

Barwick in Elmet and Scholes Neighbourhood Plan Review (NPR)

Steering Group Inaugural Meeting

Wednesday 27 January 2021 7.00pm

Minutes

Present: Phil Maude(PM), Keith Langley(KL), John Mooreland, Graham Slater, Irvin Dickinson, Karina Beattie, Andrew Wheeler (AW), Cathy Darley, David Tomkins (DT), Susan Glover, George Hall (GH), Helen Keith, Steve Robinson, Glyn Davies, Howard Bedford, Karen Dales, Jim Buckley, Susan Glover, Lyn Beattie, Ian Mackay (LCC) (IM)

Agenda Items

1 Introductions and welcome

KL opened the meeting by inviting all present to introduce themselves.

2 Election of Chair

KL invited nominations for the position of Chair. GH nominated PM who agreed to stand. With no other nominations PM was appointed and chaired the remainder of the meeting.

3 Election of Secretary

Only AW was prepared to stand as Secretary so was duly appointed.

4 Other roles

PM proposed that this item be deferred to the next meeting.

5 What the Review involves – brief outline

IM explained that a NP is a technical document that needs to comply with both Local and National Planning policies. It is used by the City Council to determine planning applications and it can:

- Allocate areas for site development
- Set out design policies
- Protect local green spaces
- Set out community projects

In the opinion of IM the Barwick and Scholes Plan is a very good one but nevertheless could be improved.

IM discussed the items on the paper “Notes for plan review discussion 11 September 2020”.

IM suggested taking a softly softly approach, in consulting the local community. It is important to understand what a NPR can and can't do. Once the scoping has been done IM can advise. Ultimately a referendum will be required to endorse the document. IM's role is to advise on all aspects of the review.

It was pointed out that LCC is currently consulting on the site allocations and after the election will undertake a scoping exercise on dealing with the climate emergency.

IM stressed that a review should build on the existing plan and only change parts as necessary, and so a large proportion of the plan should remain unchanged.

PM stated that the Government makes grants up to £15K to Parish Councils to carry out NPRs and this could be used to appoint a consultant to assist with the Review.

6 Neighbourhood Plan boundary – discussion paper 2

GH explained the differences between the Parish Boundary and the NP boundary and stated that the Parish Boundary has been revised by the Boundary Commission. There was a general discussion on the contents on “Discussion Paper 2 – Neighbourhood Plan Boundary” and the accompanying plans.

IM explained that an application needs to be made to LCC to revise the NP boundary and this is likely to be a “rubber stamp approval” where the NP boundary is the same as the Parish Boundary. However where the NP boundary differs from the Parish boundary LCC are required to carry out consultation lasting 6 weeks. The Council then is required to make a decision within 4 weeks.

After a general discussion on extending the NP boundary beyond the revised Parish Boundary, the following proposal was put to a vote:

To support in principle the extension of the Barwick and Scholes Neighbourhood Plan Boundary to the Eastern edge of the East Leeds Link Road (ELOR) highway as shown in green on the plans accompanying Paper 2.

In favour: 12

Against: 2

7 Implications of the new Parish Boundary – Discussion paper 3

There was a general discussion on Paper 3.

DT explained that the extended Parish Boundary now includes areas of proposed housing mainly to the north of the A64. A challenge for the NP review will be consulting with this significant community that at present doesn't exist.

GH stated that in future these new residents could apply to establish their own Parish Boundary. GH also explained that at present the Housing Target for the Harewood and Wetherby Ward is 3300 units and the 1500 being built as part of the Northern Quadrant (of the ELOR development) will go some way towards meeting this target. The Government however is proposing 35% increases in Housing Targets.

Full Planning Permission has not been submitted yet for the development but once granted the CIL payment (as described in Paper 3) becomes payable to LCC. If the B&S amended NP incorporating the development area is in force at

the time of Outline Planning Permission approval, 25% of the CIL is payable to the Parish Council.

8 Items for discussion at next meeting

- Allocation of Other Roles for members of the Steering Group
- Scope of Work involved in carrying out the Review
- Social Media including a new /updated Website

9 Any other business

9.1 Bewonder Survey

PM introduced the survey being undertaken by Bewonder who have been appointed by Leeds City Council to look at rebranding the East Leeds extension. In response to the question of the importance of the new road it was agreed that it was "Extremely Important". PM agreed to complete the remainder of the questionnaire and report back.

9.2 Copy of the adopted B&S NP.

There was concern that no electronic copies exist of the adopted B&S NP. It was pointed out that it is available on the LCC website.

10 Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday 23rd February at 7.00p.m. on Zoom.