

LINBY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP
MEETING MINUTES
Held at Brooke Farm, Linby on Monday 17th July 2017 at 7pm

Present: D Ireland, C Harrison, R Norris, D Walker, H Barter (Urban Vision), N Clark (Linby PC), W Lewis (Linby PC), G Beal (Horse & Groom), R Hollins (Traffic Cons), *J Farrell (PhD Student)

* John Farrell is a PhD student at the University of Liverpool currently undertaking research on Neighbourhood Planning. Mr Farrell gave a short presentation on his research and asked for volunteers to undertake a short survey on what motivates people to come together and volunteer their time for the cause of a Neighbourhood Plan.

1.0 Apologies for Absence

C Hardstaff, K Tunstall

2.0 Approval of minutes

The minutes from the 15th June 2017 meeting were approved and signed by D Ireland

Matters arising

- D Ireland advised of a response from National Grid re: whether the current infrastructure can cope with the proposed housing developments. H Barter to review the response.
- D Ireland advised that BT OpenReach had stated that there will be sufficient capacity provided for the Top Wighay and LNPL development sites, as long as the Housing Developer registers the sites with them.
- D Ireland commented we had not yet received a response from Barratt David Wilson Homes regarding the paddock being allocated as Open Green Space. L Gretton to continue to pursue.

3.0 Traffic Consultant Update – Rob Hollins to update

R Hollins advised he was working at strategic level with Highways, addressing many issues relating to traffic within the village and parish. He gave an overview of the work he had undertaken so far.

R Hollins and the LNPSG discussed the Concepts for Road Management Strategy Document which had been circulated to the LNPSG and the Parish Council prior to the meeting. The document included:

- **Reducing speed limit from 40mph to 30mph Wighay Road**
All agree. The LNPSG advised R Hollins of recent accidents including an incident on Wighay Road involving 4 cars, a car driving into the docks in Linby and a fire engine turning over on the roundabout at the top of the bypass. D Ireland to forward photographs to R Hollins
- **Renew/reinforce Lorry restriction**
D Ireland commented that the NCC website to submit a contravention had inaccuracies including a link that did not work. She also advised once the information is submitted, there was no confirmation of whether it had been received or what action had been taken. She had spoken to NCC who advised Lorry Watch was now contracted out. R Hollins to relay this back to Tina Cooke at Highways.

N Clark advised he had recently reported 4 contraventions through the village within 17 minutes. D Ireland commented that the weight restriction signs do not work and would like to explore using camera recognition. R Hollins commented the weight restriction signs were poorly maintained. R Hollins to emphasise this to Tina Cooke.

- Improve existing footpath across open space to provide shared pedestrian/cycle path to provide a direct pedestrian cycle link to NCN route 6 to Hucknall (From Wighay Road to Waterloo Road)
All agree.
- Formal pedestrian crossing, by Ward Avenue, Wighay Road
All agree to a formal crossing on Wighay Road. The LNPSG enquired whether there would be justification for two pedestrian crossings, one to be nearer to the Strata Homes development. R Hollins commented that the location would need to be agreed with highways at a later stage.
- Toucan crossing on Waterloo road adjacent to connection with NCN route 6 to Hucknall
All agree. This would provide a cycle link from Wighay Road to Hucknall station and provide a short cut avoiding the roundabout.
- Reduce roundabout exit into Main Street to a single lane
All agree. R Hollins commented the current width is 7 meters which is too wide going into a residential area. He advised reducing this will allow more space for crossing onto Cycle Route 6 and using buff surfacing will make drivers more aware they are entering a village. He advised Highways have accepted the principle of narrowing the road. He also advised Highways were concerned with skid resistance surfacing, and he suggested high friction surfacing could be used near the docks. This surfacing would look distinctly different from a standard carriageway.
- Widened footpath and carriageway narrowing, Main Street – entry into the village
All agree. D Walker advised he had received approval for a driveway and was concerned with the positioning of the crossing. R Hollins advised it could be moved so as not to cause any issues. R Hollins advised keeping the same theme through the village – a coloured edge marking and to remove any physical build outs. Also a triangular/diamond shape island painted on the road rather than a physical island. The groups discussed having a slightly raised island here. R Hollins to look into further.
- Church Lane Junction Reduced Geometry
All agree to the proposal. R Hollins suggested the footpath be increased to make the road narrower which would increase visibility. R Hollins advised this would require a swept path analysis. The group discussed having a cobble strip into the access road. R Hollins advised this should be discussed with Highways.
- Buffer strips along the edge of the road near the docks
All agree
- Pull-in near the Horse & Groom Pub
Mr Beal commented this would fit in well with the scheme.

