**Garforth Neighbourhood Planning Forum**

**Minutes of the Steering Group Meeting Wednesday 21st July 2021**

**Present :** C. Coyle, L. Crosland, C. Exley, S. McQuire, M. Norman, W. Treloar, R. Utley

**Apologies** : J. Andrews, R. Clarkson, B. Flynn, C. Lomas, P. Roberts, M. Tonks, S. Williams

**Declaration of Interest** : No new

**Minutes of the last meeting**: accepted

**Matters arising**: The GNPF response to social media comments re the Selby Road application has been produced and will be placed on the GNPF Facebook and website.

C. Coyle produced a response to the request from the Barwick & Scholes Parish Council on their amended neighbourhood Plan Area.

**Regulation 14 update**; c. Exley explained that the Writing group had met on 4 occasions and had completed about 30% of the work arising from all the responses from this consultation. They will be meeting with Ian and Abbie to discuss the work to date. Mostly the responses required clarification on various points, errors had been identified and some good suggestions made. The group members were asked for their comments on the response documents already sent to them.

It is important that all group members read the documents sent to date and send in their comments as soon as possible.

**Treasurer’s update**: The treasurers reported that there were no changes

**Membership update**: The membership secretary reported that there were no changes. An e mail has been received from a Forum member regarding the current planning applications in Garforth. Action C. Coyle will reply.

**GNPF Facebook page**: W. Treloar reported that there were no further posts made by GNPF. A social media comment had been posted about the Academy fencing application withdrawal suggesting that hedges may still be removed and a lower height fence may still be erected as planning permission would not be required. W. Treloar to forward this post to this group.

**Leeds 2023**: R. Clarkson had attend the virtual meeting to discuss the LCCs plans for the Leeds Cultural event for 3023. This will be continued as an agenda item at the next meeting.

**Development Plan Panel:**

Met 6th July. Discussed

1. **The National design codes**, identifying how a city can be divided up by area types. Not related to HMCAs. Aim of creating a baseline for the whole of Leeds to identify whether laces can be split up into a particular design typology. Need to be aware of implications relating to Garforth
2. **Biodiversity net gains**. It will be mandatory to deliver biodiversity to a % figure of a minimum 10% and how it will be delivered ( can be an off site option ). There will be a supplementary planning document to understand the vision for biodiversity in Leeds. Leeds to make a bid to secure funding
3. **First homes**. To become part of the LA affordable housing provision and sold at 30% discount. Currently 106 monies 40% intermediate rent and 60% social rent. If future 25% for FH 15% intermediate and 60% social rent
4. **The local development scheme** 2021 – 2024. This includes progress in NP, the SAP, the remittal and the local plan update and reflect changes to the planning system

**The Local Plan Update**. The content of whish is now out for consultation until September 13th . <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/local-plan-update/introduction-and-summary>. As mentioned before it is focussing on the climate emergency and has 5 Main topics:

* Carbon reduction: efficient construction, heating
* Flood risk: making communities resilient to the impact of flooding
* Green infrastructure: making the most of green spaces to help health improvements
* Place making: guiding new development to places which offer the best opportunities for active travel, 20 minute neighbourhoods
* Sustainable infrastructure : integrating low emissions transport, improve digital connectivity, reduce car journeys

There will be webinars for people to attend to gain further information.

Along with PCs NPFs are invited to respond.

It would be helpful if the whole steering group participates in responding on behalf of GNPF. Action Sec. to send out all info. and Members to indicate which area they would be interested in from a Garforth perspective.

**The outer east plans panel**: only discussing new 129 houses in Wetherby

**The outer east community committee** to meet 27th July. Agenda etc <https://democracy.leeds.gov.uk/documents/g11586/Public%20reports%20pack%2027th-Jul-2021%2016.00%20Outer%20East%20Community%20Committee.pdf?T=10>

**Note**

**Finance report**

Of note CIL spending within ward in which it was generated ( includes swillington etc.)

CIL budget for G&S £130,907 ( all generated in Garforth )

CIL to be spent according to LCC priorities & in line with

* The vision for Leeds 2011-2010
* Best city plan
* Health and well being city proprieties plan
* Children and young families plan
* Safer and stronger communities plan
* Leeds inclusive growth strategy

**Housing report**

The G&S ward has more ready to let social housing than previously mainly for older people ?

It is also best area for rent collection

**Planning applications relating to Garforth**

19/02248 cricket club still current

21/00978 Academy fencing with drawn

21/04667 Carisbrooke Lane comments required by 8th August GNPF has already commented. Cllr had requested that this application to be discussed at the North & East Plans Panel

**AOB.**

The secretary suggested that in view of the apologies submitted should we be asking if the meeting time needed to be amended. The decision was taken to ask group members if the current arrangements were usually suitable for them. Action secretary.

**Date of next meeting Wednesday 18th August**