

Note of Eye Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group -7th March 2018.

Present: Peter Gould (chair), Andrew Evitt, Michael Burke, Richard Berry, Guy McGregor, Simon Hooton.

Andy Robinson in support

Apologies: None

Main points:

1. Housing needs survey - it was noted that CAS had not agreed to make the changes that ETC had requested to the questionnaire and that an alternative provider for this service is being sought.

2. Communications-it was noted that the Town website has not yet been amended to include the opportunity to comment on the NP.

3. Evidence base- AR reported that the results of a consultation in 2013 as a follow up to the parish plan (2009) would be added to the evidence base. He asked steering group members to come back with any comments on the current draft. Guy asked for another copy to be sent to him. (Done)

4- Community Assets - AR reported that the facilities survey had yet to be returned by the Community Centre, The Bank, the Volunteer Centre and the Bowls Club (the Community Centre has since returned). AR clarified that the information collected from the survey and from the current round of stakeholder events would help to identify both infrastructure improvement priorities and assets of community value which the District Council would be asked record on its register.

5-Infrastructure Discussion paper-it was noted that no progress was being made with MSDC regarding either an active partnership approach or some actions to address the deficit in funding that Eye would experience because of its (MSDC's) decision on s106, the 2015 lack of decision on NP designation and the subsequent effect of that on CIL. AR recommended that a FoI request be made to release the viability assessments on the 280 dwellings south of Eye Airfield. He also recommended that a complaint be made in relation to the District Council officers' refusal to address the effect of the non-decision on the 2015 NP designation regarding the level of CIL funding likely to be available to the Town Council. These actions were agreed but should only be effected after MB has the opportunity to seek to address the issues from within the Council.

SH queried Table 3 of the paper –should it be site led or infrastructure needs led? It was agreed that the approach being taken was to identify infrastructure improvement opportunities and the level of growth needed to achieve them. This would enable the Town to come to a view about the improvements they wanted and how much development they were willing to accept to achieve them. The table therefore need to be reversed. AR to action.

6. Sites for assessment- these were agreed subject to adding an eastern extension to site 1 (AECOM informed).

7. Housing Needs Assessment-the research questions were agreed with the addition suggested by Geoffrey Randell (AECOM informed).

8. Lead areas - SH's papers on landscape and green energy were welcomed. They provide a template for other topic area leads. The positive response from SCC Highway staff to a request for a meeting was noted. AR to liaise with GMG to arrange. AR undertook to develop a questionnaire for the Airfield firms in liaison with MB who leads on this and MSDC economic development staff.

9. Community Engagement- AR to email the SG with the events he would like support for. It was agreed that an engagement event around the Annual Town meeting provided a good opportunity to start the second round of engagement on the key diagram etc. (22/5/18).

10. Branding- was chosen.

11. Victoria Mill - a circulated paper was discussed and agreed as an accurate summary of the current position. The recommended establishment of a community land sub group was agreed and that Geoffrey Randall and Caroline Pickering should be asked to join it. SH raised concerns about the lack of publicity given to ETC's decision to investigate the future use of the land. It was pointed out that this decision was taken in public and the availability of the minutes advertised. Also the use of the site had been consulted on in the drop in consultation on the local plan held in September and that the future of the site and the potential development of other sites would all be put to the people of Eye at various stages during the preparation of the NP.

AR 9/3/2018