

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BURNTWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE OLD MINING COLLEGE CENTRE, QUEEN STREET, BURNTWOOD
ON THURSDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2016 COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM**

PRESENT

Councillor Mosson (in the Chair)
Councillors Mrs Conolly, Constable, Mrs Evans, Humphreys and Mrs Stokes

In attendance

Ms J Minor, Senior Administration Officer
M Wellock, Kirkwells Consultancy
Councillor Mrs Fisher
V Chamberlain, Burntwood Action Group
I Holdsworth
S Norman
K Stanley
Mrs J Taylor
Mrs S Fletcher

13. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Mrs Banevicius
Pastor Lewis
Mrs M Danby, Chief Executive Officer

14. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

None declared.

15. MINUTES

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Burntwood Neighbourhood Plan Committee held on 16 August 2016 (Minute Nos. 6-12) be received and approved.

16. IDENTIFYING OF SHOPS/PARKING ISSUES (MINUTE NO. 8 - 16 AUGUST 2016 REFERS)

The Chairman thanked Mrs Taylor and Mr Norman for their input. Mrs Taylor made reference to McDonalds and the Chairman stated that this was private land.

The Chairman made reference to Enclosure No. 2A produced by Mrs Taylor and in particular "people are using the car parks to park their cars, then use the easily accessible buses to either Cannock, Lichfield or Walsall for a day's shopping". Mrs Taylor point out that this was not a personal view but the views of the shop keepers she had spoken to. The Chairman if the shop keepers were looking at enforcement. Mrs Taylor said that she had not seen a traffic warden in months. Councillor Mrs Evans stated that the majority of the car parks mentioned are privately owned apart from the ones which had already been identified. Mr Stanley made

reference as to why are the Committee focusing on the private car parks and he could not see how this feeds into the creation of the Burntwood Neighbourhood Plan.

The Chairman made reference to Enclosure No. 2B produced by Mr Norman and stated that it was good to see a mix of different retail units with not many empty units and felt that at the moment there was a healthy mix of retail units.

17. LOCAL GREEN SPACES (MINUTE NO. 10 - 16 AUGUST 2016 REFERS)

Mr Chamberlain made reference to the Burntwood Centres Maps produced by Kirkwells Consultancy (Minute No. 9.2 - 16 August 2016 refers) and said that the Olaf Johnson site (5a) and the blue boarding site (5b) does not match the LCP map showing the business zones and that this may cause confusion.

Mr Wellock made reference to the Local Green Spaces table produced by Cllrs Mosson and Mrs Fisher, and stated that the audit of green spaces had been done however, from the list the Committee needed to decide which ones are most appropriate/deserve the highest level of protection and stated that the Burntwood Neighbourhood Plan could not cover them all. The Committee needed to identify which Green Spaces were most vulnerable and should be protected.

The Chairman made reference to Enclosure No. 3B produced by Mrs Fletcher and in particular "trees and green spaces can help improve air quality" and felt that this was an important point.

Mr Wellock point out that the NPPF stated that the Green Spaces needed to demonstrate that they were demonstrably special e.g. recreational value, only open space in the area etc.

It was **AGREED** that based on the guidelines defined by the NPPF (paragraphs 76 and 77) a task group be set up to identify which green spaces deserved the highest level of protection.

It was **AGREED** that the task group would be led by Councillor Mosson and would include Councillor Mrs Evans, Mrs Taylor and Mrs Fletcher and that Councillor Mosson would liaise with the task group members to find a suitable date(s) to go out and identify the green spaces that deserved the highest level of protection.

18. LOCAL PLAN ALLOCATIONS OPEN CONSULTATION (REFERRED FROM THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING ON 21 SEPTEMBER 2016)

Mr Chamberlain stated that all members of the public could independently complete the Local Plan Allocations Open Consultation Questionnaire and urged people to do so. Mr Chamberlain stated that the Burntwood Action Group's response to the questionnaire (which had been circulated) highlighted no building on Green Belt land whatsoever.

Mr Wellock suggested that the Committee suggests an alternative – "somewhere else to go" as the Committee cannot just say they do not want something without giving an alternative.

