



Steering Committee Meeting 25 October 2021

Present:

Cllr Jean Curteis
Cllr John Crawford
Cllr Kate Walder
Siggi Nepp
Graham Smith
Irene Dibben
Stephen Sidebottom
Sue Quinton
Helen Whitehead
Tony Fullwood

Apologies:

Joseph Franklin

01. Summary of consultation process

Kate reported that during the consultation period the TNP website received approx 1500 hits. Around 170 responses were submitted digitally in response to the online questionnaire – this is considered a very good number. In addition, a number of consultees forwarded their comments in hard copy. She noted that a separate conversation was needed with Tony about how the responses will feed into the Consultation Statement. The SC must also decide how to respond to the statutory consultees, as well as to each individual who commented on the Plan.

Actions: Kate to talk to Tony about Consultation Statement

SC to consider ways to respond to consultees (Following the meeting TF circulated an example of how this had been done for another NP)

02. Feedback from Tony Fullwood

Tony noted that the responses revealed there was majority support for all policies. In his view there was only one area of concern. As this is a complex issue, the SC members agreed some further discussion was needed on this before any decisions were taken.

Action: SC members to meet to discuss this separately and report back to Tony

Design Code: there was some uncertainty as to whether the Placemaking Team at ABC had looked at it and what the final status of the Code would be in relation to other LPA policies.

Action: Kate to follow up with ABC

Non-designated heritage assets: Tony suggested that each proposed NDHA may have to be mapped separately for future reference by the LPA. It was agreed that further thought



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should be given to the logistics of doing this. It was apparent from responses that some further clarification was also needed regarding the selection process. Stephen explained that the list is not intended to be all-inclusive. He also emphasised that it is not to be viewed as static as other assets may yet come to light. He proposed that going forward, the list should be monitored by a review panel drawn from the local community. The SC agreed this was a good idea.

Action: Helen and Stephen to look at mapping some of the assets

Stephen to provide some additional wording re the selection process and ongoing monitoring

Infrastructure: Tony commented that there was limited feedback from statutory consultees on the policy relating to infrastructure provision.

Action: Kate to follow up with relevant parties

Community spaces: Tony noted that some respondents made reference to the lack of any mention of community space (halls) in the Plan. Kate mentioned that TTC had previously carried out an audit of hireable spaces that could provide evidence to support inclusion in the Plan. The proposed cinema and St Mildred's upgrade which are not managed by TTC were also discussed.

Action: Kate to locate TTC audit

Additional wording re the cinema project to be added to the text where appropriate

Add St Mildred's project to the project list

Housing: Tony suggested the TCLT Housing Needs Survey be referenced in the Housing chapter. This was agreed. It was also agreed to include some wording on small unit housing. It was noted that energy efficiency, water consumption and provision for the disabled are already well-covered by existing national policies and legislation, and that there is no evidence to show that Tenterden has particular issues that require a specific policy.

Action: Tony to draft amendments to the Housing chapter

Scope of the NP: Further to the above, Siggi asked that the scope of the Plan could be expanded to explain why some national/global concerns, eg climate change, are not directly addressed.

Action: Tony to draft some appropriate wording

Town-centre: Tony noted a discrepancy between the NP and LPA policy on ground-floor town-centre shop-fronts. It was agreed to adjust the relevant policy to align with the LPA.

Action: Tony to amend plan accordingly

Playing pitches: The responses highlighted some ambiguity of the proposed recreation pitch on Appledore Road.

Action: Discussion deferred to next SC meeting



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Allotments: These were not addressed in the Plan, however there is evidence of a need for more of them in the form of a waiting list. The SC supports the provision of allotments if suitable land becomes available.

Action: Tony to add wording that supports provision of allotments

Evidence-base amendments: A number of amendments were suggested for the evidence documents. Tony stated that the Reg 14 plan will be superseded by the new version which will be presented for Reg 15. He advised that each working group should review the suggested amendments and carry them forward if appropriate into the Reg 15 version.

Action: Working groups to review

03. AOB

Siggi suggested that the SC draw up a task list to ensure all actions are recorded and allocated.

Next SC meeting to be arranged.