



FUTURE DURSLEY

Our Neighbourhood Plan

Future Dursley Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) Minutes of steering Group meeting 7pm 24th January 2018

Present: Jonathan Bird (Chair and Dursley Resident), Councillor Sue Creswick, Mike Johnson (Dursley Resident), Councillor Neil Grecian, Krystyna Dembny (Dursley Resident), Nick Organ (Dursley Resident), Anita Gambie (Dursley Town Council).

1. Apologies for absence

Councillor Wendy Thomas and Councillor Mel Stennett

2. Minutes from 15th November 2017

The Minutes were agreed.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

4. Stroud District Council's Screening Report Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Habitats Regulations Assessment Report

The Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) had been circulated to Steering Group members prior to the meeting. The report from SDC confirms that the Dursley NDP is unlikely to give rise to significant environmental effects which would require an SEA, or have significant effects on European Designated Sites that would require consideration under the Habitats Directive. This determination had been arrived at in agreement with statutory consultees.

5. Regulation 14 Consultation Activities

The 'drop-in' session for the NDP Regulation 14 consultation held at **Dursley Library on Tuesday 5th December 2017, (3.30-6.30)** had been fairly quiet. Many of the people, Jonathan and Anita spoke to were not local residents and had travelled into the town from surrounding villages to use the library.



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The 'drop-in' session for the NDP Regulation 14 consultation held in the **Sainsbury's Foyer on Saturday 6th January 2018 (9.30 – 12.30)** had been very busy. Anita, Krystyna, Neil and Sue had spoken to over 40 people about all aspects of the NDP.

Comments made by individuals and the NDP responses are recorded in the consultation feedback spreadsheet which will be available on the NDP pages of the Town Council website within the next month.

6. Regulation 14 Responses from Statutory Consultees

All **statutory consultees** on the list provided by SDC had been sent a letter and feedback form in November with a link to the pre-submission version of the draft plan. This is a mandatory requirement of the Regulation 14 consultation process.

Responses had been received from:

- Natural England
- Environment Agency
- Historic England
- Gloucestershire County Council
- Stroud District Council
- Highways England
- Sports England
- Cam Parish Council
- Slimbridge parish Council

Comments made by statutory organisations and the NDP responses are recorded in a spreadsheet which will be available on the NDP pages of the Town Council website within the next month.

The detailed Regulation 14 response from **Stroud District Council** was noted. The SG discussed all the points raised in the correspondence from Stroud and agreed a full response to these would be prepared in conjunction with an advisory note which will be provided from Place Studio whose advice on these comments had also been sought.

7. Detailed Regulation 14 Consultation Responses

The SG reviewed both the response from **Tracy Organ** and guidance note from Place Studio. They agreed with the suggestion to revisit the preamble wording to the landscape policy as part of a final round of revisions to the plan before this is submitted as part of Regulation 15 to SDC. They did not agree to include a reference to Agricultural land grades around Dursley as none of the Agricultural land surrounding the town is higher than 3A.



The SG reviewed the response which had been sent by **Luke and Carol Wilson** and advice from Place Studio. They agreed that it would not be possible to have a specific statement related to Ferney and no other area/street in the NDP. The SG did agree to amend the wording of the Project 'Valuing Our Conservation Areas', which would allow for other areas of the town to be assessed as potential Conservation Areas. The information the Wilsons provided would become part of the NDP evidence base.

The Regulation 14 Consultation response from **Bell Cornwell** was also discussed by the SG. Place Studio had also provided advice with the feedback to this. Both documents are available as a separate attachment to these Minutes.

8. Updated Project Timetable

The updated Project Timetable was noted. The SG is working towards submitting the following documents to SDC in **March** to fulfil the requirements of Regulation 15.

- A map or statement which identifies the area to which the proposed neighbourhood development plan relates;
- A consultation statement
- The proposed NDP
- A statement explaining how the proposed neighbourhood development plan meets the requirements of paragraph 8 of Schedule 4B to the 1990 Act (Basic Conditions Statement).

It is estimated that the Regulation 16 Consultation and Independent Examination will be held between April – June with a parish referendum held in the Summer.

9. To note the date and chair of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 14 March** at 7pm in Jacob's House and chaired by Nick Organ.