

**WESTON AND BASFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
STEERING GROUP
MINUTES OF MEETING
HELD 17th JULY 2018**

PRESENT Councillor J Cornell (Chairman)
Councillor J Chambers, J Densem and T Gill
Mr D Fanstone

IN ATTENDANCE Mr A Thomson

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN MODIFICATIONS

The Chairman explained the current position with the Plan and the need for modifications to meet changing circumstances and emerging policies.

Mr A Thomson reported on the need to consider settlement boundaries, develop Green Gap policies and assess the likely impact of HS2. It was expected that 5/7 trains per hour would stop at Crewe.

The Neighbourhood Plan Act 2017 set out the procedures to be followed when modifying the Plan.

The response to HS2 petitions would need to be taken into account and a Cemeteries strategy would be required to reflect the proposed extension to Weston Cemetery.

Provided any proposed changes did not significantly alter the current Plan then the requirement for a second Referendum would be most unlikely. There would need to be public consultation and we'd need to follow the formal process from Reg. 14 along with submission to an independent examiner.

The aim would be to update the Plan in tandem with the preparation of Phase 2 of the Local Plan - approx. 12 to 18 months".

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

It would be necessary to liaise with the Steering Group preparing the Wybunbury Combined Parishes Neighbourhood Plan regarding the settlement boundary on Wychwood Park.

A meeting was to be arranged with Mr A Fisher of Cheshire East Council to discuss the scale and nature of future development within the Neighbourhood Plan area.

Cheshire East Council would be asked to advise on the criteria to be used to define Green Gaps.

FUNDING

It was unclear whether any new funding would be available from Locality for the modifications. There would be no more funds available from Cheshire East Council.

NEXT MEETING

A further meeting would be arranged in late September 2018.