

Memoranda of Understanding.

During the development of the Neighbourhood Plan there was considerable focus and discussion on the 3 potential development sites (4 landowners).

The Steering Group has spent time in discussion with each of the landowners to share thinking on the nature, scale and benefits of each development. We have been careful to get assurances that the essential nature of the potential developments would add to, and enhance, the unique characteristics of the Parish; that they were in line with all aspects of the Policy agenda and that they would support the onward sustainability of the village, allowing a degree of reorientation of the core of the village – to best effect.

We have received assurances of a village green type aspect with a suitable small pond; improved access to the village hall and the centre of the village and the incorporation of an additional path which contributes strongly to a circular walk around the village. All will add significant benefits to the community.

We wanted to secure as strong an assurance of these developments as was possible and, following discussions and advice from Leeds City Council, we proceeded to adopt an intentions Memorandum of Understanding with each landowner. We followed up with each landowner and have agreed and signed off an MOU in each case. The MOU commits and confirms;

- On the number of properties appropriate to each site.
- On property styles, types and materials ensuring compliance with the specifications and Policies of the Plan.
- On the associated benefits and developments agreed in each site specification.
- On the timescale (within 5 years) for progressing the developments, subject to planning decisions.

Each landowner has willingly signed such an MOU. A copy of a redacted version has been included in the Evidence File. Copies of the signed versions can be made available to the examiner on request.

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