

Neighbourhood Plan (NP) Working Party meeting Wednesday 17th March 2021 at 10.30am via Zoom

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

VW updated the working party on the feedback from the Full Council Meeting held on 8th March 2021 and the amendments agreed by the Parish Council. The working party was further informed that once the draft has been amended accordingly the Parish Council has agreed for the Steering Group to proceed with opening a consultation with developers, landowners, and agents to identify possible development sites to provide the deliverables identified within chapter 9 for consideration by the Parish Council, however the Parish Council does not wish for the formal public consultation of the draft Neighbourhood Plan to take place until restrictions are lifted and physical consultation events can take place.

DJ confirmed that he would amend the document accordingly and the group agreed that the Chairman of the Council would have to sign off to the Forward in due course. DJ asked if there is a document to evidence how the traffic has been measured in response to the following comment “Page 14 – members challenged the wording in this paragraph Cllr Biederman as County Cllr felt that the traffic has been measured in the parish on several occasions” and if the comment about protecting the views along Yelland straight could be clarified with Cllr Biederman.

The working party discussed the comment “Consideration to be given to removing the land to the North of the Army Camp which could be included to provide development land and off-site car park for Fremington Quay” in relation to where development could be accommodated in relation to flood plains and sea levels.

The group was informed that a developer had approached the Parish Council and would like to present a development proposal to the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. The group felt that consultation with developers, land agents and landowners would need to follow a similar process to that of the SHLAA and have an official opening date and deadline with the results feedback to the Parish Council following the closing date. The process should be advertised and forms of publicity such as the Parish Council’s website, Facebook page, noticeboards and direct emails to developers were discussed. It was also noted that groups such as the RSPB and 361 energy should be consulted in due course. It was noted that the “call for sites” would not just be for residential sites it would also be for employment land and renewable energy and this would need to be made clear.

The group was informed that the medical centre would like sight of the draft plan and it was agreed to forward once amended appropriately.

MS reported that the statutory consultees were represented on the SHLAA including the Highways Authority and Environment Agency and there is an opportunity to engage and invite these agencies for a wider input. NDC has a duty to support the Parish Council and Steering Group through the process it was agreed to approach

NDC to ascertain the process for consulting and present the draft to date to the appropriate Planning Officer(s).

Actions:

- DJ to update the document following PC comments and circulate.
- MS to contact NDC to organise a meeting to discuss the progress to date, draft document and consultation process.
- VW to clarify the Yelland straight comment with the Parish Council.

Meeting ended at 11.35am.