

# Notes of Informal Meeting with Catherine Morgetroyd Nicholas Street, Chester. 28<sup>th</sup> August 2019

## **PRESENT**

Tattenhall & District Parish Council - Iain Keeping, Esther Saddler-Williams, Ann Wright (Clerk)  
CW&C - Catherine Morgetroyd, Principal Planning Officer - Planning Policy

**Purpose of Meeting: To discuss methodology for reviewing the Neighbourhood Plan.**

## Background

It was noted the Neighbourhood Plan (Plan) had been made in 2014 and included the requirement that it be reviewed after 5 years as such the Parish Council has created a working group to carry out this task.

Initially it had been just to update the designated plan area to the current Parish Council boundaries and to update the wording not the policies.

It was noted that the groups existing Terms of Reference were out of date and the Council is going to consider a revised terms of reference at its next meeting and that the working group should be a committee allowing delegation of powers.

It had been noted that the Plan should have been subject to annual monitoring and that this had not been happening, and that this should use similar methodology as that used by CW&C to undertake their Local Plan annual monitoring.

## Reviewing the Plan

Catherine Morgetroyd agreed to look for examples of monitoring plans and guidance for undertaking reviews.

It was stated the sustainability appraisal should be seen separately from a review of whether the plan's visions and objectives have been met although there could be some overlap between the two areas.

It was recommended the first action should be to look at the vision and objectives and identify if the plan's policies have delivered on these objectives or not. 'Has the plan done what was wanted of it?'

It is important to agree how these objectives can be assessed and measured.

Once this has been completed then a secondary task is to review the sustainability appraisal.

There is a need to review all planning applications since the plan was made and assess the following:

- Was the Plan relevant to the application, did any of the policies apply?
- If so, did the application's outcome reflect Plan Policy or was it contrary to Plan Policy.

It was noted there is a difference between Plan policies failing to achieve their objectives and Plan policies not being taken into account by planners when assessing planning applications. Both would be part of the monitoring process.

It was noted that Plans need to be in general conformity with the Local Plan. It can go beyond and provide more detail to Local Plan Policies.

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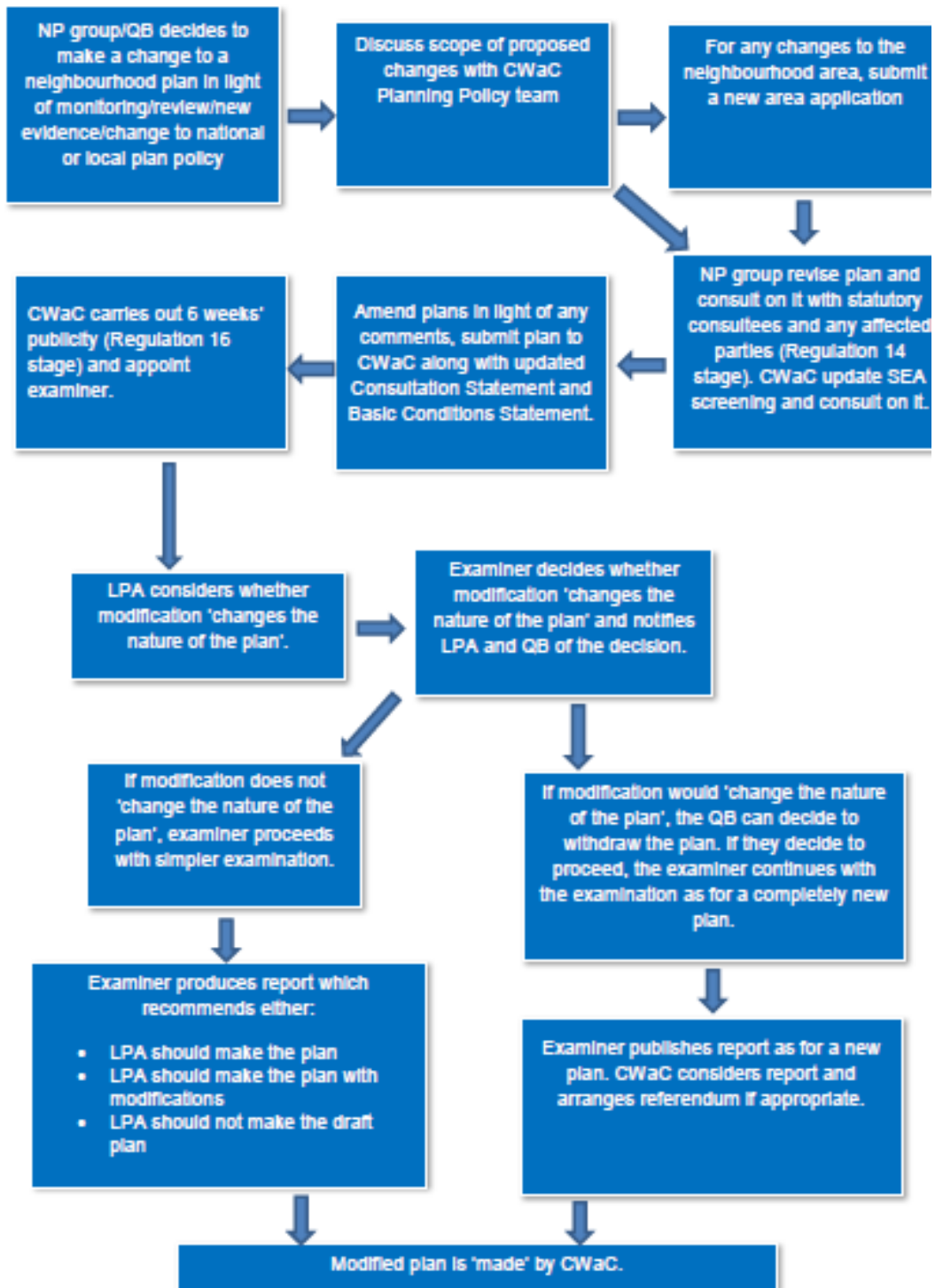
It was discussed that it would be possible to provide more detail of the types of developments that would be acceptable on land identified in the Local Plan 2.

Catherine Morgetroyd agreed to get an update on the changes to the designated Plan area.

It was noted that Localities are offering funding for Plan reviews. Monitoring is the responsibility of the Parish Council.

The following flow chart was discussed:

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It was noted that Cheshire Community Action can provide support.

Catherine Morgetroyd agreed to obtain an update on the expected publication of the Housing Monitor from Beth Fletcher.

It was noted that CW&C are currently undertaking their Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) which is expected to be completed in the next couple of months.

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It was noted that CW&C will begin a review of the Local Plan 1 in the next 12 months as such a review of the Tattenhall & District Plan could feed into this process for example identifying suitable development sites and housing numbers.

It was noted that Plan policies do not outweigh permitted development rights and that an Article 4 Direction would be one way to limit these rights.

Ann Wright 28/08/2019