

Notes from the Radford Semele Neighbourhood Plan Inception Meeting on 12th September 2017 at the Community Hall

1. Introductions

Michael Wellock (MD Kirkwells)
Councillor David Chater (chairman Parish Council)
NP Steering Group members – Olliver Aries, Cllrs Brian Friar and Brian Follett, Barbara Wyatt, Judy Steele (also FoRGE core member), Ed Cooms

2. Current Position:

- (a) New Local Plan to be adopted by WDC at 20th Sept committee. Village envelope has been redrawn to exclude further housing development outside this area. Housing numbers now fixed at 300.
- (b) Housing Needs Survey completed July, draft document available and final report due shortly. Around 30% of residents responded and apart from housing data they were asked to comment on life in the parish. This information will be of benefit in feeding back to the community at the consultation launch event.

3. What do you want to achieve.

- (a) The NP Group has prepared a vision statement detailing the aims of the Radford Semele NP (Ed to forward a copy of Statement to MW).
- (b) A consultation launch event is planned for Sat 30th Sept. at the Community Hall. Aim for a morning session, provide refreshments, be welcoming to the public, have displays close to refreshments, use only about a third of the hall area.
- (c) Keep displays very simple. Have 2 plans, one of the whole parish and one of the village. Include main sites and areas or buildings of importance. Could include a plan of the village envelope from the New Local Plan. Use OS maps if possible. Plans to be large enough to allow comments to be marked up. Have a flip chart available for written comments to be added.
- (d) Need to state aims of the NP (vision statement) and the process to getting the Plan formally adopted. Give the views of the NP Group as to what should be in the NP but the aim is to gather the views of residents on what they wish to retain in the parish and a wish list for the future. Explain to residents that the housing issues have already been dealt with in the New Local Plan until 2029.
- (e) Give an e-mail link for residents who can't attend the launch but would like to comment.
- (f) Need to have good publicity for the launch, well in advance. Use every available means – banners, fliers to every household, letter to school, web-sites (FoRGE and the Radford community news Facebook page).
- (g) To keep to a tight schedule the Launch event will have to take place before local groups can be contacted.

4. Key Issues and Objectives

- (a) NP Group should not focus on housing matters in developing the Plan but concentrate on other issues. These could include:
- Lack of footpaths and cycleways and their links to the new housing developments (somewhat isolated) and the canal and greenway.
 - Retaining, protecting and enhancing Heritage features – cultural and historic.
 - Preserving and enhancing the surrounding landscape. Also. local green spaces (see National Policy document).
- (b) Following the inception meeting MW to produce notes for guidance and work plan for the NP Group. Also MW to complete the preferred option draft plan for consultation.
- (c) MW thought size of the NP Group was about right to deal with the workload.

5. Timetable

- (a) MW to meet with NP Group after the launch event in particular to get feedback on issues raised.
- (b) Because the New Local Plan was about to be adopted MW thought that the timetable for developing the NP would be foreshortened.
- (c) NP Group to meet on Friday 15th Sept. at 8.00pm in the White Lion pub to discuss launch event.

6. Next Meeting

On 10th October 2018 at the Community Hall, Lewis Road, probably starting at 7.30pm (to be confirmed).

Notes prepared by Cllr Brian Follett
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