

**NOTES FROM NP (DISCUSSION OF TENDERS) MEETING**  
**HELD 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012**

Present: Cllrs Howson, Stainton, Hancock, Dunwell, Barker, Forster,  
Mrs Jeffrey, Mrs Reed. The Clerk.

It was decided to first hear the latest information from meetings as this would be relevant to reviewing Tenders received.

Report From Cllr Hancock

Cllr Hancock had attended a meeting with LCC Officers and other PC representatives and had circulated a brief report to all prior to the meeting. The main focus was on the SHLAA part of NPs and PCs were being urged to assess and comment on the sites to feed into the inspections which would be starting very soon. This was to enable LCC to have the local knowledge information/recommendations.

There was great disquiet about the latest Government pronouncements on allowing development and PCs were being urged to protest to their local MPs.

Report from Cllrs Barker/Dunwell

The SHLAA sites remained as is although, by the end of September, some parishes might have sites added but this information was not yet available. Those published should be assessed as above.

Final site allocations expected Feb/March 2013.

LCC Officers want to offer whatever help PCs need and work with them – in some cases they may actually appoint an Officer to help a PC. Transparency was promised in the whole process. The need for consultants at this stage was not felt to be necessary – only Horsforth was exploring this.

Garforth End SHLAA Sites

After discussion it was unanimously agreed that these sites should be kept within the Aberford NP. This decision to be communicated to LCC by the Clerk.

PC Response to SHLAA Sites

As per email from Andrew Birkbeck, requesting feedback on SHLAA sites, it was agreed that Cllrs would individually assess and comment on the SHLAA sites in the parish. Information would be provided by the Clerk – who would obtain confirmation that all sites were as is at the present time.

Cllrs would also put forward any further sites they preferred and felt worthy of LCC assessing. It was felt that this was the job of Cllrs rather than the Sub Group as they would most likely have the more in depth knowledge of the parish area etc.

Clerk would then collate comments which could be further jointly discussed at the PC meeting or perhaps at a separate meeting and then this information forwarded to LCC as soon as ever possible.

It was agreed to ask LCC Officer Ian Mackay to come to the PC meeting next week to have a general chat and give guidance to the PC.

### Awards for All

Clerk was awaiting confirmation but felt it would be forthcoming by the PC meeting.

### Tenders

Initially 3 Cllrs informed colleagues that they had not had an opportunity to study the tenders or wished to revisit them for a more in depth study. They would be given this opportunity and liaise with each other.

Subsequently it was decided to put the process on hold for the time being. Cllrs felt that they should wait to assess all the information which was coming from LCC and what could be achieved 'in house' so as to decide what specific work might need to be done by consultants.

It was felt that the invitation to tender might be substantially changed in light of events over the next several weeks. Cllrs noted that only Horsforth (Town Council) was said to be considering consultants at this time. The offer of strong support from LCC Officers was noted.

Clerk was asked to inform Consultants of the PC decision.