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Minutes of the Neighbourhood Planning Advisory Group – 17 October 2019 (Meeting commenced at 7:30pm)

NP33/19 1. Chairman's opening remarks:

Jane Lang (Chair) welcomed Anna Roberts and Jon Golby from Langtons Developers who were invited to attend in order to present to the group on how their business could assist with housing development issues / plans.

The Clair also welcomed UTC Cllr Lucy Lewin, who was invited to present to the group on her 'Vision for Uppingham' document in relation to open spaces.

NP34/19 2. Attendance Register

Present:

Jane Lang (Chair), David Casewell, Richard Reeve, Ron Simpson, David Ainslie, Mark Shaw, Pat Taylor, Kath Gilbert, Howard Thompson, Margaret Simpson, Edward Baines, Stephen Taylor, Andrew Jenkins, Liz Clarke. Also Clerk Debbie Bettles.

Apologies for Absence: Peter Rees, Christine Edwards, Chris Merricks, Sharon Aumais

NP35/19 3. **Declaration of Members' Interests and Requests for Dispensation:** None

NP36/19 4. Presentation by Anna Roberts from Langtons Developers

Anna Roberts and Jon Golby delivered a presentation on proposed housing developments in Uppingham and local area. The proposals reflect a sympathy to the Neighbourhood Plan, local heritage, ecology and local building design. The Neighbourhood Plan has a view to include developments for more affordable homes whilst also having sympathy for quality and local character. In this regard, expressions of interest were made to include possible involvement of Uppingham Homes CLT in development plans. Richard Reeves made queries regarding retaining the proposed route of a future possible bypass.

David Casewell suggested incorporating a plan for phased developments with selected types of homes considered in each phase and asked for an indicative minimum number of homes figure for development. Langtons indicated they were content with a minimum number of 50 homes at this point.

NP37/19 5. Presentation by Cllr Lucy Lewin on the 'Vision for Uppingham' document

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Ed Baines expressed his point that family friendly open spaces should be incorporated as policy in the Neighbourhood Plan.

NP38/19 6. To confirm previous minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Group:

Resolution: It was resolved that the minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Group 19th September 2019 be agreed.

NP39/19 7. Discuss proposed housing developers consultation event and review developers to be contacted

David Ainslie advised he is organising a date in November for the Town Hall to host a consultation event, inviting local housing developers to exhibit their plans. Community feedback will be captured.

NP40/19 8. Review Work Plan and Neighbourhood Plan Road Map:

Resolution: Jane Lang (Chair) and Chris Merricks (Vice Chair) will continue to roll in with the structure of the working groups and consider potential costs of updating evidence to support the Neighbourhood Plan.

NP41/19 7. Reports back from Working Groups.

Jane Lang reminded all that the purpose of the working groups was to progress ideas within those groups. Jane advised all groups to continue to meet up to put together objectives with a view to ensure that community needs and desires are enabled in the Neighbourhood plan, including:

- Find out what the community wants?
- What is the group trying to achieve?
- What does the group want to put into the plan?
- Identify quick wins

A brief update on the local economy working group was provided by Ron Simpson.

A summary discussion of the Community Facilities, Services and Open Spaces working group was given, with reference to feedback from the presentation given by Cllr Lucy Lewin (item 5)

NP42/19 8. Consider Evidence from OPUN report Nov 2018 Resolution:

It was agreed to defer this item to the December meeting.

NP43/19 9 AOB:

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Meeting closed at 9.40pm