Eye Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

9th May 2018

Present:

From ETC - Peter Gould – Chair, Andrew Evitt, Michael Burke, Guy McGregor. Andy Robinson in support.

From MSDC – Robert Hobbs and Paul Bryant.

Apologies:

Richard Berry and Simon Hooton.

Main Points:

1. The Joint Local Plan timetable – Reg 18 stage (options) September 2018; Reg 19 stage (formal draft for submission) January 2019; Submission for Examination March 2019.

2. RH not able to comment on ETC’s response re market town status and other matters at this time.


4. ETC to consider preferred Examiner and whether to have a pre submission check.

5. Planning applications for 126 and 20 houses submitted to MSDC. Lack of 5 year land supply make it difficult for MSDC to refuse. Local Plan not advanced enough for prematurity reason to be used.

6. ETC said they felt let down by MSDC whose failure to have an up to date local plan in place and to designate the Neighbourhood Plan area when formally requested to do so in 2013 has left the town unable to influence development to ensure appropriate scale, location, type and quality.

7. The potential that other owners of land currently being looked at in the Local and Neighbourhood Plan processes may also submit outline applications was also discussed. Deciding between competing sites might lead to a more constructive process which the Town could have more influence over.

8. MSDC considering giving NP areas housing targets.

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