**Garforth Neighbourhood Planning Forum**

**Minutes of joint meeting with Steering, writing and working groups**

**held on Monday 23rd January 2017**

**Present :** J. Andrews, P. Barrett, J. Blake, R. Clarkson, C. Coyle, L. Crosland, ( chair ) C. Exley, P. Exley, B. Flynn, D. Gluck ( consultant ), J. Lawn, C. Lomas, S. McQuire, N. Mason, M. Norman, M. Tonks, A. Tynan, R. Utley, S. Williams, J. Wilson,

**Apologies** : J. McCormick, T. Staddon, I. Mackay, D. Pitchfork, P. Roberts

**Declaration of interest** : None

**Introduction to workshop**: David Gluck talked about the plan progression and introduced the purpose of the workshops See attached Power Point.

The group was divided into the following groups:

1. Community facilities and amenities
2. Greenspaces and environment
3. Housing and the built environment
4. Economy
5. Town centre/ retail

The task was to answer the following questions:

1. What are the key issues ( the above list not necessarily complete) are they right, do we need to expand
2. What evidence do we have to support these key issues
3. How should we phrase the policy correctly.

The session finished at 9pm, each group leader who is a member of the Writing group will collate all the information discussed and next step is to produce draft 2.

**Date of the next meeting** to be arranged.

The following information is from Ian MacKay

There are 36 designated NF areas but no plans yet.

1. Referendum – Linton yes vote inDecember2015 but due to an ongoing legal challenge from a developer the plan has not been ‘made’ but a recent High Court judgement found in favour of the council. It was a 96% yes vote and a turnout of 48%
2. Successful examinations to date- ( Linton, Clifford , Collingham,) Clifford referendum late in Jan and Collingham in Feb
3. Plans submitted for referendum and examiners appointed / about to be appointed – ( Holbeck, Boston Spa, Barwick, Bardsey) referendum expected in the summer.
4. Of the others the majority of groups have an emerging draft plan/ policy intentions document or have undertaken pre-submission consultation on their draft plan.
5. Possible new designations – Morley, Drighlington
6. Some groups are struggling – Beeston, Little Woodhouse, Rothwell