

**Durham City Neighbourhood Planning Forum Working Group meeting,
9.30-11.30 am, 30 January 2018, Miners' Hall**

1. Welcome and apologies

Present: John Ashby, Sue Childs, Roger Cornwell (Chair), Alan Doig, Ann Evans, Peter Jackson, Matthew Phillips, Ros Ward.

Apologies: Pippa Bell, John Lowe, David Miller, Angela Tracy.

2. Notes of 23 January 2018

These were agreed, having been checked by **Pippa B** that Carole Dillon and Mike Allum were happy with them. **Sue C** can now put them up on the website.

3. Matters arising not on the agenda

Item 6: Proposed hotel on the corner of the former Milburngate House site. **Roger C** has written as agreed. He noted that, by the time a formal planning application is in front of Members, it is likely that the relevant policies of the Neighbourhood Plan will have acquired significant weight.

4. Categorisation of Themes 2(a) Built Heritage and (4) Housing

Ros W and Ann E had circulated a revised draft for Theme 2(a). **Roger C** will help Ann E with a computer issue. Sue C had circulated a revised draft for Theme 4. It was agreed that:

- Comments that we decide are outside the scope of the NP will be forwarded to the appropriate body/ies (or could be a new project).
- Entries under column 2 of the template will include the appropriate code 1 to 5 specified in the agreed protocol.
- Entries under column 3 of the template will be more specific as to the support or concern i.e. will say which Theme or policy and whether the Forum considers that wordings should be reviewed (see Sue's Theme 4 draft).
- Column 3 could be colour-coded: green for positive comment, red for negative comment.

All to comment to Sue C and John A on Theme 4 before next meeting so that it can be agreed ready for the start of the SEA process.

Ann E and **Ros W** will revise Theme 2(a) for circulation by next meeting (6 February). **All** to then comment to Ann E and Ros W by the following meeting (13 February) so that it can be agreed ready for the start of the SEA process.

It was agreed to hold back on working up categorisations for comments on the other Themes until we are sure that the model is correct.

The 28 documents sent as letters by email or surface mail will need to be referenced; **Sue C** will provide a list (now provided and attached). The contents of these documents will need to be represented in key sentences and included into the categorisation tables.

5. Timetable for Workshops

Carole Dillon has offered 22 February for the SEA workshop including Historic England. **Ros W** will reply confirming this date and that the 'guinea pig' or exemplar themes are 2(a) and 4. **Ros W** will also request a schedule of dates as soon as possible following the SEA workshop for meetings with appropriate County Council officers (and where appropriate Durham University, Historic England or other bodies) to discuss principles and details of changes to the Draft Plan, Theme by Theme.

It was agreed that there should be a positive and reasonable approach in all discussions with DCC and others, recognising that differences of approach should be reconciled wherever possible but that there will be some policies and wordings on which the County Council and the Forum will not agree. It may be helpful to consider for each draft policy what is at risk as between retaining that policy or dropping it. The question of 'strategic' will be an issue. It was noted that the Inspector's decision on the Holly Street appeal acknowledged economic and housing benefits but considered that these were outweighed by harm to the character of the area and the living conditions of residents.

6. Any Other Business

Roger C will speak on behalf of the Neighbourhood Planning Forum to the Tuesday 6 February meeting at 1 pm of the County Planning Committee regarding the Maiden Castle Sports Centre application.

7. Date of Next Working Group Meeting

Tuesday 6 February, 9.30 (or whenever the Forum meeting ends) -12.00 am, Miners' Hall.

Letters

- L1: Alan Townsend, Emeritus Professor
 - L1a: Summary document
 - L1b: Durham LFS Residents datafile
 - L1c: Durham LFS by Workplace datafile
 - L1d: Cities Totals datafile
 - L1e: Cities Sectors datafile
- L2: Coal Authority
- L3: County Durham Local Access Forum
- L4: CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England)
- L5: Durham BID (Business Improvement District)
- L6: Durham Bird Club
- L7: Durham Cathedral
- L8: Durham City Cricket Club (DCCC)
 - L8a: Response
 - L8b: DCCC Development Plan 2017-2022
- L9: Durham County Council (DCC)
 - L9a: Covering letter
 - L9b: Appendices A,B,C
- L10: Durham Miners Association
- L11: Durham Pointers
- L12: Durham University
 - L12a: Covering Letter
 - L12b: Response
- L13: Elvet Residents Association
- L14: Environment Agency
- L15: Gladman Developments
- L16: Historic England
- L17: Hope Estates (via England Lyle Good)
- L18: Lovegreen Developments
 - L18a: Covering Letter
 - L18b: Stage A-B Feasibility Report
- L19: MGH Card LLP (developer via DPP Planning)
- L20: National Grid (via Amec Foster Wheeler)
- L21: Natural England
- L22: Network Rail
- L23: Nevilles Cross Community Association
- L24: Northumbrian Water
- L25: Persimmon Homes
- L26: Southlands Management (property owners)
- L27: The Empty Shop CIC
- L28: World Heritage Site