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20<sup>th</sup> February 2017

**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 Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

**Present:**

Cllr Tim Nelson – Steering Group Chairman – Newport Town Council  
Cllr Peter Scott – Newport Town Council  
Cllr Lyn Fowler – Newport Town Council  
Mr Eric Carter – Newport Regeneration Partnership  
Janet Clarke – Newport Civic Society  
Cath Edwards – Newport 21  
Patrick Beech – Newport Chamber of Commerce  
Bernie Jones – Shrewsbury & Newport Canal Trust  
John Myers – Shrewsbury & Newport Canal Trust  
Cllr Phil Norton – Newport Town Council

**In attendance**

Lee Jakeman – Town Clerk  
Sheila Atkinson - Deputy Clerk  
Michael Barker – Planning Consultant

**Apologies:**

Rev Steve Mitchell - Newport Churches Together  
Mike Atherton – Town Team Manager



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<b>Agenda Topic</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Actions/ comments / outcomes</b>
Welcome	<p>The Town Clerk welcomed members of the group and provided an overview of the work undertaken since the last formal meeting (August). In that time the Council had appointed an external consultant to deliver the NDP in a series of 7 stages.</p> <p>The first stage was to review the evidence, the second was to provide a critique of the first draft and the Stage 3 was to produce a revised draft that had some reasonable success of going forward (balancing the desires of the evidence/ consultation with legitimate planning policy).</p> <p>Stage 4 (now) is consideration of the draft by the steering group in the form of a workshop/ general discussion and a similar event (to follow the week after) with councillors.</p>	Nil
<b>Workshop/ Discussion</b>	<p>Michael Barker (the appointed planning consultant) gave a presentation centred around the following headings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-CONTEXT – T&amp;W LOCAL PLAN EIP &amp; CURRENT APPEALS</li><li>-NDP PROCESS:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* BASIC CONDITIONS</li><li>* BASELINE EVIDENCE</li><li>* EVIDENCE REVIEW &amp; INITIAL PLAN</li><li>* REVISED DRAFT (REG. 14)</li><li>* SEA</li><li>* HRA</li><li>* CONSULTATION STATEMENT – PRE-SUBMISSION CONSULTATION</li></ul></li><li>- WORK SO FAR – A PLAN FOR NEWPORT</li><li>- THE NDP AT REG. 14 – CONSULTATION DOCUMENT</li><li>- ALTERNATIVE STRATEGIES FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT</li><li>- ADDITIONAL COMPONENTS:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* LOCAL GREEN SPACES</li><li>* CANAL</li><li>* PLANS, TABLES, PHOTOS/ILLUSTRATIONS</li><li>* POLICIES</li></ul></li></ul>	



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	<p>Members had been provided with a hard copy of the draft NDP (excluding pictures, tables, appendices and the like) with the agenda the week before, along with the critique of the draft produced back in Aug 2016. Copies of the 'evidence review' previously circulated electronically were available in hard copy as were a variety of maps of the town.</p> <p>Members engaged during the discussion seeking clarification of methodology, thought processes, legal position and challenged content and or its omission.</p> <p>Members offered suggestions as to how individual sections might be strengthened, potential rewording or changes in emphasis. Michael Barker made note of appropriate comments for consideration when revising the draft.</p>	<p>Michael Barker: To update the draft as appropriate based on the feedback provided by the Steering Group Members</p>
<b>Conclusion</b>	<p>Members were asked 3 general questions at the end of the workshop:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Did they think that the document before them (the draft NDP) was about right, did it look like they were expecting it to (i.e. did it cover those areas that they thought the evidence supported) and was it a reasonable reflection of their aspirations?</li><li>2) Is there any part of the current document (assuming the inclusion of some reasonable adjustments as a result of comments that evening) that would mean that they would find unpalatable to their friends/ members of groups that they represented?</li><li>3) Is there anything in the document (or likely to appear following amendment) that would mean that they would not be prepared to publically support the adoption of the plan at a referendum?</li></ol> <p>All those present answered yes to all 3 questions.</p>	<p>All To Note</p>
<b>Next Steps</b>	<p>Members were informed that a similar workshop would be held for Town Councillors on Tue 21<sup>st</sup> Feb for them to raise comment or gain understanding of the process. Where both workshops came up with similar points then it is likely that such comments will be addressed in the re-drafting of the NDP. If the 2 workshops comments/ findings were at odds with each other, then a rethink or more understanding would be required.</p>	<p>All to Note</p>