

TITLE:	Neighbourhood Development Plan Update
AIM : To provide an update to the Town Council of the outcomes of the Process Management Group meeting held on 5 th July.	
BACKGROUND: 2 May – 16 Jun: NDP consultation period. 20 Jun – 29 Jun: Consultation responses reviewed by consultant and officers. 5 July: NDP Process Management Group meeting to review findings, consider amendments and next steps.	
COMMENT/ NOTES: There were 89 formal written responses the consultation taking a variety of forms (questionnaires, letters and e-mails), some of which had contrary views. An outline report summarising the views of consultees was tabled and discussed. The following conclusions/ recommendations were agreed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The vast majority of comments were supportive of the policies within the NDP. • A small number of comments whilst valid and supported by the Town Council in general were not appropriate for inclusion within the NDP. • The long-term desire of the Town Council to increase/ protect green space was supported by many residents. (Particularly to the South of the Town – e.g. see Town Council comments objecting to planning application TWC/2015/0057.) The likely removal of the land allocation, off Station Road, by T&W in its emerging local plan appears to offer an opportunity for the NDP to afford some protection to this area as green space. It was considered that the NDP in this matter could not be agreed however until the examiner for the Local Plan had produced his report which is likely to be at the end of July. • In general it was considered there was little need or evidence supplied to amend the proposed policies other than some minor alterations to provide consistency, clarity and completeness e.g: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To more robustly protect the route of the canal through Newport to allow reinstatement, its localised use as a linear water park and apply the criteria for the SSSI adjoining it as recommended by Natural England. ➤ To consider how it might better define buildings of interest. ➤ Add sites in the area of Broadway and Meadow View Road and Shuker Close, Hawkstone Drive and Broomfield Place to the list of green spaces. • Additional work approved for our consultant to liaise with T&W, to seek some technical direction on some of the points raised. • Members of the wider NDP Steering Group be invited to a meeting at the end of July, regarding the findings and next steps. • That the rewrite of the NDP should not take place until there is some relative certainty or sense of direction from the planning inspector (end of July) and therefore August would allow time for a considered approach to the proposed amendments with a target date of 13th September for the amended plan to be put before the Town Council. 	
RECOMMENDATION(S): It is recommended that the Full Council acknowledge the need to delay the amending of the NDP in line with consultation comments to take into account the impending local plan inspector's report.	

Lee Jakeman,
Town Clerk

10th July 2017