

**Durham City Neighbourhood Planning Forum
Working Group Meeting, 5 September 2017, Miners' Hall**

1. Welcome and apologies

Present: John Ashby, Pippa Bell, Roger Cornwell (Chair), Ann Evans, Peter Jackson, John Lowe, Ros Ward.

Apologies: Sue Childs, David Miller, Matthew Phillips.

2. Notes of 22 August

- Some typos were corrected and the notes were agreed. **Sue** will post them on the website.

3. Date of the Consultation Launch

It was **agreed** that we should stick to **Friday 3 November at 6.00 in the Town Hall**. **John L** will book the venue and then inform Forum members.

4. Consultation Venues

The consultation will run until Friday 8 December. It was noted that Lumiere will take place Thursday 16 – Saturday 19 November.

The precise dates and times of the events will have to be decided in conjunction with information about the availability of venues. The following preliminary details were **agreed**:

- St John's, NX, 14.30 – 20.00 **Pippa** to book
- St Oswald's, Church St, 12.00 – 16.00 **Pippa** to book
- St Nicks', Market Place **John A** to book
- Wharton Park **John L** to book
- Ustinov College **John L** to book

Roger will check his slide presentation to see whether it contains suitable summary texts for the display boards.

5. Sustainability Assessments

It was **agreed** to use the template developed by Sue. **All** are asked to complete their assessments accordingly and circulate them, together with any suggested policy amendments, to the Working Group by **Friday 8 September**. The purpose of the exercise is to fine-tune the policies.

6. Primary and secondary retail areas

Roger distributed a map showing the existing areas and the following amendments were **agreed**:

- **Additional primary areas:**
 - Milburngate House redevelopment
 - North Road

- Saddler Street
- Magdalen Steps to the start of Elvet Bridge
- **Additional secondary areas:**
 - From the start of Elvet Bridge into Old and New Elvet where there are existing shops
 - Millennium Place / Walkergate
 - Back Silver Street / Fowler's Yard
 - Reform Place, Crossgate, Neville Street

7. NPF objection to the St Mary's Field development proposals

Our main objection is to the congestion caused by by large numbers of students entering / leaving the site at set times. The consultants' response to our objection simply refers to industry standards that they have applied. These are inappropriate for the particular circumstances. **Roger** will speak at the planning committee on Tuesday 12 September.

8. Redevelopment of Milburngate House

Concern was expressed that the development was proceeding very slowly and that the S106 agreement associated with the planning approval had not yet been completed.

9. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 19 September, 9.00 – 11 .00 in the Miners' Hall.