

**THIRTY SECOND MEETING OF THE MIRFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN GROUP**  
**ON TEAMS**  
**21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2021@19:00 HOURS (ADJOURNED FROM 14<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY)**

**PRESENT**

David Gluck (Consultant), John Roberts, Christine Sykes, Philip Tolson and Cheryl Tyler  
The meeting was hosted by Nick Beedie (Principal Urban Designer).

**APOLOGIES**

Martyn Bolt

**THE DRAFT DESIGN CODE DOCUMENT DISTRIBUTED AFTER THE MEETING HELD 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2020**

NB said that he had received some feedback. The document needs to be ready for submission to Locality by 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021.

Once completed it will have the practical effect of raising design quality; thus allowing developers to create a good environment for the neighbourhood.

The character codes for overarching guidance are:

1. Historic Core
2. Urban
3. Industrial
4. Suburban
5. Conservation Areas (Upper Hopton)
6. Rural/Semi-rural

PT thanked him for the work he's done

Action Points

*NB to send guidance for attachment to the notes*

**HISTORIC CORE**

DG's map that outlined the areas of the historic core was discussed with particular emphasis on the Doctor Lane area. The areas identified so far are Battayeford, Little London, Northorpe, Towngate, Knowle, Lower Hopton & Upper Hopton (Conservation Area).

CS suggested it be extended to include the St Mary's Heritage site where the ancient Motte & Bailey was located. This was the location of the original town centre before industrialisation necessitated a move to the river valley.

NB wondered if greenspace should be included no matter how small the area.

DG agreed that the logic would be to include it all.

Action Points

*NB to send a copy for attachment to the notes*

*Team to look at it more closely*

**DRAFT DESIGN CODE TABLES**

NB showed a screen shot of these. Each topic needs to be looked at, and an attempt should be made to summarise all aspects.

Exceptional building is a topic to be encouraged. A discussion ensued as to the buildings known to the team to have failed in that particular, including Castle Mount, the use of Bradstone and the parade of shops opposite the Co-op car park. NB wondered if there was a local district awareness guide related to shop fronts. DG suggested developing a policy around this subject.

JR said that in these times it could be that the use of the town centre buildings could be expanded to consider multi-functional usage. Turning our backs on the main roads to utilise the rear spaces like Skipton has, is also an idea.

CT said that Mirfield deserved a more attractive town centre and suggested that it would be nice to be able to walk to the shops under a canopy. NB said that there was key frontage along car parks that could be used to create small scale opportunities for development. CT said that 'Phoenix' shops were a useful and innovative addition to some shopping areas.

NB asked about a Market Area. He was advised that the Black Bull had market rights and one was held in the space where the disabled car parking now is since the building was converted to a Tesco.

We may also need to look at adapting patterns of the use of outdoor space which is currently dominated by car traffic. Consideration could be given to making roads more comfortable for pedestrians and cyclists with opportunities for more greenery & tree planting.

#### Action Points

*Team to send details of divisive development examples to NB*

*NB to send a town Centre Plan*

*Team to insert an X where it is considered that improvement is needed.*

#### **PLAN FOR NEXT MEETING**

NB will start feeding through draft material

The time frame for comments is to be two weeks.

He will produce a final document once all reviews are completed in readiness for proof reading at the meeting

**NEXT MEETING:** By Teams hosted by Nick Beedie on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm