

TOTNES NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (NP) WORKING GROUP, 29<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2019 AT 6.30PM

Present: Cllrs Luker (Chair), Allford, Hodgson and Paine. One member of the public.

1. Matters Arising from the last Meeting – Item 3 and the use of the term ‘development’ had been put to the consultants. It is a planning term that can mean anything from a small domestic extension through to a new community and they advise that replacing ‘development’ with ‘planning application’ could make the document cumbersome. However, the consultants will review this comment again when they have gone through all of the sections.

Air Monitoring – Cllr Luker is speaking to the Clerk about the potential of acquiring hand held air monitoring devices that could be used to monitor air quality in Fore Street and High Street.

2. Update on Progress – Cllr Luker gave an overview of progress since the last meeting. Part 6 (Economy), 7 (Environment) and 8 (Transport) have been reviewed by the consultants (see following items). Part 9 (Area Policies) and a new section (Monitoring and Development) are due in the next couple of week or so. The aim is for the Working Group to have approved a draft NP that can go to the October 2019 Full Council for support before starting the statutory and public consultation phases.

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

#### Part 6: Economy

- Policy E2 – in second sentence replace ‘encourage’ with ‘support’
- Policy E3.1 – in second sentence replace ‘Uses’ with ‘Proposals’.
- Policy E3.4a – amend to ‘improved *vehicle, bicycle and* public car parking provision’.
- Policy E4.f – delete, as it repeats the policy in E3.3, and substitute with ‘monitor and improve air quality’.
- Policy E5 – insert ‘where possible’ before ‘and’ and ‘enhance’.
- Policy E7.1 – in first sentence replace ‘business’ with ‘industrial’.
- Policy E7.3 – insert ‘industrial’ before ‘estate’, and ‘public transport’ before ‘pedestrian and cyclist accessibility’.
- Policy E8 – in second sentence insert ‘reducing waste, generating renewable energy’ after ‘the local food economy’.

#### Part 7: Environment

- Policy En1 – after ‘increase environmental benefits’ add ‘and ecological enhancements’.
- Policy En3 – check where the ‘target figure of 60kWh per m2’ comes from and if an explanation cannot be found, remove it.
- Policy En5 – after ‘renewable energy generation’ insert ‘and storage’. At the end of this first sentence add a new sentence ‘Solar gain, through the orientation of new buildings and solar panels on south facing roofs will be supported.’
- Policy En6 – re-word first sentence to read ‘The provision of community composting facilities will be supported.’ Insert a new point ‘Improvements to waste management and recycling in residential areas and the town centre street scape is to be encouraged.’

- Policy En7 – insert ‘prevention and’ before ‘dispersal’.
- Section En 8 – insert text into the document about the flooding risk to Totnes (the Policy En8 reference to JLP DEV 35 refers to flooding).
- Policy En9 – insert ‘and enable’ before ‘on-site potential’. Amend the end of the sentence to read ‘...including all land not built on, within and on the outside of buildings, *and in public spaces.*’
- Policy En10 – insert a new final sentence ‘New buildings should aspire to passive house standards.’

#### Part 8: Transport

- Policy T2 – third point, insert ‘charging’ after ‘parking’.
- Policy T3 – include a new point about a transport hub at the railway station.

The officer will incorporate these textual changes and check any points.

4. Public Consultation Phase. Cllr Luker introduced some ideas of where the public consultation could take place, for example display boards in the Guildhall whilst it is still open to the public, attending the St John’s Community Café in Bridgetown, displays in the foyer of the Civic Hall during the Arts and Crafts Market. Holding sessions at Follaton Hall and Weston Lane Community Hall were also suggested. How to share the information on display boards needs to be considered, and the Consultants have highlighted policies that will be of importance during the public consultation which would be worth drawing to people’s attention as part of the display. Cllr Hodgson suggested speaking to the South Hams District Council graphics Department about how information could be displayed, as they have produced boards for Dartington and Staverton NP.

6. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm in the Guildhall - noted.

Post-meeting note: the meeting will now be brought forward to week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> September (date TBC) in order to incorporate comments on the next section and agree format in time to submit to Full Council in October.