

Neighbourhood Plan Meeting 8/10/2020

Welcome to Totton resident Katherine – her first meeting.

Katherine is a chartered town planner & is used to seeing neighbourhood plans from the other side and implementing them.

Updates – the chance to get our town centre designated from community to ‘community and residential’ or ‘community and commercial’. Meeting with Claire Upton Brown was very positive, with a chance we can get funding from developers contributions for some of our aims soon if we can get a plan together in the next few months.

Katherine:

- Good we are recognising our uniqueness in not being so historic
- Aligning with developer rights is good – a bit of innovation is really good. Being cutting edge
- Local identity is important – getting away from the catalogue
- Check questions are really good
- We need a plan in place so we can get allocations from developer contributions. Aligned with local area & specific to the area for the benefit of the whole town.

Lin

- Looking ahead to future generations is what we need to do

Caroline

- Some money is becoming available – if we can move quickly we can get some quick wins
- Claire upton brown – we might be able to get developers contributions to pay for some of these things
- Follow up meeting with Claire – make sure invite goes out to more councillors

Steve

- Is it an issue that Bloor homes are in Netley Marsh? Depends on boundaries & impacts. Can give us more time when the bits more in our patch come up.

Amy

- Totton College mural project – arrange a consultation through the college. Talk to Caroline about it.
- Map idea is really good, would be very worthwhile.

Catherine

- Important to have consultation throughout, we're doing well at this so far.

Further thoughts on Design Framework

Steve – working towards green. In West Totton part of the process was creating the green route. Green book was created, a superb book, but it was unrealistic as it would have been so expensive to maintain. We need a sense of reality in our plans.

All the other towns are different to us. Other NF towns have their own catchment, whereas we are in Southampton's catchment. We need a vibrant centre without it being a mini Southampton.

Catherine – Totally agree with Steve. Recognise that Totton is very important as a local centre for local residents. Lots of locally available services, and lots of positives about the centre of Totton that do work. Snug have talked about a type of Lidl style shop in the centre of Totton that might be an opportunity to give appetite for development. Retain ground floor retail/commercial and then upper floors for residential. We can only create a framework. It's very difficult for the local authority now as there's a lot of flexibility. What the council would be looking to do in the future is to conduct land needs assessment in order to look at how they develop the town centres across the whole local authority in the future. Need for

flexibility. Won't be the same demand for services in the future in terms of office space etc. Things are constantly changing.

Caroline – any general comments on the design framework from anyone here tonight?

Steve – Design Framework is a good document. Well written so far. Needs more meat on the bones later down the line.

Catherine – well said.

Caroline – we'll organise a special meeting for councillors on a future Wednesday to present this Design Framework to the council.

Catherine – would be good for me to draft some policy wordings based on the framework.

Caroline – definitely, yes please. Sounds perfect. I'll use everyone's statements as evidence of consultation. We also have a lot of Facebook comments, which is great.

Catherine – doesn't matter how we have gotten the consultation. The fact that it has been collected and collated is all that's required.

Lin – we are trying to lead people through something that is so important.

Caroline will get in touch to organise Date of meeting to present to council (maybe before end of October), and another Neighbourhood Plan meeting.

Need to meet new planning officer and make sure she is involved.

Actionable items

- Date of meeting to present to Council (Caroline)
- Date of meeting for next Neighbourhood Plan meeting (Caroline)
- Meet new planning officer (Caroline)
- Make sure follow up meeting with Claire Upton-Brown includes more councillors/ invite is sent round to whole council
- Policy wording based on the design framework (Catherine)
- Working on consultation project with Totton College (Amy)