

Breadsall Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Group

Notes of Meeting. 17 October 2017

Present; M Poplar, B Hodgkinson, C Brewster, H Foster, J Dugdale, S Read

Apologies: A Williams, S Mircic, G Smith, G Pook, M Flude, N Rowbotham

Pre-Submission Draft of the Neighbourhood Plan.

During the last month members of the Advisory Group have revised, edited and expanded the initial draft of the Neighbourhood Plan. The Parish Council approved the content of the draft at its meeting on 10 October. L Williams and H Foster have also refined the layout, format and graphics and issued the most recent version to members of the Advisory Group. J Dugdale has procured and circulated advice from a professional planner on the wording and content of the initial draft. The meeting was devoted to a discussion of the most recent draft. The key points of principle were as follows.

- The public consultation section needs to reflect the Parish Council's approval and the timetable for further public consultation (see later). J Dugdale advises that a more detailed formal Consultation Statement will be required in due course. This will be an appendix to the pre-submission version and does not need to be written at this stage. J Dugdale can compose this statement subject to agreement on an appropriate fee.
- Although some policies in the Neighbourhood Plan duplicate those in the Local Plan and National Planning Policy Framework they should generally be retained in the Neighbourhood Plan to give a complete picture and to emphasise the importance of these policies to the local community. There appears to be particularly strong local pressure to include policies related to the green belt and especially a green buffer to maintain separation from the Derby conurbation.
- A key point from the professional planning advice is that most policies apply only where planning permission is required and cannot normally restrict "permitted development" This may require some amendment to the existing wording of some policies.
- H Foster and C Brewster have prepared and photographed a schedule of community assets which are valued by the community but do not have the status of listed buildings or structures of local interest. This schedule, together with an appropriately worded policy will be added to the Neighbourhood Plan.
- The term "central core" needs to be defined—effectively the extent of the village circa 1900. The term "village hub" will use the same definition.
- The Neighbourhood Plan does not need a set of conclusions as such but the current section 9.7 may be adapted to conclude the document with a schedule of ways in which the Neighbourhood Plan will facilitate environmental improvements in the future.
- The technical description in the Flood Prevention section will be replaced by a brief summary in the body of the report but the technical material is important in supporting the flood prevention policies and will be retained in an appendix.
- A brief policy statement related to employment will be added to Section 13.

- The format and graphics adopted for the document are excellent and give a very professional appearance
- The word “shall” will be used to indicate a mandatory policy requirement.

In addition to these points there were discussions about detailed improvements to the text to enhance clarity, remove repetition and to arrange the contents in the most logical manner.

It was agreed that the various authors would prepare and circulate appropriate amendments and that the final editing would be done by a small sub-group.

Next Steps

It had previously been anticipated that a further public meeting might be held on 21 November but it was concluded that the time required to complete, print and circulate the draft Neighbourhood Plan would preclude holding the public meeting before the end of the year.

It was agreed that invitations and questionnaires should be sent to all households and that the draft Neighbourhood Plan should be made available for scrutiny and comment well in advance of the public meeting. The plan will be made available on line together with paper copies at the village shop and/or the memorial hall. It may be possible to distribute slimline copies of the body of the document to all households together with the invitations. It will also be necessary to consult the Borough and County Councils. A programme for public consultation will be agreed at the next meeting of the Advisory Group.

The cost of the public meeting and printing the draft Neighbourhood Plan will not now be incurred during the period of the current Locality grant and a fresh application will be required.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in the memorial hall at 7.30 on 21 November.