- Informal Crossing, near the Old Post Office & Pub
All agree. This would include a stone cobbles refuge in the middle of the road. R Hollins advised Highways would have a maintenance liability to repair and maintain this. D Ireland advised they could argue that it costs them to restore the docks each year from accidents. This would serve Brooke Farm, the School, the pub and links to the bus stop. R Hollins confirmed the two dropped kerbs near the school would remain.
- Village centre entry 'Gateway', incorporating 30 mph limit (if Wighay Road remains at 40 mph)
All agree. D Ireland commented this gives a rural feel, and could be built in stone. R Hollins advised that Highways were against Gateways and stated they were not adopted in the county. R Hollins commented they were however found all over the country.

R Hollins advised he would email Tina Cooke the final document.

D Walker asked what the feedback was from the community event re: 20 mph throughout the village. R Hollins advised that people were against a 20 mph since it's not well policed or adhered to. D Ireland advised that drivers do not slow down when the 20 mph sign is flashing during the school drop off/pick up. She advised of the accident last year involving a car driving into the fence near the school. She advised that the proposed design has a greater impact.

R Hollins, N Clark, G Beal and W Lewis left the meeting at 20:45.

4.0 Funding Update

D Ireland advised the Group have received the final tranche of funding.

5.0 Green Space Audit Update

D Ireland updated the LNPSG with the following:

Field behind Horse & Groom Pub

- D Ireland to meet with the brewery in August

NCC

- They agreed to designate the land surrounding the heritage centre and school plantation and the land on the south side of Linby Lane.
- They agreed for the designation of the Linby Trail but advised this was already protected. H Barter advised leaving this in the NP.
- The area next to the football field on Waterloo Road (area where Colliery Wheel sits) and Black Pad. They agreed with justification subject to confirmation of boundary.
- Paddock. Advised more justification is needed. H Barter advised this area forms a buffer, which they had already mentioned and therefore no further justification is required
- Area next to Station House and entrance to the Ranges. NCC requested further justification and advised that designation should not be based on the views of one individual and requested further justification as to why the site is of value to the village. H Barter advised that during the community engagement, this was supported by the public and therefore there is no reason to take this area out. H Barter to draft an email to NCC.
- Top Wighay Farm Drive LWS / Green space identified on Plan D of adopted Top Wighay Dev. Brief. NCC commented the site is part of a housing allocation in the emerging Gedling local plan and suggest that the site should not be designated as it's subject to policy in the local plan (which will retain areas of wildlife interest and open space). The NP will need to conform to the Gedling LP when adopted. H Barter advised that Gedling have a policy that applies to the whole red line boundary, but nowhere do they say the exact location of the

green space. H Barter advised that the NP would show exactly where the green space and it's another layer of protection, which is the whole point of the NP. H Barter to write to NCC.

D Ireland advised the Green Space Designations were almost complete, and would now need photographs of each areas of land.

6.0 Draft Policies Review

H Barter advised of the recent meeting with Alison Gibson at Gedling Borough Council to go through the draft policies. A Gibson advised she would consult with colleagues over July and August and report back at the end of August with any further comments. H Barter advised she would chase at the beginning of August.

H Barter circulated a table of comments by A Gibson, and the actions taken:

- Reduce direct quotes for NPPF
H Barter advised leaving these quotes in, as when using a document as an applicant, a member of community or the PC, you can cut and paste the rationale which will make it a lot easier when responding to live applications.
- Housing Mix
H Barter has chased A Gibson for advice on supplementary planning document
- DES1 Urban Design
H Barter advised they were close to emerging policy LPD 35, and D Chetwyn and H Barter had split this into two policies. She advised when the new local plan is adopted, one policy will be superseded and the other will remain
- Remove Green Belt from bullet list
A Gibson advised this was not a landscape designation. H Barter advised leaving this in.
- Duplication with policy LPD 18 of emerging local plan
H Barter advised she had reviewed LPD 18 which is specific to wildlife and does not mention hedgerows.
- List of CIL projects
H Barter to draft list and add to policy

9.0 Moving Forward

- L Gretton to chase Barratt David Wilson Homes re: green space allocation
- D Ireland to write to GP's
- C Harrison to write to NCC
- L Gretton to send N Grid, Severn Trent and OpenReach responses to H Barter
- Take photographs of Green Spaces and include name, description, photograph and map to go in Plan
- H Barter to chase A Gibson for comments, beginning of August
- H Barter to write to NCC re: green space designations
- H Barter to circulate policies to be reviewed by the LNPSG. Comments to be received prior to the 18th September.

Upcoming Meetings

- Small Working Party to finalise the policies - Monday 18th September 11am to 2pm

Meeting ended at 9:15 pm

Signed _____ Chairman