

**WESTON AND BASFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
STEERING GROUP
MINUTES OF MEETING
HELD 24TH JANUARY 2017**

PRESENT

Councillor J Cornell (Chairman)
Councillors J Chambers, J Densem and P Grant
Mr D Fanstone

APOLOGIES

Councillor T Gill

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr A Thomson

AGREED That the **amended** minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2017 be approved as a correct record.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REGULATION 14 CONSULTATION The closing date of 23rd January had now passed and there were 11 representations. Andrew outlined the main comments received: Freeths (acting on behalf of Haddon), Co-op, Gladman, the Duchy and Cheshire East Council.

It was felt that all representations could be overcome by adjustments to the Plan which did not require a re-visit to the fundamental principles.

Critical to the process now, was the need for an urgent meeting between, AT, JC and Tom Evans before the Haddon Inquiry, to ensure that a robust statement could be substantiated regarding the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan. The two main issues raised by Cheshire East concerned how we had handled the Green Gap and Settlement Boundaries.

The Cheshire East Strategic Planning Board was to meet on 25th January when it would consider a report on the Cheshire East Local Plan (Part 2) Site Allocations and Development Policies including strategic green gap, local green gap and settlement boundaries. This move by Cheshire East was not known at the time that Regulation 14 had been triggered and our draft plan had prejudged some of the work which was still to be undertaken by Cheshire East – some adjustments required here to ensure compliance with the emerging Local Plan.

It was anticipated that the Local Plan would be fully adopted (parts one and two) late in 2018.

The final report on the Housing Needs Survey had been completed and the Draft Plan would be modified accordingly. The results would be included as part of the Regulation 15 submission.

JD and DF to draft a funding bid to Locality to commence post April.

AGREED: That the next meeting be held on Tuesday 14th February 2017 at 2.30pm.