

Kettering Town Council

MINUTES OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING COMMITTEE OF KETTERING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE TOWN COUNCIL'S OFFICES, BOWLING GREEN ROAD, KETTERING AT 7PM ON 3RD OCTOBER 2022

Councillors Present: Cllrs Maggie Don, Eve Edwards and Scott Edwards
Mr Harry Frankland (co-opted member)

Officers present:- Martin Hammond, Town Clerk
Emma Arkley, Senior Planning Officer, NNC

No members of the public/press attended.

Item Number	Description
NP22/01	Election of Chairman It was proposed by Cllr Don and seconded by Harry Frankland and RESOLVED that Cllr Scott Edwards be elected chair for the remainder of the municipal year.
NP22/02	Apologies for absence Apologies for absence were received from Mr Kevin Marchand (co-opted member)
NP22/03	Declarations of interest None declared
NP22/04	Minutes of the last meeting The minutes of the meeting held on 9 th November 2021 were approved as a correct record and signed by the chair.
NP22/05	Terms of Reference for the committee The revised terms of reference for the committee, as agreed by Council in November 2021, were circulated and noted. Members discussed the need for some form of local planning policy to support and improve the town centre and its immediate residential areas, particularly in the light of the big increase in applications to create new residential development throughout, some of it poor quality. The clerk would seek to

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	resume a conversation with NNC planning team about the prospect of a new area action plan being brought forward.
NP22/06	<p>Inspectors Questions</p> <p>The meeting considered the various questions posed by the inspector about aspects of the draft plan for the Headlands area, and agreed on the following responses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Policy 1 – the objectives of the plan were to retain existing business and community facilities at least at current densities. The plan’s drafting pre-dated the Site Specific Local Plan Policy HWC2 but it was important that the plan was seen to be securing this objective as well b) Policy 3 – criteria (b) was written in the spirit of national policy and also that contained in Joint Core Strategy policy 2, in that it was seeking to <i>protect, preserve and enhance</i> the character and appearance of the conservation area. A preamble which provides some context to the policy was considered valuable. c) Policy 4 – a key would be provided for plan 4 (both on page 26 and page 34), the reference to St Peter’s School as a local landmark would be explained and the phrase “residential accommodation and land” would be replaced with “residential use”. Confirmation of the plan’s objective in preserving current open space levels in back gardens would be re-stated. The response should reference the desire to resist undue numbers of houses in multiple occupation being created in the area. <p>It was agreed that a draft response would be prepared by Harry Frankland along these lines and RESOLVED accordingly.</p>
NP22/07	<p>Consultation and engagement programme</p> <p>The meeting was advised that there was a statutory timetable which would commence once the inspector has either accepted our comments or made an amendment to the plan, NNC would be required to make a decision to adopt the plan, and then a referendum would need to be held within 56 of that decision point.</p> <p>Assuming a decision statement was reached in early November 2022, then a referendum would have to be held by</p>

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	<p>late January. It was noted that official communications from the Town Council would need to be impartial when describing the plan, but could encourage voting in the referendum. It was further noted that the Town Council had set aside £1000 for communications and engagement and was prepared to support the creation of newsletters and posters.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that an initial communication should take place before Christmas reminding residents of the policies and the purpose of the plan, and that two further communications, including a poster and social media campaign, should take place in January 2023 urging people to vote.</p>
NP22/08	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>To be arranged for the end of November when the inspectors' conclusions had been published.</p>
	<p>Meeting closed at 8.15pm</p>

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