

**FORTY FIFTH MEETING OF THE MIRFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN GROUP AT  
MIRFIELD LIBRARY AT 13:00 HOURS ON 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2024**

**PRESENT**

Louise Kirkup (of Kirkwell's Town Planning Consultants Burnley), Stuart Naisbett (Deputy Mayor of Mirfield), Christine Sykes (Note Taker), Philip Tolson (Mirfield Town Council), Cheryl Tyler (Facilitator), Jacob Parker-Henry and Sarah Smith (Kirklees Planning Department).

**APOLOGIES**

Johanna Scrutton (Kirklees Planning Department).

**DISCUSSIONS AROUND THE 2022-2031 PRE-SUBMISSION CONSULTATION DRAFT (V3)  
KIRKLEES COUNCIL INFORMAL COMMENTS**

This was produced in 2022 shortly after the previous Consultant submitted the Third Draft of the Mirfield Neighbourhood Plan. It was discussed on a later occasion; but because of the time lapse, and the new eyes on the matter, Louise Kirkup has gone through it, and added her comments. Pages 1-14 of 30 were discussed at the previous meeting; so pages 15-23 were scrutinised.

**AOB**

- The Local Plan Timetable along with The Statement of Community Involvement will be going to Kirklees Cabinet on 12<sup>th</sup> March. The current 2019 Local Plan will remain in place until the update is inspected and adopted. The updated Local Plan is unlikely to be published before completion of the Mirfield Neighbourhood Plan.
- Some of the actions relating to the Draft Plan indicated by the Consultant have been addressed
- The Mirfield Promenade is now defunct; but the area covered by this is still mentionable using the name Canal Corridor.
- It was agreed that amendments to the notes would be done in a way that they could easily be identified.

**ACTION POINTS**

- Sarah Smith to distribute an electronic version of the updated map that was given out at the meeting.
- This map dated 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024 to replace the one in the Draft Plan
- Louise Kirkup to look again at Policy GE4 Biodiversity & Habitats. Some Developers have to contribute towards biodiversity studies.
- Stuart Naisbett & Philip Tolson to co-ordinate actions related to the need for a Youth Survey to support the 2015 Survey discussed at the previous meeting. This was to have been implemented by Helen Butler & Lyndsay Wroe (latter now not involved in this work). The Pandemic put a halt to this and has never been advanced. Target audience to cover Secondary School ages in order to eliminate complications.
- Cheryl Tyler & Christine Sykes to update the Local Greenspace Assessment (Appendix 1 in the Draft Plan) by removing all sites already featured in the Local Plan. Supporting text to be included in order to explain that they are not featured because of this. Those previously overlooked, to be added. More descriptions are required; but only three criteria necessary:
  - a) in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;
  - b) demonstrably special to a local community, and holds a particular local significance, eg because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife;
  - c) local in character; and is not an extensive tract of land.

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March in Mirfield Library's upstairs room at 1pm