

## **KINGTON AREA NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING GROUP**

**Consisting of the Parish and Town Councils**

**Kington Town Council**

**Kington Rural and  
Lower Harpton Parish Council**

**Huntington Parish Council**

### **Minutes of a Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at The Old Police Station, Kington**

**Present:** M. Fitton (Chair)

J.Jones, E.Rolls (Kington Rural)

E. Banks, R. Bradbury, R. Cotterill (Kington Town)

No members of the public were present

**Apologies for Absence:** M.Lloyd, R. Widdowson

#### **Membership of the Group**

The Chair welcomed Mrs E. Banks, newly elected Mayor of Kington

It was noted that Ms C. Kibblewhite had resigned from the Group as she was no longer Mayor of Kington. It was agreed that a letter of thanks for her contributions to the work of the Group be sent to her

#### **Minutes of the Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

**Agreed** as correct

#### **Matters arising from the Minutes**

It was noted that some amendments to the NPPF have been issued by the Government that the Group might need to consider as to how they affect Neighbourhood Plans.

#### **Housing sites and suggested numbers in Kington Town.**

Members were reminded that a list of 20 possible sites had been considered at the October meeting based on the assessments made by Sam Rosilli with a diagrammatic map showing their approximate positions. Subsequently there had been a meeting of Kington Town Council on 30.11.15 to review the sites and possible allocated numbers.

Councillors had made additional comments on some of the sites:

K6 and K10 both recognised as occupying important green spaces which should be protected from development, important landscape features; desirable to have public access to the river corridor; concern about the flood plain; the constraints need further investigation.

K9 agreed desirable to be designated for housing suitable for elderly and or disabled people to complement Markwick Close.

K12, K13 and k14 general support for further investigation of the feasibility of using the sites to offer a unified scheme that would include facilities and landscaping. Carly Tinkler, the landscape consultant had made been present and gave her assessment: that although the sites if developed would be visible from some points it would be less intrusive location that most others, that the settlement boundary should be clearly drawn so that no further development could occur south of the site and that Kingswood Road should not be the principal access.

K15 could become a greenspace facility and a buffer for the site and provide pedestrian access, that a network of footpaths could be developed to expand existing ones nearby.

K16, possibly beyond the settlement boundary and too far off, but worthy of further consideration.

K18 and K19, to be excluded from the present Plan period.

General support for the idea that there should be no further development to the west of Kingswood Road so the possible K11 and K14 should be dropped.  
KTC to review the list early in 2016.

It was noted that KTC will meet on 14.12.15 to review the amended list.

It was agreed that Kington Rural and Lower Harpton Council should review any possible sites in Hergest, including the land immediately east of Arrow View which had in the past been part of Hergest Camp. The other option for the Council would be to use existing policies on Rural areas as laid down in the Core Strategy but it might be that certain locations should be specified as unsuitable for development.

**Report on work of Lewis Goldwater (greenspaces) and Mark Owen (town character).**

Both consultants had presented their work to date at a public meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> November. Lewis had presented maps on which he has shown locations of significance nationally, locally and identified by the questionnaires. The information will inform policies in the Neighbourhood Plan that will protect specific locations.  
Mark Owen's work is not yet completed.

**Meeting with Carly Tinkler to present an explanation of her landscape work.**

The meeting will be for all 3 council areas and should be of particular interest to Huntington and Kington Rural and Lower Harpton. She has drawn maps which depict areas of importance and sensitivity, both of which need to be identified in the Plan.  
Carly is probably best able to meet towards the end of January. MF to liaise over dates

**Future work.**

MF explained that further grant money must be sought to produce a scheme for sites K12 and K13, to hold some public drop-in consultation events, to provide assistance in writing the Plan policies. He believes that applications can be made to Locality.

**Date of next Meeting**

**Agreed 12th January 2016** . To be confirmed.