

## NPAG Economy Group

### Notes of a Virtual Meeting of the Economy Working Group held on Thursday October 22<sup>nd</sup> 2020

**In attendance** - Mark Shaw, David Ainslie BEM, Ron Simpson BEM (Chair)

**1. Interests** – The various community, business and statutory sector interests of group members were noted

**2. Trader Discussions** – The Chair reported on preliminary discussions with a number of business traders to agree areas/zones of interest that need to be addressed in updating the UNP following last year's discussions in the Neighbourhood Forum, Business Forum and at the Board of Uppingham First.

**3. UTC&BZ Plan** - It was noted that the Council/NPAG had already received the full set of economic growth recommendations agreed by both town Forums in the Town Centre and Business Zones Plan. See [www.uppinghamneighbourhoodplan.info](http://www.uppinghamneighbourhoodplan.info)

**4. Actions** - Following group discussion it was agreed that the following actions be recommended to NPAG: -

- a) That an update of the town centre data set be part of the £10K Locality grant data study contract
- b) That NPAG note the intention of the Economy Working Group to host updating consultation meetings with the following resident/business groups..... Queen Street Group; High Street Group; Orange Street Group; North Street West; Hopper Users Group; Commercial Zones Group
- c) That an NPAG town centre update board be part of the proposed Uppingham Christmas Pop Up Shop

**5. Emerging Issues** - It was noted that the following issues had been raised in discussion by businesses: -

- a) Community Business Hub
- b) Possible bypass
- c) Communication with the Greater Lincolnshire LEP
- d) Undelivered actions in the present UNP
- e) Town Centre toilets
- f) Impact of Brexit and Covid-19 on economic growth
- g) Economic impact of the emerging Rutland Local Plan
- h) Coach Stop
- i) Parking capacity and safety
- j) Public wifi/business broadband
- k) Market Place café society offer
- l) Event management, market place covers and road closures
- m) Town Centre Noticeboards
- n) Christmas light extension to Orange Street
- o) Speeding
- p) Database duplicity

**6. Membership** – It was noted that Cllr Enright was no longer a member of NPAG. It was agreed that NPAG be requested to invite replacement volunteer(s)

**7. Date of next meeting** – to be synchronised with NPAG dates.

Ron Simpson BEM

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