



SFA/2017/NDP

31st July 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 26th July 2017

Present:

Cllr Tim Nelson – Steering Group Chairman – Newport Town Council
Cllr Peter Scott – Newport Town Council
Cllr Lyn Fowler – Newport Town Council
Janet Clarke – Newport Civic Society

In attendance

Lee Jakeman – Town Clerk
Sheila Atkinson - Deputy Clerk

Apologies:

Patrick Beech – Newport Chamber of Commerce

Agenda Topic	Summary	Actions/ comments / outcomes
Welcome and Discussion	Cllr Tim Nelson provided a brief overview of the progression of Regulation 14, and those present received a copy of the interim statement produced by the appointed planning consultant Michael Barker, on the analysis of representations received during the consultation period 2 nd May to 16 th June. Members were provided with a copy of Appendix 1 from the Town Council Meeting held on 12 th July, which provides a precis of the interim statement document, summarised below:	Nil

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:

- *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:*
 - *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 Avenue and Broomfield Place to the list of green spaces.*



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Additional work approved for our consultant to liaise with T&W, to seek some technical direction on some of the points raised.</i>• <i>Members of the wider NDP Steering Group be invited to a meeting at the end of July, regarding the findings and next steps.</i>• <i>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.</i>	
Conclusion	<p>A “round the table” discussion of the procedure which had recently taken place – Regulation 14, various questions, and dialogue related to the next steps that will need to be undertaken, resulted in acknowledgement and confirmation of the recommendation <i>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.</i></p> <p>Town Council officers will continue to work with the external consultant, and the Local Planning Authority towards preparation for any amendments/alterations in readiness for the advancement towards the next stages, most of which revolve around process and statutory requirements.</p>	<p>All to Note</p> <p>LJ/SA</p>