

TOTNES NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (NP) WORKING GROUP, 1<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2019 AT 2.00PM

Present: Cllrs Luker (Chair), Allford, Paine and Simms; Chris Watson, and Roger Hands (Harberton NP)

Apologies: Susie Watt (Clerk to Berry Pomeroy PC)

1. Matters Arising from the last Meeting – Item 4 it was confirmed that KEVICC were to be invited to monitor air quality (not design a monitoring system).

Item 2d – Roger Hands spoke about the importance of neighbouring parishes working together to make sure that one neighbourhood plan doesn't propose something in conflict with the next town/village's own plan. He outlined the background to some of the proposed Harberton developments which would abut the Totnes boundary. He also raised concerns about the delivery of affordable housing. If land on the boundary between the two parishes could be used to deliver the affordable houses needed, would Totnes Town Council make an exception to support the use of such land that hasn't been identified for development in the Joint Local Plan? The traffic pressures in the parishes was also discussed, with a view that creating any bypass or alternative routes usually means that the congestion problem is not solved but merely moved elsewhere in the local road network.

2. Update on Progress – Cllr Luker gave an overview of progress since the last meeting. The Foreword, Introduction and Vision have now been completed and put into landscape format with photographs to follow. Parts 4 (the Four Quarters) and 5 (Community) have been reviewed by the consultants (see following items) and Part 6 (Economy) is due in the next week or so.

3. Review of the Revised Policies Part 5: Community – the wording of the policies was discussed with the following key points **AGREED**:

- Concern of the use of the word 'development'. Ask the consultants whether 'planning applications' would be an acceptable alternative phrase to use, e.g. Planning applications that meets these criteria will be supported.
- Policy C4 – Totnes' reputation as a cultural and tourist destination (rather than arts and cultural destination).
- Policy C6 – remove 'from key vantage points'.
- Policy C7 – make reference to the marine conservation zone.
- Policy C9 point 5 – delete as it is a repetition of policy C8.
- Paragraph 5.32 and Policy C9 – responding to the consultant's question of whether the ambitious language (which goes beyond higher tier policies) should be retained, it was **AGREED** that this aspiration should remain.

The officer will incorporate the textual changes provided by Cllrs Luker and Allford.

4. Discussion of Part 4: the Four Quarters becoming an evidence paper – it was **AGREED** that as this section is predominantly background, including it as an evidence paper is sensible as it helps to reduce the overall length of the plan.

5. Consultation Phase: Points to Consider – noted.

6. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August at 6.30pm in the Guildhall - noted.