

Notes of Informal Meeting with Cheshire Community Action Held virtually via ZOOM. 21st January 2021.

PRESENT- Iain Keeping, Ann Wright (Clerk).
Lucy Hughes Cheshire Community Action (CCA)

Purpose of Meeting: To establish was forward in relating to Neighbourhood Plan Consultation and Design Code.

It was note that there are likely to be updates/changes to the Neighbourhood plan and that there needs to be consultation with resident etc.

It was noted that the Village Design Statement (VDS) is also being reviewed to be developed into a Design Code.

It was asked if it was worth waiting for the National design Code Model to be published which had been announced in November 2019 and was expected to be published early this year.

It was noted that funding can be obtained for reviews of Neighbourhood Plans and that Localities will support the creation of Design Codes by appointing a consultant to assist. The funding is based on financial years as such any funding claimed now would need to be spent before the end of March 2021 or returned as such it would make sense to apply for the funding in the next financial year or submit two grant applications.

It was noted that although the design Code would be a separate document to the Neighbourhood Plan it would be referred to by Plan policies as the VDS is.

It was recommended that the Clerk contact Localities and ask for assistance in creating a Design Code and ask to see examples already produced. It was suggested that the company appointed to assist with the Code would work with the group on the document and what it should contain particularly as we have a good existing VDS.

It was agreed the Committee needs to consider what it wants to consult on taking account of the fact the Plan itself has already been consulted on and approved by the community. The consultation could take the form of 'this is what the plan says, and this is what we are proposing to change it to' or it could say 'this is what the plans says' and provide a number of options for residents select.

It was noted the main areas for consultation are the polices relating development in Newton-by-Tattenhall and Gatesheath and development adjacent to the built edge of Tattenhall. Both policy policies do not comply with the CW&C Local Plan. It was hoped that any changes to the Plan which bring it into conformity with the CW&C Local Plan might not need to go to referendum. It was suggested if any changes are not in conformity with the local plan this should be raised with CW&C for discussion.

It was suggested that a policy should be included in the Neighbourhood Plan which states developer must show how they have taken into consider the Design Code.

It was suggested that the work is undertaken on the Design Code and that funding for the Plan is applied for in the next financial year.

Ann Wright 22/01/2021.