Question 1

The primary purpose of this document is to ensure that we are including the correct matters within the Local Plan Allocations. Table 1 highlights the main matters which are to be considered through the Local Plan Allocations document. These are drawn from the adopted Local Plan Strategy. **Are there any other themes/issues that you feel need to be considered through the Local Plan Allocations document? Is there anything else you would like the council to consider at this stage?**

Answer

Members felt that all Green Belt must be protected and to keep the division between Burntwood and Walsall/Cannock (urban sprawl). To strengthen local identity and the need to provide infrastructure before any more housing is development (e.g. Olaf Johnson Site and blue boarding site (rear of Morrisons). The emphasis must be on brownfield sites for development and not the Green Belt. Members could not identify any exceptional circumstances to change the boundary of the Green Belt. These points are emphasised in the Burntwood Town Strategy and will continue to be emphasised in the Burntwood Neighbourhood Plan.

Question 2

Lichfield District Council adopted the Local Plan Strategy in 2015. It sets out the strategic planning framework for Lichfield District. Find out more and download the Local Plan Strategy at www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/localplan. Although the council is not looking to change the Local Plan Strategy (2015) policies, there is some scope for policies to be reviewed if they appear based on evidence not to be working. **Are there any policies in the Local Plan Strategy that you consider are not effective/require immediate review? Please state which policies and why.**

Answer

Members made reference to one of the objectives in the Burntwood Town Strategy i.e. the built environment, retail and town centre development and the key planning issues emerging from the Burntwood Neighbourhood Plan i.e. the need for a stronger Burntwood Town Centre and maintaining local retail provision. Members felt that this would be an ideal opportunity to change the "blue boarding site" (rear of Morrisons) from retail to leisure.

Question 3

The Local Plan Allocations will identify sites to meet the housing need identified within the Local Plan Strategy (10,030 dwellings). The Local Plan Strategy already identifies seven large sites (known as strategic development allocations and broad development allocations). The Local Plan Allocations document will only seek to allocate the residual amount of housing sites (removing the numbers allocated on the Strategic Development Allocation and Broad Development Location, planning permissions and commitments) and does not plan to review, nor allocate additional large scale housing sites. However, if you have evidence which suggest that there are issues with the existing strategic land allocations or broad development location the council will need to review this. **Do you have any evidence which indicates the existing strategic housing allocation or land forming the broad development location north of Tamworth will not come forward?**

Answer

No.

Question 4

Lichfield District Council has an open call for sites, this questionnaire is designed to supplement this process. When developing the Local Plan Allocations document the council will be using its existing evidence to determine which sites to allocate. However, it is possible for us to consider additional sites now if you have a site that has not previously been assessed. **Are there any sites that you would like the council to consider for development?**

Answer

The Committee urged LDC to pursue the re-designation of the Mount Road site in Burntwood for housing and asked that the Mount Road site be retained in the Local Plan Allocations for housing.

Members were informed there were covenants on the land and Councillor Mrs Stokes was seeking to obtain what these covenants were.

Question 5

The Local Plan Allocations document will seek to delineate settlement development boundaries based on existing and emerging evidence. The identification of a settlement boundary is important because this has an impact on the determination of planning proposals. As an example, being outside the boundary of a settlement can result in a proposal being more difficult to approve, particularly where the land outside the boundary has a policy designation such as open countryside or Green Belt. **Are there any sites that you would like the council to consider for development?**

Answer

The need to provide infrastructure before any more housing is development (e.g. Olaf Johnson Site and blue boarding site (rear of Morrisons). These points are emphasised in the Burntwood Town Strategy and will continue to be emphasised in the Burntwood Neighbourhood Plan.

Question 6

The Local Plan Strategy identifies the need to review appropriate locations for retail outlets that sell bulky goods, such as fridge freezers and TVs. **Are there any locations you would like us to consider for this type of use?**

Answer

No.

Question 7

When a Neighbourhood Plan has been made it forms part of the Development Plan and is used as part of the decision making process. In some instances Neighbourhood Plans have sought the support of Lichfield District Council to progress with matters outside the scope of the Neighbourhood Plan. An example of this is a review of the Green Belt. **Where a Neighbourhood Plan is emerging is there anything outside of its scope that you wish the District Council to consider as part of the Land Allocations Plan?**

Answer

Members felt that Lichfield District Council should take note of the Burntwood Town Strategy and the emerging Burntwood Neighbourhood Plan.

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING (MINUTE NO. 12 - 16 AUGUST 2016 REFERS)

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Tuesday 01 November 2016 commencing 7.00 pm at the Old Mining College Centre.

(The Meeting closed at 8.07 pm)

Signed

Date