



Kingston must retain its character as a Living country village

Minutes of the meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Task Group (NPTG) held on 8 November 2018 in Kingston Reading Room

1. Present; apologies and declarations of interest.

Present: Judy Alloway; Alan Coleman-Smith; Dick Dalley; Flo Watts. Apologies for absence: Rae Musk.

Declarations of interest: there were no changes to declarations of interest.

2. Minutes of previous meeting.

Agreed as a correct record.

3. Matters arising.

3.1 Grant tracking

A balance of £2350 is left to be spent after paying the Wordpress annual fee of £85 for the website. The current grant period closes on 31 March 2019, but it is expected that any unused balance could be carried forward. Noted that, as the NP-will need to go back to Lee Bray for review, this amount could now be tight.

4. JLP – Schedule of proposed Major Modifications

(The proposed modifications page is now linked from Joint Local Plan page of www.kingstonplan.org.)

4.1 Lee Bray has fed back that: there is now no requirement to identify development sites in the Neighbourhood Plan; there may be no need to agree a settlement boundary as ‘development in the countryside’ now applies across the parish including in the village.

Action: Judy Alloway to seek clarification of how what constitutes a settlement.

5. Regulation 14 Plan

5.1 **Glossary:** to add a definition of the Devon Covenant (see DCC website) **Action: Alan Coleman-Smith.**

5.2 **Development and housing design:** was reviewed, justification to be re arranged in line with other sections. A specific housing number may not be appropriate

5.3 **Environment and Heritage: Action: Dick Dalley** to add in evidence from the Devon Wildlife Trust Biodiversity report and relevant issues from the Character Assessment and reissue.

- 5.4 **Dark Skies:** add maps to show the Kingston plan area in context with the surrounding areas of the AONB. **Action: Alan Coleman-Smith.**
- 5.5 **Business and Employment:** some reordering and amendments to show that (at KNP16.2) the buildings should be redundant rather than just isolated and that additional business opportunities should arise from redevelopments. **Action: Alan Coleman-Smith.**
- 5.6 **Feedback** proposed amendments and comments to section authors by tracked or highlighted annotation on the text **Action: All**

6. Any Other Business

- 6.1 Noted that Duncan Smith's contract has been renewed by SHDC and now runs to May 2019.
- 6.2 RM, JA, RD met with Roger English and Adam Davison and fed back briefly to the meeting that:
- Following the JLP Inspectors feedback AONB protection is now stronger;
 - Kingston is no longer listed as a sustainable village with a potential new build of 10 houses in the JLP;
 - Development in the settlement area is now equivalent to development in the countryside of the AONB;
- 6.3 Some Okenbury farm buildings may have historic status. **Action: Dick Dalley** to investigate.
- 6.4 Report back from a Tree Council meeting received from Thelma that Ash dieback is expected to cause the loss of 90% of Ash trees and replanting with other or resistant species may be necessary. **Action: Dick Dalley** to add a note in Appendix III referring this action to the Community Action Plan

7. Dates and venues of next meetings

Thursday 10th January, 2019 at 7 p.m. in the Reading Room.