

# **Wells Neighbourhood Plan Working Party**

## **Minutes**

### **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021 10am**

### **Wells WI Hall, High Street**

**Present:** Roger Arguile (RA-Chair), Lindsay Dew (LD), Cheryl Curtis (CC) John Edwards (JE), Nichola Holmes (NH), Andrea Long (AL), Peter Rainsford (PR)

- 1. Apologies:** Received from David Fennell (DF), Jacqueline Gray (JG), Greg Hewitt (GH) and Jimmy Tottle (JT)
- 2. Minutes of last meeting, 14.10.21**  
Accepted as a true record.
- 3. Matters arising**  
RA has reported to WTC in general terms on the NP public consultation held in October and the results will be made available on the WTC website after proofreading by NH and RL.
- 4. Review of policy ideas following public consultation event – AL**  
RA welcomed AL to her first meeting in person with WNPWP. AL said that the revised draft of NNDC's Local Plan is imminent and may affect the amendments which the working party suggest today. This meeting has been arranged as a first review of the policy ideas in the light of comments made during the October public consultation so that the next draft will contain all the specific detail relating to Wells. AL will formalise the wording so that it is in line with national and LP policy and doesn't duplicate the LP.  
The WP examined each policy heading to enable AL to clarify the concepts. There was much detailed discussion of the purpose and implications of each heading. It may be appropriate to combine some of the similar headings to rationalise their content.  
At the next meeting, via Zoom on November 25<sup>th</sup>, the WP will consider in detail the policy headings relating to Objective 1: Housing.
- 5. Feedback on AECOM's Assessment of Sites – AL**  
The WP have had just under three weeks to consider the draft AECOM report, which was received on October 15<sup>th</sup>, hot on the heels of the summary report AL was able to share on October 14<sup>th</sup>. The working party's initial response is one of disappointment, both in the quality of the document text and its contents. It will need extensive proofreading and AL is to collate suggested amendments to ensure that the information which it contains is accurate. The final report will form part of the Neighbourhood Plan evidence.
- 6. Any Other Business**  
AL informed the group that she will arrange a Zoom meeting with Iain Withington from NNDC when the new draft of the emerging Local Plan is published. Date TBA.

#### **Date of next meeting**

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November, 10am via Zoom

Meeting closed 12.10pm.

NH