

CONGLETON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2016

MINUTES OF THE SIXTEENTH MEETING OF THE HOUSING GROUP HELD AT CONGLETON TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY, 9TH AUGUST 2016 AT 10:00AM

1. **Present:**

Amanda Martin (AM)
Gillian Kaloyeropoulos (GK)
Laura Tilston (LT) Chaired meeting.
Glyn Roberts (GR)
Mike Watson (MW)
Gordon Baxendale (GB)

Guests:

None

2. **Apologies:**

Dave Brown (DB)
Jenny Unsworth (JU)
In the absence of JU, the meeting was chaired by LT.

3. **Previous minutes:**

Agreed as an accurate record of the last meeting.

4. **Matters arising:**

Item 7. All draft policies have been sent to AT. GR reported that AT has produced a draft plan and group chairs are examining this.

Action: JU to report back at next meeting.

GK raised issue of HMO policy. There was concern that our proposed policy will be difficult to sustain because it is not aligned exactly with CEC policy on this issue.

Action: LT to discuss legal position with the Housing Officer.

5. **Reports from:**

5.1 JU not able to attend meeting so will report at next meeting.

5.2 GB reported that part of Bridestones now sold and plans for redevelopment of this part of Town Centre being re-drawn by Scarborough. Morrison's have signed a new 5-year lease. Demolition of Bosson's Mill continues and the future of this is not clear.

Test drilling is being done on Hankinson's Field for new Leisure Centre. AM voiced community concern at loss of this public facility and feels there should be public consultation.

Berisford's Ribbons is locating to new business area and the new factory will be financed through housing on the old site.

6. **Consultation with Estate Agents:**

GR confirmed that all estate agents have signed interview records and that he is writing up the report.

Action: AM to up-date the statistics for housing figures for library.

7. Housing Policies

Housing Policies now with AT. GR and LT to comment when draft is shared with the group.

Action: JU to ask AT whether there are any gaps in the evidence library.

8. To make progress with outstanding evidence:

8.1 Estate Agents: GR to complete Report.

8.2 Dementia Statistics now completed and forwarded to JU for inclusion in library.

8.3 Still awaiting Town Centre Group additional information on preferred sites for housing. JU to report.

8.4 Tom Evans had supplied CE template for NP evidence.

8.5 Site Criteria. JU to contact TL and start work on this again. GR stated that AT had also put forward some proposals re this.

Action: JU to speak to TL and AT.

9. To formalise the position re Design Criteria and Policy

9.1 Awaiting AT's plan proposal.

9.2 LT stated that anything to take the place of Bosson's Mill requires serious thought and new ideas vis a vis design.

9.3 GR said that there is still lack of evidence about ownership in the TC group.

9.4 GR expressed concern re question mark over global amount of housing in LP area and types of housing. At present, there are no plans for purpose-built accommodation for the elderly. If new policies in the NP could be included quickly then consent renewals may have to take into account the actual types of houses needed. He is concerned that we do need to get actual need requirements into our plan. This still requires some work.

10. To Discuss Proposed Site Criteria

As stated above, JU to contact TL.

11. Any other business.

Target date for submission to CEC is December 2016.

12. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting TBA in September after next Steering Group at Congleton Town Hall. JU to arrange.