

South Molton Neighbourhood Plan – Draft Minutes of Steering Group Meeting held 6th November

Chair: Jean Foster

Vice-Chair: Marc Cornelius

Present: Maria Bailey (Advising Consultant), Amy Littlejohns (Advising Consultant), Neil Kingdon, David Worden, Matthew Bushell, Derrica Hodgson, Lyn Winter, Andrew Coates, Douglas Urquhart, Jean Foster and Peter Bishop

Apologies: Marc Cornelius, Will Williamson and Steve Seatherton.

Introduction

Agree notes from last meeting

Notes agreed with no further amendments.

Date of next meeting

Tuesday 5th December

The meeting date agreed was Monday 8th January, however, this has now been changed to **Wednesday 10th January** due to MBP having a meeting clash on the Monday.

Workshop to consider policy work to date and way forward

Maria circulated the policies and explained what could be added i.e. photos. She explained that the policies need to be more detailed and specific, for example, what is meant by “adequate”, as well as stating that the policies must be related to development, and if not they can be kept in a separate document. Finally, it was mentioned that the policies should not duplicate information in the Local Plan.

Traffic Management and Parking

TMP3 relating to electric vehicles will be moved to the housing section of the plan. TMP1 will be redrafted to state that central car parking should be preserved and enhanced as identified on the proposed map. It was discussed that on market days (Thursdays, Saturdays) the car park is full and more evidence is needed to demonstrate this.

Community

It was discussed that the Arts Destination Project policy in the community draft could be redrafted and reintroduced, as it will be a land use issue in the future. The group came to the agreement that:

- C1 needs to be more specific;
- C2 should be redrafted with reference to the Conservation Area Appraisal; and
- Maria will look at the GTNP to find a policy similar to C3.

Open Space and Leisure

It was decided that OS4 needed to be more flexible and the word “pitches” would therefore be replaced by “facilities”.

Business and Employment

The group decided that the policies needed to be redrafted to ensure that developments over a certain size will include provision for community facilities e.g. a corner shop. Potential places for retail and relocation of the market was discussed. All non-land use matters will need to be moved to the supporting document.

Housing

Lyn questioned the wording of the policies and suggested that stronger words need to be used i.e. should be replaced by must/will when the action is required. Following this, Maria confirmed that there can't be the removal of the GDPO as stated in policy HO1b – it will have to be omitted. Finally it was decided that a policy for green housing needed to be added.

Moving forward - MBP will amend the policies as discussed in the meeting and pictures will be added.

MBP kindly request subgroups to send their additional chapter work, photos etc by the 24th November. This will give MBP opportunity to work on the chapters/ policies before the next meeting.

Questions