MINUTES FROM NDP MEETING – 7pm CHURCH HOUSE
30th May 2019

Attendance: Mike Hobbs MH; Keith Baker KB; Julie Wheeldon JW
Tom Wheeldon TW (Volunteer Secretary)

Apologies: Peter Male PM; Georgina Kelly GK; Rob Humphries RH;

Other Attendees: NIL

The Chairman MH called the meeting to order.

Due to the unavailability of sufficient group members, the programmed meeting for the 23rd May 2019 had been cancelled.

Although there was only 3 group members available, it was considered important to go ahead with this meeting as the upcoming Public Session and progress with external funding needed to be discussed and recorded.

1. Minutes from 16th May 2019
Previous comment/observation by group members had been added to the Draft Minutes of 16th May 2019 which had been accepted as a true and accurate record. The Approved minutes have already been forward for uploading to the NDP website.

2. NDP meeting (Public Session) 6th June 2019
The purpose of the upcoming meeting will be to summarise where the group are with the process to date, as well as seek public opinion on a range of topical areas as advised by:

- Consultants’ observations of the previous evolving Draft Plan.
- Data obtained through previous community engagement.

KB had previously produced a pro-forma for the meeting to help guide the discussions, and will provide copies on the evening.

JW Commented that:
- It is essential to evolve principles to follow/guide production of the Draft Plan. Public opinion is ‘key’ to this.
- Technical support can be used to assist with future statistical analysis.
- Combined responses, and evidenced need will give firm assurance as to the direction to take.

KB/JW Both commented that:
- Recent scrutiny of the data to hand (eg ESBC housing requirements; Census returns; previous public opinion/responses) suggest that future development sites will have to be considered ahead of the NDP being ‘made’.
- The ‘need’ for housing must be determined first to positively assist with making this decision.
3. 'Locality' Funding

JW reported that the external funding application has been completed and submitted to the PC Clerk for input as required. It will be necessary to submit the form to 'Locality' by close of play on Saturday 1st June 2019.

**Post meeting note:** The funding application was submitted on Saturday 1st June 2019. A response to the request is anticipated within 4 weeks of submission.

4. General comments

General comments for recording purposes as follows:

a) Bring **ALL** public responses (recent comments and legacy data) together in one composite document. The document is to be forwarded to Urban Vision (UV) Consultant for consideration in the production of 'robust' Policies for inclusion in the Draft Plan.

b) Previous data very much identifies a 'community' view for preserving the Heritage of the main conurbation, whilst sensitively considering future development.

c) ESBC housing requirements have been 'well met' during the current Local Plan period (2012-2031).

5. Agenda, date and time of next meeting

These minutes will inform the items for the next Agenda.

**ACTION:** MH to produce Agenda and distribute for comment at least 48hrs before the next meeting.

All **ACTION** points to be processed. If there are any problems in completing **ACTION's** get in touch with the committee for assistance ASAP.

Next meeting: 6th June 2019 – 7pm – Church House

**ACTION:** TW to book the room.

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**THE NEXT PUBLIC SESSION WILL BE ON THURSDAY 6th JUNE 2019**

7pm CHURCH HOUSE.

**THE TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION WILL BE:**

‘REVIEW AND NEXT STEPS’