**Garforth Neighbourhood Planning Forum**

**Minutes of Joint Group meeting Wednesday 21st April 2021**

**Present**: R. Clarkson, C. Coyle, L. Crosland, C. Exley, B. Flynn, C. Lomas, S. McQuire, M. Norman, W. Treloar, R. Utley, S. Williams.

**Apologie**s: J. Andrews, J. Hoole, P. Roberts, M. Tonks

**Declaration of Interest**: No new declarations.

**Minutes of the last meeting**: Accepted.

**Matters arising** (items not on the agend ): S. McQuire reported on the Leeds Beckett University Webinar on ’ Planning for Housing need in a post covid city’. See report attached to these minutes.

**Regulation 14 update**: B. Flynn reported that there had been several Writing Group meetings and one with Abbie to discuss all the comments received during the consultation. It was suggested that all the comments received would be categorised by subject eg housing, greenspace, introduction etc. This will involve a considerable amount of work identifying specific statements within a response. (>400) Some responses are just a few lines , others run to many pages. As each category is completed it will be sent to Steering group members and discussed at the next meeting. Once this is finalised decisions will be taken on how to respond eg just an acknowledgement, beyond the scope of the plan/ aspiration, or a policy change is necessary. All responses will have to be formally recorded and published to demonstrate that all comments have been taken into account and the plan changed if appropriate.

**Next steps**: As this process will take several weeks we will give out ‘holding’ statements on the progress of the plan to inform Garforth residents. Forum members, GNPF website and other social media ) Action Writing group to prepare statements, W. Treloar to post on social media, C. Coyle to send to Forum members. The first statement by the end of April.

**Treasure’s update**: S. Williams reported that we have a balance of £200 .57p. We are due a refund of £50 from Royal Mail and other expenses are for the Zoom subscription and Gala stand.

**Membership update**: C. Coyle reported that membership has not changed.

**Facebook page update**: W. Treloar reported that following the comments placed on the Garforth News and Events page the GNPF had put out a factual response in reply. There have not been any further comments posted on this subject. Should these comments be raised again we will post our response again.

**Development Plan Panel** : Met on 2nd March topics discussed included:

* Main modifications to the SAP by removing all the ‘green belt’ sites from the plan and returning them to the green belt. There will have to be another Inspector hearing to decide if this change is sound. The date has not yet been set. The council and community groups agree to theses modifications but developers and other parties will argue not. <https://democracy.leeds.gov.uk/documents/s216453/SAP%20Remittal%20DPP%20Report%2002.03.21.pdf>
* The LCC Core Strategy update: There will be a consultation of the content during May. It is important that we as a Neighbourhood Planning Forum make a response to this consultation on how this may affect Garforth. The draft consultation form can be accessed here <https://democracy.leeds.gov.uk/documents/g10082/Public%20reports%20pack%2002nd-Mar-2021%2013.30%20Development%20Plan%20Panel.pdf?T=10> appendix 1
* The Government model for housing needs target. Leeds will need to find a 35% urban uplift!

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/changes-to-the-current-planning-system/outcome/government-response-to-the-local-housing-need-proposals-in-changes-to-the-current-planning-system> the aim is to build on brownfield first, however as Garforth has no brownfield left we need to be aware of possible changes/ developments in the future

Action; All to try and read these documents.

**Outer east community committee**: Last meeting 9 th March <https://democracy.leeds.gov.uk/documents/g10251/Printed%20minutes%2009th-Mar-2021%2016.00%20Outer%20East%20Community%20Committee.pdf?T=1>

Finance report mentions projects in Garforth. Action: All to read.

**North and East Plans Panel:** met 15th April no discussions relating to Garforth.

**Planning applications relating to Garforth:**

19/02248 Cricket club ground: still current

21/00978 Academy fencing: still current

**AOB:**

1. C. Exley reported that all the notices and signs relating to sites mentioned in the plan have been removed.

2. S. McQuire gave details of a forth coming webinar by Leeds Beckett univ.’ Housing supply, affordability and access to land. Thursday 20th May 2 – 4 pm. This is a free event. Anyone can attend Details

[**https://mail.zoho.eu/zm/#mail/folder/451159000000002050/p/1617279192211030001**](https://mail.zoho.eu/zm/#mail/folder/451159000000002050/p/1617279192211030001)

3. B. Flynn gave details of a current survey on active travel within Garforth. He will send details to the Steering group. Action: All to respond if possible. It was also suggested that this be sent to Forum members and posted on the GNPG Facebook page .

**Date of next meeting Wednesday 19th May**