

Notes of Tattenhall Neighbourhood Plan Review Working Group

Held virtually via ZOOM

14th September 2021

PRESENT

Chairman: Iain Keeping,
Stephen Hornby Caryl Roberts Esther Sadler-Williams
Peter Weston Ann Wright (Clerk).
Lucy Hughes (LH) – Cheshire Community Action (CCA)
Public 2

Purpose of Meeting – To have discussion with Lucy Hughes, CCA on next steps for the Neighbourhood Plan Review including consultation.

It was reported there had been one successful review completed in Marton¹ in Cheshire East.

Catherine Morgetroyd's (CM) comments were forward to LH for consideration, the comments suggested that a referendum would be required to implement the proposed changes to the Plan.

It was suggested that if the changes are to bring the Plan into conformity with the CW&C Local Plans a referendum should not be required, and that the approval process would include the Reg. 14 consultation.

If a Plan is to go to referendum the consultation process would need to go back further than Reg. 14.

It was noted that any consultation would take place before the Plan would be submitted to the Examiner and that it is the Examiner who ultimately decides if a referendum is required.

Concern was raised that if the revised Plan went to a vote, it would not attract the same turnout as in October 2013, as residents are not under the same pressure from developers as they were then and are not as aware of the Plan, particularly as the community has grown considerably since 2013.

It was discussed that it was debatable if the proposed changes are significant or not as they bring the Plan into conformity with the Local Plan.

It was noted the Plan does not include a settlement boundary and instead refers to the built edge of the village. It was thought if a settlement Boundary was included in the revised Plan, it would be the same as that identified by CW&C, otherwise it would not be in conformity with the Local Plan.

It was noted the Plan includes green gaps policies between Tattenhall and Newton by Tattenhall and Gatesheath, CW&C overrode this policy in the Local Plan Part 2 when it identified land for development on Chester Road. This has been raised in the Council's response to the CW&C Local Plan conversation.

¹ <https://www.martonparishcouncil.org.uk/martons-neighbourhood-plan/>

LH confirmed she would have a conversation with CM to get a better understanding of why she thinks the possible changes would result in a referendum.

It was noted the Plan does not include policies relating to climate change.

It was noted until it becomes clearer if the revised Plan would need to go to Referendum it is not clear how much work needs to be done, and that this will shape the consultation carried out.

It was noted that CW&C are responsible for paying for a referendum, but they would receive the funding from central government.

A letter will be sent to the examiner with the submission explaining why the Group feels the Plan does not need to go to Referendum, it is not clear if the local authority could oppose this position in their submission to the examiner.

The examiner is chosen by CW&C in consultation with the group.

It was understood that inclusion of Design Code into Neighbourhood Plan does not require a referendum to be held.

It was agreed that if the re-designation of the Plan Boundary would result in a referendum it was not worth pursuing.

It was agreed to meet again to discuss next steps following LH review of CM comments.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- 16th September 2021 Aecom to discuss Design Code

Ann Wright
16/09/2021.