

## Minutes WBNP

**Date: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021, 9.30am**

**Venue: Videoconference meeting via Zoom**

**Present: Carol Cade (Chairman), Martin Thomas, Sally Kaill, John Pritchard and Alex Swift. Mark James and Pippa Home (HPBC) joined the meeting for Agenda Item 4.**

1. **Apologies for absence:** Hannah Barter (UVE)
2. **Minutes of the last meeting:** The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021 were **AGREED** as a correct record, provided that no substantial challenges to their accuracy had been received by JP by 11.59pm on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021.
3. **Matters arising from minutes:** None.
4. **Draft Policies Review:** The majority of the meeting was devoted to this topic. The HPBC officers advised:
  - consult with Adele Metcalfe (PDNPA): in hand. (NB The new contact at PDNPA is Clare Wilkins.)
  - consult with Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) and Highways departments at DCC: contacts to be supplied
  - reflect the conclusions from the AECOM Design Codes report into our Policy Map
  - avoid restating policies in the High Peak Local Plan (which HPBC is in the final stage of its review) and in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) because this would be superfluous, but where it is done to give emphasis ensure that the wording is identical. A number of policy-specific comments are shown in **APPENDIX 1**. AS updated our draft Policy Map during the meeting.
5. **Timeline and Project Management:** Nothing to report.
6. **Funding:** MT reported that he will prepare a third and final claim from Locality for £3,500 (being the outstanding part of our entitlement) to cover the costs of Consultants Fees (UVE), Derbyshire Wildlife Trust, design and artwork, promotion, and incidentals.
7. **Town Council feedback:** Nothing to report.
8. **AOB:** None.

The meeting closed at 11am.

### **Date of Next Meeting (via Zoom):**

There will be two one-hour meetings at 6.30pm on Tuesday, 18th May 2021 and Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021 to discuss further the matters arising from to-day's discussion with HPBC, (see Minute 4, above).

### **APPENDIX 1: Comments relating to specific policies**

#### **Re: Policy E1 Sustainable Design**

Draft Policy: Development must enhance and not harm long views along the valley (see Plan \*\*), including consideration of height, massing, colouration, materials, and landscaping.

Comment: Be specific about the meaning of the phrase means 'and not harm long views along the valley'. Which views and why?

#### **Re: Policy E3 Flooding**

Draft Policy: In areas where there is risk of flooding, development will be supported only where the design includes measures to address that risk.

Comment: See HP Local Plan Policy EQ1 and be specific about the situation at Wharf Road

#### ***Extract from HP Local Plan***

##### ***'Policy EQ 11 Flood Risk Management***

*The Council will support development proposals that avoid areas of current or future flood risk and which do not increase the risk of flooding elsewhere, where this is viable and compatible with other policies aimed at achieving a sustainable pattern of development. When considering planning applications the Council will also have regard to all relevant Catchment Flood Management Plans and the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy. Management of flood risk will be achieved by:*

*Only permitting development within areas at risk from flooding as defined by the Environment Agency if:*

*a sequential test as set out in the technical guidance to the NPPF demonstrates that this is the only site where the development can be located;*

*on a site which has passed the sequential test but where flood risk still exists, the sequential approach has been used to locate the most vulnerable parts of the development in the areas of lowest flood risk;*

*where necessary an exception test as set out in the technical guidance to the NPPF demonstrates that the proposed development can be accommodated with an acceptable degree of safety;*

*a site specific flood risk assessment shows that the site is protected adequately from flooding, or the scheme includes adequate flood defences or flood risk management measures;*

*it does not damage or inhibit existing flood defence and flood risk management structures or measures;*

*it will not cause or worsen flooding on the site or elsewhere, and will reduce flood risk elsewhere where possible.*

*Development proposals should consider opportunities to contribute towards the objectives of the relevant Catchment Flood Management Plan. Wherever possible, development should promote the reduction of flood risk by seeking to reinstate the natural floodplain, the de-culverting of watercourses and the limiting of surface water runoff to Greenfield rates via the use of sustainable drainage techniques.*

*Where a watercourse is present on a development site, it should be retained or restored into a natural state and enhanced where possible. The culverting of any watercourse will not normally be permitted, and development should wherever possible remove any existing culverts and increase on-site flood storage. Development should be laid out to enable maintenance of the watercourse.*

*Wherever possible SuDS will be expected to contribute towards wider sustainability considerations, including amenity, recreation, conservation of biodiversity and landscape character, making use of the role that trees, woodland and other green infrastructure can play in flood alleviation and water quality control.*

### **Supporting Guidance and Evidence**

*National Planning Policy Framework 2012*

*Technical Guidance to the National Planning Policy Framework 2012*

*Strategic Flood Risk Assessment, Level 1 2008*

*Viability Assessment: Level 2 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment 2014*

*Catchment Flood Management Plans*

*Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment for Derbyshire 2011*

*Local Flood Risk Management Strategy for Derbyshire*

*National and Local Standards for SuDS.'*

**Re: E5 Green Infrastructure**

Comment: Define 'green infrastructure'.

**Re: E6 Local Green Space**

Comment 1: Comments are awaited from PH about the existing protection from development (eg in the HP Local Plan) of LGS, which are in our Long List but excluded from our Short List; eg children's recreation grounds.

Comment 2: Contact the GIS Officer at HPBC about the provision of maps for us to draw LGS boundaries.

**Re: E7 Green Gap**

Draft Policy: Development must not encroach into the green landscape gap that separates the settlements of Whaley Bridge and Furness Vale.

Comment: Be specific by illustrating the green landscape gap on a map.