

Durham City Neighbourhood Plan Working Party 18 June 2019, Miners' Hall

1. Welcome and apologies

Present: John Ashby (Chair), Sue Childs, Ann Evans, Peter Jackson, John Lowe, John Pacey, Matthew Phillips.

Apologies: Pippa Bell, Roger Cornwell, David Miller, Angela Tracy.

2. Notes of working party meeting on 14 May 2019

- a) **Accuracy:** The notes were agreed and **Sue** will post them on the website.
- b) **Matters arising:** None

3. Report from the Parish Council

John A reported that:

- David and Angela had presented *Looking Forwards* to the PC on 23 May and all the committees were considering whether there were initiatives that they should promote.
- The PC was funding a part-time Neighbourhood Warden to deal with local issues.
- The PC would clean the bottom end of North Road.
- Crowd funding was sufficient to cover the DCC HQ judicial review costs to date.
- The PC was employing someone to obtain accurate statistics about HMOs.
- In response to a question about the role of the PC in finalising the Plan, John A replied that it would have to endorse the final version for submission to DCC.

4. Matters arising from the Regulation 14 Consultation

- Sue had circulated a brief numerical summary of the responses so far.
- Colleagues reported a good atmosphere at the drop-in events and the people in Gilesgate had appreciated the additional involvement.
- We had received support from the WHS for the heritage policies.
- We had received support from the Environment Agency.
- **Sue** will produce a categorisation document to enable us to consider all the responses, including those from ourselves, and decide on any amendments.
- This gave rise to a discussion about the extent of any amendments and the possibility that they could need further consultation. The consensus was that we should not make changes that required further consultation, but we shall have to see what the responses are.
- This gave rise to further discussion about the thoroughness of our consultation processes. It was noted that we have to submit a *Consultation Statement* to DCC and that this will be examined as part of the Regulation 16 consultation.
- It was **agreed** that our next agenda should include an item about the tasks and timetable necessary to complete the Plan. This needs to take account of the likely timetable for the County Durham Plan.

5. County Durham Plan

a) Draft being submitted to the Secretary of State

John P reported that the DCC Cabinet had approved the plan for submission and that it would be presented to the full Council tomorrow (19 June). No substantive changes had been made following the latest round of consultation. Concern was expressed that a further paper on the relief roads would be presented to members before the end of the year, but this would not be subject to consultation. John P has written to Ian Thompson about this. He also alerted colleagues to the fact that some representations made during the consultation had not been published in full on DCC's website. **All** should check their submissions.

b) Timetable

DCC hopes that the Examination in Public will take place in Autumn 2019 and the plan be adopted in Spring 2020. Our own timetable (See Item 4 above) needs to take account of this.

6. Any other business

- It was agreed that **John L** and **Sue** should make presentations about the Plan to DU's Lived Environment Sub-Group and to the Neville's Cross Community Association.
- John L reported that he had visited a very impressive Information Hub based at a library in York. Colleagues reported that there is also one in Barnard Castle.
- Sue reported that the Co-op Bank has finally closed our account and the balance of funds has been transferred to the PC to help with the costs of the consultation.

7. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 25 June** 2019 at 9.00 am at the Miners' Hall.