

Iminster Neighbourhood Plan Development Group

Notes of Meeting held on 13th February 2020

Present – Stuart Shepherd (In the Chair), Colin Hyde, Annie Murdoch, Liz Shepherd, Henrietta Van den Bergh, Scott Waldie, Tony Walker, David Westwood and Martha Covell (ECA).

Apologies – Colin Bailey who also tendered his resignation, Sally Howard, Matt James and Jim Sainsbury.

209 Declarations of Interest – No new declarations of interest were received.

210 Notes of Last Meeting – The notes of the meeting held on 2nd December 2019 were agreed as a fair record, and signed accordingly.

211 Comments Received on the Draft Regulation 14 Document – An E-mail submitted to the Town Council, by solicitors acting on behalf of C G Fry and Dillington Estates, questioned both the relevant site area quoted in the Draft Plan and the application of site assessment criteria in respect of the Shudrick Lane site. The full text of this submission had been circulated to Neighbourhood Plan Group Members, who now agreed that a meeting should be set up between representatives of the Plan Group and C G Fry together with Dillington Estates. In the meantime, Martha would revisit the reference to site area to embrace alternative options available.

212 Commencement of Formal Regulation 14 Consultation – This was now set for 27th April 2020. Henny would liaise with both Stuart and Martha, regarding details of leaflets (and the circulation process), and also appropriate exhibitions, which other Members of the Group would look forward to participating in!

213 SSDC Comments on Draft Plan and Further work undertaken by ECA – Martha gave a detailed presentation, which took aboard both the SSDC comments and the four basic constituents of the consultation document. Members appreciated that our Plan, as prepared by, ECA included much more detail than most Neighbourhood Care Plans. It should be substantially finalised by the end of the current month. Some of the design guide material was really intriguing.

214 Grant Applications and Availability of Funding– The Government grant of £8,600 had been duly received for inclusion in the Plan budget, and meant that with due prudence, we would have adequate funding for the work involved in the consultation process.

215 Meeting with Landowners of Allocated sites – It was agreed that the Group should set up such a meeting (having already met Dillington Estates separately), before going out to formal Regulation 14 consultation

216 Taunton Area Cycling Campaign – The Town Council’s support for latest proposals was duly noted, for incorporation in the Neighbourhood Plan.

217 Environmental Issues – The Town Council’s environmental policy was duly noted, and nothing in the Neighbourhood Plan would run contrary to it.

218 Housing Needs Assessment by “ Aecom” – This to be taken further account of.

219 Accessibility Budget Issues - Stuart to discuss this with Val Keitch.

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220 Further Meeting Dates – These were agreed as 23rd March 2020 and 20th April 2020, provisionally scheduled to start at 6pm, but location to be confirmed.

221 Final Business of the Meeting – All present drank the Chairman's Health.

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