

MINUTES FROM NDP MEETING – 7pm Church House
5th December 2019

Attendance: Peter Male **PM**; Keith Baker **KB**; Julie Wheeldon **JW**;
TW Tom Wheeldon (Volunteer Secretary).

Apologies: Mike Hobbs **MH**; Georgina Kelly **GK**; Rob Humphries **RH**;

Other Attendees: Nil

“Any decision to establish future development within the parish (and more specifically within the main conurbation of Abbots Bromley) must meet with rigorous scrutiny of the available data and evidenced community need”

“The NDPG are committed to following established National and Borough guidelines, whilst representing community opinion for the creation of an effective and robust Neighbourhood Plan”

1. Background

Since the last programmed meeting (7th November 2019) NDPG activities have been centred on producing the rationale for the Draft Policies associated with production of the Draft Abbots Bromley Parish Neighbourhood Plan (NP).

2. Discussion

The purpose of this meeting was to monitor progress to date, and to discuss any other related topic.

a). Draft Policy rationale

It is clear from feedback by Dave Chetwyn (Urban Vision Consultant) that the various Draft Policy rationales that have been forwarded to him still require more work in order to ensure that their comprehensiveness and clarity is consistent with the requirement for official scrutiny by the assessor.

Discussions by those members present resulted in an agreement that the work already completed on some of the rationale was initially difficult to present in the advised format. Group members felt that the support/advice given by the Consultant was informative and assisted them greatly in their growing understanding for the task.

There is a definite way in which to present the detail required for the Draft Policy rationale in order that it meets the level of future scrutiny. Group members (as volunteers) are on a steep learning curve, but remain committed to producing a comprehensive Draft Plan for future public consideration at referendum.

b). Quiet Lanes

PM had previously explained that the cost of designation for areas as 'Quiet Lanes' would be circa £2,400 (of which £1,400 would be legal fees).

ACTION: KB to Email PC to ask if they are able to sanction a letter to County Councillor Philip Atkins requesting a grant for £1400 from his Discretionary Area Budget towards the cost.

Post meeting note: (Email has been sent to the PC and NDPG awaiting advice).

3. Immediate Next Steps

a). The NDPG will continue to liaise with the nominated Consultant in order to produce comprehensive rationale for the Draft Policies.

All group members are encouraged to call for assistance should the relevant nominated tasks become difficult to complete, or if personal circumstances effect a timely completion.

b). Group members would like to meet with Naomi Perry early in the New Year to discuss a range of queries relating to the production of the Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan, and the effectiveness for enforcing it once it has been 'made'.

ACTION: TW to contact Naomi Perry for availability to meet with the NDPG early in the New Year (2020).

4. Agenda, date and time of next meeting

These minutes will inform the items for the next Agenda.

ACTION: MH to produce Agenda and distribute for comment at least 48hrs before the next meeting.

All **ACTION** points to be processed. If there are any problems in completing **ACTIONS** get in touch with the committee for assistance ASAP.

Next meeting: **TBA**

ACTION: TW to book the room as appropriate.

THE NDPG ARE CURRENTLY SEEKING TO MAKE PROGRESS WITH PRODUCTION OF THE DRAFT NP. SUBSEQUENT PUBLIC SESSIONS WILL BE ADVISED ACCORDINGLY.

RESIDENTS ARE REMINDED THAT THEY ARE WELCOME TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE NDPG AT ANY TIME BY CONTACTING THE PARISH CLERK, OR THE NDPG SECRETARY.