

South Molton Neighbourhood Plan – Draft Notes of Steering Group Meeting held 12th January 2017

Chair – Matthew Bushell

Vice – Chair – Marc Cornelius

Present : Maria Bailey (Advising Consultant), Amy Littlejohns (Advising Consultant), Andrew Coates (Town Clerk), David Worden (District and Town Councillor), Matthew Bushell (Town Councillor), Phil Byers (Citizen and Business Owner), Mark Cornelius (Town Councillor), Tom Sparkes (Citizen), Jean Foster (Town Councillor), Christine Lock (Town Councillor) Stephan Lock (Mayor), Peter Bishop (Citizen and Business Owner) and Mark Hulland (Citizen and Business Owner)

Terms of Reference

Agreed Draft Terms of Reference for the Steering Group and Town Council. D.Worden proposed and P.Bishop seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Peter Bishop asked for a record kept of Maria Bailey Planning stating that the Terms of Reference had been used before and meets the requirements.

Key Issues

Infrastructure

- Lack of car parking within the centre
- Traffic management – double lines in the right places.
- Speed limits - heavy lorries down East St. / Barnstaple St. – not within speed but weight restrictions.
- Alleviated by distributor road in Local Plan
- Concern over the rate of growth of development and lack of infrastructure
- Lack of decent public transport – not direct route to Barnstaple or the main train link from Tiverton.

Well being and spatial strategies

- Garden, open space, size of dwellings
- Protection of Green space, careful consideration of infill, identify areas they want to be retained.

Heritage

- Existing heritage – Pannier Market protect as big open space.
- Heavy lorries shaking existing heritage.
- Conservation area – character being eroded quicker. No control over enforcement. Mill street - new windows.

Business

- Direction to look at business interest within the town. Balance of businesses; appreciating the small independent shops and large supermarkets services etc.
- Pathfields industrial estate, units realistically priced for start up.
- Office space for small businesses – work spaces within houses for people working from home.
- Attract industry that employs a lot of people – in the service sector. Needs growth and support.
- Mobile access/ internet speed
- Knowledge based sector that serves the hinterland and this intention is to draw affluence into the Town.
- Creative industries – need better broadband etc.
- Possibility for Arts Centre

Housing

- More bungalows to provide more options for the community.
- Space standard for development homes that you can be expanded for families.
- Need a range of housing to meet all requirements
- Garage not a parking space.
- Encourage uses of local suppliers in development

Sport and leisure

- Sports provision – unlikely sports hub in local plan be developed. Not enough for football, running cyclists etc. All weather, flood lit, upgrade of swimming pool.

Opportunities

- Getting the community back together and engaged. Plan to show what to protect for what uses.
- Heritage
- Arts
- Well being
- Open space
- Quality of life
- Environment, culm grassland, special places/ interpretation visitors
- Encourage use of renewable energy standards for development
- Woodland + proposed wetland area and amenities area linkages of attenuation porches to provide local ecosystems

Relevant News Contacts

- Neighbourhood Plan – special TC
- Molton Monthly
- Community News

- S. Molton News a4 Page

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