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Our Neighbourhood Plan

Future Dursley Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) Minutes of Steering Group Meeting 7pm 14th March 2018

Present: Nick Organ (Chair and Dursley Resident), Councillor Sue Creswick, Gayle Collins (Dursley Resident), Councillor Neil Grecian, Anita Gambie, (Dursley Town Council).

1. Apologies for absence

Councillor Wendy Thomas, Mike Johnson (Dursley Resident), Krystyna Dembny (Dursley Resident), Jonathan Bird (Dursley Resident), Councillor Mel Stennett.

2. Minutes from 24th January 2018

The Minutes were agreed.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

4. SDC Response to proposed Local Green Space Designations

We have received a response from Alison Fisk, Head of Property Services at Stroud District Council (SDC) regarding the proposed Local Green Space Designations (LGSD) for those green spaces owned by the DC. They support the proposed LGSD for Cambridge Avenue Play Area, Long Street Town Green, Union Street Green and Holywell Orchard (part within the Dursley Parish Boundary). They would like these to be formally transferred to Dursley Town Council. We have asked SDC to clarify what form they envisage this transfer to take i.e. transfer of assets or lease agreement.

SDC have objected to the proposed LGSD for Highfields Play Park and Field and Land off Acacia Drive. We have asked SDC to let us know the basis for their objection to these LGSDs.

5. Regulation 14 Consultation - Final schedule of detailed comments and responses.

All comments and written representations received as part of the Regulation 14 Consultation have been captured in two spreadsheets. The first covers comments received from residents, visitors and businesses, the second contains comments from statutory consultees. Detailed written representations are described in the comments schedule.



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These had been updated since the SG meeting in January. The two key changes were the completion of the NDP response to the comments from residents, visitors and businesses. The second was a final response to the comments from Stroud DC following the SGs' review of these in January and advice from Place Studio. Anita had reviewed both the SGs' comments and those from Place Studio and confirmed that there were no major differences between the two sets. The draft plan has been amended as a result of this process.

Nick asked SG members to confirm they were content with this process. All confirmed they were.

This Regulation 14 Consultation results has been posted on the NDP pages of the Town Council's website.

6. Submission Version of the Draft Plan

The Steering Group reviewed the submission version of the draft plan. Anita informed the group that further amendments were still required in respect of the list of all the evidence. The SG confirmed they were happy with the content but concerns were expressed about some of aspects of the design.

Specific comments were made about how difficult it is to read the content of the blue boxes with the white text as the justification of the content is too far to the left. Some of the photos would benefit from being lighter and theme headings could be bolder. Work on improving the clarity of the maps which have deteriorated since earlier versions of the plan is also underway.

Gayle's kindly offered to reformat the document using the InDesign software which she and her husband use in their own design consultancy business. Anita would arrange for her to receive the document file in the relevant format.

7. Draft Consultation Statement

The Steering Group reviewed the Draft Consultation Statement. The amount of work that had been put into this was noted and they thanked Leah for the time she had spent on this. There is still further work to do in drawing all the results into the one document.

8. Updated Project Timetable

There had been one minor amendment to the Project Timetable which was to change the Submission Date from March to April. Reviewing all the comments and written submission from the Regulation 14 Consultation feedback had taken longer than anticipated.



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9. Feedback from presentation by Lois Taylor, Rural Housing Enabler at Gloucestershire Rural Community Council

Nick had attended the presentation held on 20th February at DTCs Planning Committee given by Lois Taylor Rural, Rural Housing Enabler at Gloucestershire Rural Community Council on her role and the work of the Council to help facilitate community-led housing. The presentation covered the different approaches and types of housing, Community Land Trusts, examples of projects in Stroud (e.g. Eastington and Nailsworth), how GRCC could help and the benefits to the community. The slides from the presentation had been circulated to all NDP SG members prior to the meeting.

10. The New National Planning Policy Framework (Draft for consultation)

A copy of the 'Planning Local Newsletter' was given to SG members. It has a useful summary of the new National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF -draft for consultation) written from the town and parish council perspective. It was noted that this revised NPPF gives a clear message that NDPs are meant to deliver the fine grain of the planning authority's strategic policies and may 'shape and direct' non- strategic development.

11. To note the date and chair of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 16th May at 7pm in Jacob's House and will be chaired by Neil Grecian.