

Agenda for Totnes Neighbourhood Plan Working Group, Thursday 9th January 2020 at 4pm
in the Guildhall Offices

1. Any matters arising from the last meeting (see attached document).
2. To update on the Reg 14 consultation and comments received (document to follow).
3. To update of initial discussion with consultants about the comments and revision required.
4. To outline of work required going forward.
5. Date of next meeting – to be confirmed.

ITEM 1

TOTNES NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (NP) WORKING GROUP, 11TH NOVEMBER 2019 AT 3.30PM

Present: Cllr Luker (Chair), Paul Bennett, Tony Whitty and Dick Watson.

Apologies: Cllr Allford.

1. Matters Arising from the last Meeting – any points will be covered in Item 2.
2. Arrangements for the Public Consultation.
 - The consultation will run from 16th November until 2nd January 2020.
 - Permission has been received from St John's Church and the library to host the Neighbourhood Plan display during Community Cafes on 20th Nov and 11 Dec, and in the foyer at the library from 2nd-7th Dec.
 - Bob the Bus has agreed to display posters which will be handed over following this meeting.
 - Details of the events planned will be: posted on the Totnes Neighbourhood Plan website and Facebook page, and links via the Totnes Town Council website; in the December edition of the Totnes Directory (in the Totnes Matters section); and an article will be sent to the Totnes Times.
 - Fliers have been ordered with the consultation events on one side and an area for comments on the reverse.
 - The Totnes Neighbourhood Plan website will have a new page specifically for the public consultation with links to the draft plan, appendices and supporting documents, as well as explaining the consultation process, the public events and how to comment.

Mr Bennett said that he was surprised to see the four quadrants of the town no longer in the main document and would not support the plan as drafted. He did not believe that the current plan reflects the needs of the various areas of the town and believes the current plan is too changed from v6 to make reference to the previous consultation in Summer 2017.

Mr Whitty said that the current plan does not bring out what makes Totnes special, and that too much has been stripped out from v6 of the plan.

Cllr Luker explained that the Plan has been revised based on the comments submitted as part of the Summer 2017 public consultation. Professional advice about all aspects of the plan has been sought, and that any redrafted policies have been through the Working Group for discussion and agreement. The planning consultants have suggested moving the four quadrants (now 'Overview of Totnes and its Four Neighbourhoods') section to a supporting document to the plan. However, it was agreed to look at including this as an appendix to the plan.

Mr Watson spoke about the access for all path between Totnes and Dartington, which is part of National Cycle Network 2. It provides a level surface (recently resurfaced) and 10 interactive benches for use by disabled people and the blind. He requested that the access for all path is included in the Plan. Cllr Luker explained that there is currently reference to the path within the Borough Park local green spaces table, and he would encourage Mr Watson to review this to see if he would add any text or provide comments once the consultation is open.

3. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 9th January 2020 at 6.30pm in the Guildhall.