

Neighbourhood Plan (NP) Working Party meeting Tuesday 10th November 2020 at 2.30pm via Zoom

Present: David Jury (DJ), M Steart (MS) and P Smith (PS)
Mrs V Woodhouse, Executive Officer (EO)

Apologies: Cllr I Crawford

MS apologised that he had not been able to undertake the work ahead of the meeting due to work commitments, but he had set some time aside this week. The group understood and it was agreed to postpone the meeting until next week.

DJ explained that he had been trying to bring together his and PS's work, there was a feeling amongst the group that good progress on reviewing the plan had been made.

PS explained that he had added in extra development opportunities to the map as a way of trading off the Yelland Power Station site towards the 5-year land supply and asked if it would be legally feasible. It was agreed that this would be a conflict to the Local Plan.

MS explained that the 5-year land supply is district wide and this parish alone will never meet that, therefore, any development should look to deliver the communities aims. A wish list needs to be collated as outcomes of the Neighbourhood Plan to address "what do we want the parish to look like at the end", the survey data needs to be looked at to ascertain the aspirations of the community.

It was agreed that the plan needs to acknowledge the interests of the community. The point needs to be made that NDC has challenged planning applications which have been approved at appeal and then there is no community benefit. The community needs to be made aware that we can resist sites that are not suitable for development by providing others.

MS reported that he would circulate SWOT analysis after Wednesday. MS explained that PS had marked further woodland on the environment map and asked for clarification on some of the other areas that have been marked. PS confirmed that these are areas where renewable energy schemes could be considered and there needs to be some high level aims to tackle climate change in the plan. It was agreed to include sites for renewable energy. It was further agreed to pull the "green wedge" eastwards to allow for a Yelland Hub and to extend the "green wedge" as shown in the LP as indicated on the maps by PS and to call these areas "strategic gaps". It was noted that the land to the north of the Tarka Trail is a transmission zone to the biosphere and agreed to add footpaths and bus routes to a map.

The group felt it would be in a position to report back to the Steering Group on the work they had undertaken in mid-December and it was agreed to arrange a Steering Group meeting for the 15th December to present to the Steering Group. The working group would meet again on the 1st December to further develop the material to present back.

Meeting ended at 3.30pm.