



Steering Committee Meeting, 18 May 2022

Present:

Cllr Kate Walder
Cllr John Crawford
Stephen Sidebottom
Siggie Nepp
Helen Whitehead
Sue Quinton

Apologies:

Graham Smith
Joseph Franklin
Cllr Jean Curteis

01. Committee membership update

The resignation of Irene Dibben from the SC was noted. Her contribution to the preparation of the NP was formally acknowledged, with Siggie expressing thanks on behalf of the SC for all Irene's hard work and support during what has turned out to be an intense and demanding process.

02. Limes land Judicial Review

The committee noted and supported Ashford's request for a Judicial Review.

03. Responses schedules

Siggie has forwarded her response schedules to Tony Fullwood and reported that so far he has provided comments on the public response to policy TEN NP18 - Securing Infrastructure. He noted that there were no comments from certain critical stakeholders - KCC Education, KCC Highways and the local GP practice - and that responses should be sought from these bodies in case they reveal further infrastructure requirements.

Action: Kate / Sue to contact KCC and Ivy Court in writing to request comments

04. Conflicts of Interest

Siggie began by stating that it is important for SC members to disclose any conflict of interest with regard to all sites as proposed LGS sites.

Action: Any conflicts of interest to be declared by SC members for noting at next committee meeting

05. Summary of meeting with Dan Carter (ABC) and Tony Fullwood



Siggi reported that she delivered her progress report to the TTC Planning Committee on 3rd May based on the fact that planning permission has been granted to Wates to develop Limes Land, and taking into account the subsequent discussion with Dan and Tony how this may impact the format of the plan. However immediately after presenting to TTC it was revealed by a Councillor that ABC has requested a judicial review of the Planning Inspector's decision. Whilst the NP SC fully support this move it presents a dilemma how to proceed to Reg 15, given the uncertainty of the JR outcome and the length of time it may take if the case passes the initial screening process undertaken by the court. It was generally felt that the complexity of the situation required the SC to seek professional legal advice before any recommendations and options to the council are made.

Action: A series of questions to be drawn up for legal advice

06. Residents' feedback

It was noted that following the recent presentation to TTC's Planning Committee the SC has received emails from local residents expressing concern on the potential shape of the plan. It was agreed that for the sake of clarity and transparency it is very important to publicly explain the SC's position based on Ashford's advice, and that this can be communicated once legal opinion has been received.

07. Publishing results of Reg 14 consultation

Some residents have asked when the comments submitted during the consultation will be made public. It was noted that there is a legal obligation to publish these comments and that this will be done when the NP goes to Reg 15, along with the Consultation Statement. It was agreed that in the meantime a standard statement explaining the consultation process would be posted on the TNP website.

Action: Kate to prepare a standard statement for the website

08. Annual Town Meeting

A statement outlining in broad terms the progress of the NP to date and next steps has been produced. To be read out by NP Chair at the ATM on 23rd May.

09. AOB

At the next meeting the SC hopes to begin reviewing some of the revised policies. It was agreed the next meeting will be on 9th June at 5pm..