



PENRITH TOWN COUNCIL

Notes of the

Neighbourhood Development Plan Group

Held on: Monday 14 May 2018

PRESENT:

Cllr Peter Baker	Chairman - PTC	Cllr Ron Kenyon	PTC
Roe Baker	CAFs	Cllr Doug Lawson	PTC
John Bodger	PACT	Juan Shimmin	Cumbria Youth Alliance
Cllr Scott Jackson	PTC	Michael Wellock	Kirkwells

Also present: Rosalyn Richardson – Deputy Town Clerk

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Stephen Macaulay (Chamber of Trade), Cllr Julie Monk (PTC), Jane Sullivan (Newton Rigg) and Stephen Williams (Churches Together).

2. Notes of Meeting held 21 March 2018

The notes of the meeting held on 21 March 2018 were approved for publication.

3. Sign off Draft for Informal Public Consultation

MW reported that he felt that Version 7 of the Neighbourhood Plan (already circulated) was 95% complete although formatting (including the insertion of photos), spelling and grammar still needed to be finalised. Those present were informed that some amendments had been made removing text, for example relating to employment, tourism, drugs and alcohol as they were not planning issues. It was agreed to look at the key issues, draft policies and appendices by exception as they had been subject to earlier review. Edited policies and the new mapping were considered

Key Issues and Policies

The following were suggested:

A glossary of terms / acronyms should be included

Policy 1 – amend to **Development proposals will be required to meet and will be assessed against the following unless demonstrable justifiable evidence is provided:**

Point 4 - Include a list of measures eg PV, air source heat pumps, recycling, building materials. **JB and RB to review**

Policy 2 – query about the wording of ‘good’ design but reassured that this was the wording used in the National Planning Policy Framework. **No 3** – include a list of possible credits for the Code for Sustainable Homes as a check list for developers

Policy 3 – make a reference as to where technical standards outlined in point 1 can be found.

Policy 5 – Rename policy ‘Accessibility and Inclusion’

Point 1 – new developments should include open, central green spaces and meeting spaces. MW to consider whether a proportion of green space to housing within developments could be incorporated. It may be best to consider as a revision to the formal draft prior to submission.

Point 2 – add wording at the end ...welcoming, overlooked and safe, and are joined up to existing footpaths.

Point 3 – MW to tighten up the wording as the Planning Officers would have nothing to measure and would therefore find applying the policy difficult.

Policy 6

Point 3 – Need to ask people to identify key views and vistas during the informal consultation. Re-order to become 7.

Point 4 – concern was expressed that the wording did not allow for more modern design and was too prescriptive. **MW to look at re-wording.**

Point 6 – RR to check to see whether EDCs shop fronts policy has been adopted.

Informal consultation to seek views on additional buildings to protect that are currently not listed eg Brunswick Road School, the Cemetary Chapel and Gatehouse.

Policy 8 – Housing Needs Survey has commenced to collect evidence of housing need. The previous survey had been completed 10 years ago.

Policy 10 – Remove policy, already covered by CON 2 in the emerging Local Plan

Policy 18 – Point 1 currently states ‘Shopfronts should take into account the age, history, scale, style of the existing building and any shopfront’ – query as to whether this is adjacent, in the same street/area or town as a whole. MW to tighten up wording.

Appendices

The additional appendices were considered. RR to make necessary changes and provide one relating to traffic movement for the consultation draft. RR to provide better map of NDP area and request EDC to provide a map of the conservation areas showing both areas in differing colours for inclusion in the document.

4. Next Steps

PB reported that the draft NDP had to be signed off by full Council on 25 June with the informal consultation commencing the day after. Consultation would be via hard copy in various locations, on line, public sessions etc

5. Next Meeting

AGREED that the next meeting would be held in early September following analysis of the feedback from the informal public consultation.

The meeting closed at 5.30pm.

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Chairman

For the attention of members of the Neighbourhood Plan Group:

Michael Wellock – Kirkwells Planning Consultancy

Planning Committee Members

Councillor Fiona Johnson - **Chair**

Councillor Jamie Ayres

Councillor Scott Jackson

Councillor Ron Kenyon – **Vice-Chair**

Councillor Duncan Graham

Councillor James Shorrocks

Additional Members

Roe Baker – CAFs

Paul Buckland – QEGS

Dan Harding – Penrith BiD

Councillor Doug Lawson

Heather Walker – Eden Arts

Stephen Williams – Churches Together

John Bodger – PACT

Chris Dunning – Cumbria Youth Alliance

Heidi Marshall- Chamber of Trade

Councillor Julie Monk

Mariusz Waluk