

Durham City Neighbourhood Plan Working Party 10 September 2019, Miners' Hall

1. Welcome and apologies

Present: John Ashby, Sue Childs, Roger Cornwell (Chair), Ann Evans, Peter Jackson, John Lowe, David Miller, Matthew Phillips.

Apologies: Pippa Bell, John Pacey, Angela Tracy.

In attendance: Carole Dillon (DCC)
Carole was welcomed to the meeting.

2. Notes of working party meeting on 3 September 2019

a) **Accuracy:** The notes were agreed and **Sue** will post them on the website.

b) **Matters arising:**

- Revised AECOM Report: John A, Roger and the Parish Clerk will visit Durham School to discuss the proposed extension of the Observatory Hill LGS.
- Claire Hattam has reviewed the revised report on behalf of DCC. Her comments are out of time and DCC recognises that, but it was **agreed** that **John A** would send her comments to AECOM to see whether they justified any amendments to their report. **John L** will copy Claire's comments to the Working Party members.
- **Ann** and **Sue** are meeting Carole and colleagues on 12 September to discuss the Heritage theme of the plan. **Pippa** and **John L** are meeting Carole on 16 September to discuss the Sustainability and Economy themes.
- Matthew reported that he had received helpful comments from Carole on the Transport theme. John A reported that he had similarly received helpful comments on the Housing theme.
- John L asked **ALL** for more material for inclusion in the *Consultation Statement*.

3. Theme by Theme Consideration of the Final Plan Text

All Theme Convenors are asked to send Sue the final red and green version without pictures. **ALL** are asked to send Sue a red and green version of any other chapters where they have made changes. The files must be clearly marked as FINAL.

Theme 1: This is complete pending a final discussion with Carole. The outcome will be reported to our meeting on 17 September.

Theme 2a: This will be completed following discussion with Carole and colleagues. The outcome will be reported to our meeting on 17 September.

Theme 2b: This is complete apart from the Parish Council's decision on Observatory Hill. **John A** is drafting some text to go to AECOM on behalf of the PC. If the extension to the LGS is not agreed, we need to ensure that at least the area originally proposed as LGS is retained and that existing protections for the area in the Durham City saved policies are preserved.

Theme 3: This is complete pending a final discussion with Carole. The outcome will be reported to our meeting on 17 September.

Theme 4: John A has responded positively to Carole's comments. There remains an issue for **John A** to resolve about the consistency of what is said about the possible re-purposing of PBSAs in Policies D2 and D4. There is also a question about the mention of St Aidan's College in D2 and the corresponding map.

Theme 5: **Matthew** reported that he had received a response from Carole who supported the amendments made last week. Additional supporting text is required to clarify "adverse impacts" and "minimise" in Policy T1. Additional supporting text has been provided to clarify Policies T2 a) and T3 a). Paragraph 4.232 needs to make clear that it is the responsibility of the Local Planning Authority to deal with planning obligations. Similarly, the final decision about extending the CPZ (Policy T2) rests with the LPA, but **Carole** will check the detailed requirements.

Theme 6: **Roger** outlined the detailed changes to the Community theme. In particular, the brief reference to public art that had been in Policy S1 was now given extended treatment in Policy C1. References have been added to the refurbishment of the Miners' Hall and the University's plans for a new concert venue. The reference to setting down and picking up passengers in Policies C1 and C2 needed deleting. The requirement for facilities now covered conversions as well as new buildings.

4. Comments from Carole Dillon

Theme 1: This will be given a final check on 16 September.

Theme 2a This will be reviewed on 12 September.

Theme 2b: Carole has only just received the latest version.

Theme 3: This will be checked on 16 September.

Theme 4: Feedback is complete.

Theme 5: Carole will check the CPZ issue.

Theme 6: Carole will check the latest version.

Sustainability Appraisal: DCC is awaiting further revision from AECOM

Consultation Statement: This is virtually complete and meets the requirements.

Carole noted that some examiners like to have hard copies of all documents. Sue confirmed that they can be provided if required.

5. Any other business

None

6. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be **Tuesday 17 September at 9.00 am in the Miners' Hall.**