

# **Aberford & District Neighbourhood Development Plan Management Group**

## **Minutes of the Group Meeting of 3 October 2013**

### **Attendees**

Steve Piper	Keith Dunwell	Ruth Reed	Mike Oakes
Tom Robbins	Dave Duddell	Ian Mackay (Leeds City Council)	

### **1. Apologies**

Sharon Ockleton	Margaret Lloyd	Shereen Lloyd	Ian Forster
John Barker			

### **2. Ian Mackay (Leeds City Council)**

SP commenced by giving Ian an update as to progress with our Plan, noting especially our desire to undertake a second consultation (early 2014) exercise after which we should be in a position to begin drafting the document.

Ian responded by emphasising the difference between engagement & consultation; if we can demonstrate that we have engaged sufficiently in the former (the difference being that parishioners more actively shape the plan rather than passively comment on a range of options) this should enable us to get through the process/past inspection more easily. We, in turn, reiterated that it is important to manage expectations, and not end up with a shopping list of things unlikely to be realised.

Some discussion took place around Greenbelt – all of our SHLAA sites (bar one) are totally in Greenbelt, the exception being mostly within Greenbelt. It remains the case that any relaxation of Greenbelt needs to be approved by LCC (not in Parish gift) and they would expect this to be accompanied by significant benefit to the village through better facilities/amenities or delivery of a project that otherwise might not happen.

Some discussion of timescales also took place, but basically there is no reason for us to delay, but LCC should be kept apprised of developments to ensure our Plan conforms to National Guidelines, Policy etc.

IM promised to supply SP with maps & aerial photos of the village which should greatly assist us.

### **3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 5 Sep 2013 & Matters Arising**

The meeting with Mike Dando, Planning Aid, has been re-arranged for Mon 7 Oct. SP said that, depending on outcome, he might approach the Parish Council at the next monthly meeting (15 Oct) for permission to apply for the £7K grant available from Planning Aid.

### **4. Parish Council Update**

None

### **5. SHLAA Sites Update**

No further developments, but see comments under AOB.

## **6. Any Other Business**

DD & TR have drafted some notes for discussion regarding Community/Leisure/Greenspace to take forward for our next consultation event. DD promised to provide SP with electronic copy for circulation to all members. MO provided SP with similar notes regarding employment a couple of days ago. SP to arrange a further date later this month to discuss the next consultation event.

Following from Ian Mackay's comments regarding release of land from Greenbelt some discussion took place regarding the current planning application on SHLAA site 3317 (land at rear of Village Hall). SP is of the opinion that it is difficult to hold a meaningful consultation event with this still outstanding, as the outcome may affect residents views about possible development elsewhere. MO expressed the view that there is a need to engage with the VH committee, with the PC itself (rather than this sub-committee) being more actively involved. The way forward wasn't determined but this needs to be carried forward.

## **7. Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 7 November, 7:30 p.m. in the Oriel Room, St Ricarius Church, Aberford