

**THIRTY NINTH MEETING OF THE MIRFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN GROUP AT 2PM**  
**ON WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023 AT MIRFIELD LIBRARY**

**PRESENT**

Nick Beedie (Technical Support), Amanda Potter & Sarah Smith (Kirklees Planners), Christine Sykes (Note Taker) and Cheryl Tyler (Facilitator).

**APOLOGIES**

Johanna Scrutton

**DESIGN CODE**

NB had provided a summary of the proposed key changes to the Design Code, which will be attached to the notes. The contents of which were discussed as follows:

- It was agreed that a Summary of the Design Aims would become part of the Vision in front of the document. This was with the intention of the Vision flowing into the Plan as previously advised.
- The Design Code should be a stand-alone evidence document
- Diagrams & images are desirable
- We must ensure that any future development benefits the town
- The Character & Focus Areas have been separated. Each Character Area needs its own code because each has different considerations; & will need to be separately mapped by the Planners.
- Policy choices need to be identified
- Advised not to be too prescriptive; but statements should not be open to interpretation
- Policies won't be required if they are already in the Local Plan. Only items of added value need to be included
- We need to avoid the word 'must'; but wording would expect justification
- The contents list will have fewer chapters and will be simplified by NB
- We can support the Local Plan items that we agree with
- Think about the Design Aims and consider how it would link to a policy

**TECHNICAL SUPPORT'S BRIEF**

NB to supply to CS who will forward it to the Planners

**ACTIONS**

- Does MTC have a Climate Energy Policy?
- A Glossary is a good idea
- NB to update the draft
- Local Plan is due for review in February 2024. This could affect our considerations
- CS & CT to investigate where MTC is at regarding the promised Consultation Event, given that the last one was 18<sup>th</sup> January 2020
- Consultation Statement required