

Meeting: Mirfield Town Council Neighbourhood Planning Group and KC

Civic Centre 1 Thursday 20th June 2019

Present: Johanna Scrutton, Amanda Potter, Philip Tolson, Cllr Martin Bolt, Cheryl Tyler, David Gluck (planning consultant), Christine Sykes

Apologies: Sarah Smith

1. Introductions.
2. The group went through the skeleton draft plan so that the Council could give initial feedback. The main points were:
 - ensure that the vision is positively worded;
 - ensure the plan clearly differentiates between actions/aspirations for the town council and land use policies in the neighbourhood plan;
 - Page 10 – if these age groupings are going to be used, explain why;
 - Themes – all themes should carry equal weight;
 - Ensure green belt policies are acknowledged;
 - The council can supply plans of potential allocations if required;
 - The Design Statement may need to be updated, and should ideally be included as part of the neighbourhood plan document, not a stand-alone document;
 - A possible alternative to designating a conservation area could be a ‘heritage area’ – the neighbourhood plan cannot be used to promote an idea – that would be a town council aspiration;
 - Including the listed building schedule in the document may lead to confusion.
3. JS: make sure that policies are backed up by evidence. There are many Local Plan supporting evidence documents available on the Local Plan webpage. In addition the group can request information from Kirklees.
4. JS pointed the group to the Service Level Agreement in terms of the support that can be expected from Planning. We can also help with the production of plans if required.
5. JS stated that the project plan was very helpful, but to ensure, especially for sections 33 onwards, that sufficient time was factored in to allow for council and parish council timetables.
6. AP pointed the group to the Brownfield Land Register on the council’s website.

Actions

1. AP to send pdf plan to Christine Sykes – done.
2. AP/JS to send information about the possibility of using S106 money from the proposed development (current application) at Granny Lane on the provision of health care services – done.
3. JS to contact other neighbourhood planning groups in Kirklees to ask if they are willing to allow JS to forward their contact details to the Mirfield neighbourhood planning group – in progress.