assessment of Land Availability (SALA) 2016. The SG reviewed the maps for Dursley which had been assessed in terms of their sensitivity in respect of future housing and employment development.

The SG asked whether they could have an opportunity to comment on this report. Anita would contact SDC to find out.

9. Project Timetable

The updated project timetable was noted.

10. Draft Assessment of NDP to sustainable development

This item had been added to the agenda. The assessment had been prepared by Place Studio and the SG reviewed this briefly. In discussion the following points were made:

- Should the period covered be 2016 -2031 rather than 2017-2031 – the same period as the draft plan.



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- The objective related to the canal under the Transport and Accessibility Topic should be removed as this is not relevant to Dursley.
- There is no reference to monitoring the contribution of the NDP to sustainable development over the lifetime of the plan.

11. Date and Chair of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 17 May and will be chaired by Mike Johnson.