

# Steering Committee Meeting, 13 April 2022

**Present:** Cllr Jean Curteis Cllr Kate Walder Cllr John Crawford Irene Dibben Siggi Nepp Helen Whitehead Sue Quinton Apologies: Stephen Sidebottom Graham Smith Joseph Franklin

## 01. Limes Land planning inquiry

Previously, the SC had been advised by both ABC and the NP planning consultant to await the outcome of the Limes Land appeal decision as it would have a significant impact on how to proceed to Reg 15.

The appeal has now been decided and comments by the appeal inspector relating to the site, the five-year land supply and Stodmarsh all have to be considered.

It was agreed to schedule a meeting with an Ashford officer to fully understand the viable options for the NP to proceed. Thereafter, we can advise TTC of the options.

Action: Kate to organise meeting with Ashford Borough Council. NP SC to prepare an agenda. John to bring a copy of the draft NP and any other relevant material to the meeting. Location to be Helen's office

In the meantime, Committee members have been reviewing the comments relating to NP policies not impacted by the Limes Land appeal.

## **02.** Responses schedules

The Reg 14 responses, both written and digital, have been incorporated into a series of schedules - one for each section and policy of the draft Plan. Most of the responses have now been reviewed by the relevant SC members and their comments sent to Tony Fullwood for his input. The SC has discussed each schedule in turn to establish what further action, if any, is needed. As far as the SC is aware, the policies that require further action are:

NP1 (Protection of landscape character) : Siggi has partially reviewed this but needs Tony to complete.



Action: Siggi to forward NP1 schedule to Tony for him to complete and comment on

NP2 (Protection of local green spaces) : In light of the outcome of the Limes Land inquiry this policy, plus any related text needs to be reviewed and revised. It will be discussed at the meeting with ABC (see 01 above)

NP4 (Design of new development and conservation) : Reg 14 responses to be reviewed and sent to Tony for comments.

Action: Siggi to look at the responses before sending comments to Tony

NP6 (Shop fronts and advertisements) : Reg 14 responses to be reviewed and sent to Tony for comments.

Action: Siggi to look at the responses before sending comments to Tony

NP8 (Tenterden southern extension phase B) : Reg 14 responses to be reviewed and sent to Tony for comments. There was discussion as to whether it should also explicitly refer to the Limes Land development.

Action: Siggi to look at the responses and query with Tony whether the scope should be expanded

NP14 (Protection of sports and recreation grounds) : In light of the outcome of the Limes Land inquiry this policy and related text needs to be reviewed and revised. *Action: Sue to ask Tony to update* 

NP15 (Site for recreation space) : As for NP14, above

NP18 (Securing infrastructure) : To be discussed with ABC in conjunction with NP2

Appendix 3 (Associated projects) : progress unknown. Action: Kate to ask Stephen for an update

All other policies and sections are believed to be completed and ready for sign-off. *Actions:* 

- *i)* Sue to inform Tony that his help is needed to complete NP1, NP4, NP6, NP8, and to update his advice on NP14 and NP15, with a request that if he needs to go over his existing budget he should notify the SC first.
- *ii)* Sue to confirm with Tony that no further work is needed for any other policies / sections, excluding NP2 and NP18

It was agreed that following the meeting with ABC regarding NP2 and NP18 Stephen would ask Tony to indicate any anticipated additional costs over and above his current budget estimate.



## 03. Preparation for Reg 15

John noted that the Basic Conditions statement cannot be prepared yet, but that Tony would be the person to write it when the time comes. Kate reported that she is in the process of writing the Statement of Community Support.

Action: Kate to circulate SoSC when completed

## 04. Update to Tenterden Town Council

Siggi reported that she had been asked to prepare an update on the NP to present to the Planning Committee on 3rd May.

Action: Siggi to draft a presentation for John and Kate to review. The final version needs to be submitted to Deputy Town Clerk by 26th April.

## 05. AOB

Kate reported that she is speaking at the Nature Recovery Partnership event on 14th May and will remind attendees about the NP.