

Notes of Tattenhall Neighbourhood Plan Review Working Group
Held virtually via Zoom
22nd February 2024.

PRESENT

Chairman: Iain Keeping

Pat Black Caryl Roberts Ian Waddington Ann Wright (Clerk).

Cheshire Community Action (CCA) – John Heselwood

ONH¹ – Neil Homer

Purpose of Meeting: To discuss consultation & technical support.

Background was provided on the Neighbourhood Plan review process and where the working group had got to. It was noted the group needs help managing the consultation and depending on the consultation results is likely to need professional planning advice.

Neil Homer confirmed that the examiner cannot alter unchanged policies and justification which has already been through examination.

Concerns raised in the health check about Policy 6 and Local Green Spaces were discussed. It was stated that adding new green spaces would trigger a referendum. Land allocated as green spaces are expected to have longevity and last beyond the Plan period. It was noted the land listed in the made Plan were listed as Local Green Spaces and then divided into 3 categories. It was confirmed there is no need to retrofit justification for land already allocated.

The Group was asked why they were reviewing the Plan:

To strengthen Policy 1 and bring into compliance with the Local Plan.

Update Designated Area to match the Council's amended boundary.

To retain the planning weight of Plan for the remainder of the Plan period.

It was noted the Plan should retain its weight during the Plan period unless CW&C fails to have the necessary housing numbers.

A discussion took place regarding views which had also been highlighted in the health check as lacking a policy. It was noted Policy 2, point 5 includes views. It was suggested the Group consider strengthening this policy.

Wildlife Corridors

It was discussed that wildlife corridors usually go beyond 1m either side of a brook and would normally include a wider hinterland.

It was agreed the working group needs to meet and discuss what support it requires including help with wording.

Neil Homer suggested that his company could handle the Reg 14 responses while the Group with support from CCA could handle public responses.

All were thanked for attending the meeting.

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Next meeting

Agenda to include review of Policy 6, support required.

Wednesday 13th March 2024, 7pm, Zoom.