



SA/2016/NDP

29<sup>th</sup> April 2016

**Summary of notes, recommendations and actions following a meeting of the Newport Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group held in The Guildhall, The High Street on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

**Present:**

Cllr Tim Nelson – Steering Group Chairman – Newport Town Council  
 Mr Eric Carter – Newport Regeneration Partnership  
 Janet Clarke – Newport Civic Society  
 Cllr Lyn Fowler – Newport Town Council  
 Mark Stefan – Newport 21  
 Cllr Peter Scott – Newport Town Council  
 Sheila Atkinson - Deputy Clerk

**Apologies:**

Rev Steve Mitchell - Newport Churches Together  
 Cath Edwards – Newport 21  
 Steve Jones – Newport Canal Trust

<b>Agenda Topic</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Actions/ comments/ outcomes</b>
<b>Welcome</b>	Cllr Nelson welcomed members and distributed copies of the following documents for information to those present: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The brief produced by the Town Clerk and submitted to ~ Cllrs at the Town Council meeting 13<sup>th</sup> April.</li> <li>b. Local Plan Map (s) first issue and second with the added green spaces</li> <li>c. DCLG brief “What is neighbourhood planning?”</li> </ul>	

<p><b>Individual Updates'</b></p>	<p>Janet Clerk (JC) raised concerns and complaints regarding omissions from the Green Space list and in particular reference to the notes of the 15<sup>th</sup> April 2015 meeting regarding, lack of distribution of the notes, decisions made, changes on the themes and lack of consultations' with other steering group members.</p> <p>A protracted and open discussion took place regarding each of the elements raised, addressing the various components and aspects of the NDP process and the fact that many of the suggestion and themes have been encompassed in the Telford &amp; Wrekin Local Plan.</p>	<p>JC to contact the G/H with the additional identified sites.</p>
	<p>Mark Stephan (MS) raised the question of the inclusion of self-build housing plots as mentioned in the NPPF.</p> <p>All acknowledged that currently there are policies and procedures available for individual plots to be built on.</p> <p>Those present were in agreement that they would be in favour of an option for a self-build element and it would add to the diversity of the Town.</p> <p>As the Local Plan has classified the housing allocation in the four wards of Newport, research is necessary to identify if any has been sold for self-build properties, and to understand T&amp;W's sphere of activity in the Local Plan regarding sewage, power, (<i>wider infrastructure</i>) in the context of the NPPF.</p>	<p>MS /SA</p>
<p><b>Homes in Multiple Occupation (HMO)</b></p>	<p>Cllr Tim Nelson (TN) gave an explanation and background on the law and permitted development rights relating to HMO and the effects both positive and negative on neighbourhoods, economy and diversity in Newport. The general consensus was to continue with the inclusion of this theme.</p>	
<p><b>Recommendations &amp; The Way Forward</b></p>	<p>Those present agreed that the Town Council will go forward with its NDP process to include the four themes:</p>	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Building Standards in respect of a wildlife policy (<i>Swift bricks/green corridors/bat boxes</i>)</li> <li>2. Water Lane Policy – review and update</li> <li>3. Green Spaces – which we have missed</li> <li>4. Homes in Multiple Occupation</li> </ol> <p>And to seek an external consultant as soon as possible, preferable before the next meeting.</p>	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<p>To be confirmed:</p> <p>Members consider that sometime during 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June would be an appropriate time to hold the next meeting.</p>	

***All to note from previous notes issued***

*The Town Clerk (TC) advised that the Guildhall can be available on request (subject to availability) for any informal meeting. Furthermore, printing and administration resources are available to members of the steering group for any work undertaken on the Neighbourhood Development Plan should they require.*

*Members were reminded that dialogue is not restricted solely to the meetings. Should there be; any matters that they need guidance on, observations to make, comments or have collected additional evidence then they should contact the staff at the guildhall.*

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