

## Walton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Workshop 05/10/16

1. Initial introductions (Brodie):
  - a. New Walton NP is only 12mths old – 5 x consultation events to establish key issues. Important to realise scale of NP relative to size of Walton settlement (98 homes)
  - b. Proposing to allocate sites for housing (maintain awareness of status of TATE)
  - c. Traffic issues (public transport & resultant traffic from TATE)
  - d. Want to bring forward main issues from 2012-13 plan
  - e. Recent engagement:
    - i. Important issues
    - ii. Questionnaire
    - iii. Site allocations – 3 options favoured
  - f. Intentions statement: questionnaire
  - g. Aims of today: establish what needs to be done on the policies, generate an action list
  - h. Abbie – review consultation surveys & resultant policy options**
  - i. Need to establish needs (HNA)
  - j. Vision – potential for alternative wording of vision
    - i. What is it that makes Walton **unique**?
    - ii. Allocation of land in relation to local housing needs
    - iii. Objectives need to include aim to allocate
2. Policy A1 – Protecting views – Mindful of Walton being CA
  - a. Should be **considerations** rather than **requirements**
  - b. Planning would have to consider heritage assets (Conservation Area Appraisal)
    - i. Dependent on examiners and how they view importance of existing policy
      1. Assess whether Conservation Area Appraisal has delivered and then identify key views so that they should be “considerations” in terms of policy.
  - c. It **is** within scope of NP to have a policy concerning views
  - d. Action: NP to review CAA and decide how NP wants to go beyond CAA**
3. NP to designate Local Green Space (need to consider the restrictions on this found in NPPF)
  - a. Positive engagement with landowners
  - b. Must be local significant/special
  - c. Potentially already used by community and want to protect it
  - d. Action: NP to identify existing Green Spaces (LCC can only allocate above 0.2ha) – potential changes through the SAP**
4. Policy A2 – Need to refine the wording (aspirational) “seek to”
  - a. Development would have to be directly relevant to the pathways
    - i. Potential to improve connectivity *between* parishes as well as within Walton parish
  - b. Action: NP to re-word policy to be more robust (not Nuclear Power Station)**
5. Community facilities (B)
  - a. B1 Protect amenities – not necessarily a policy, more of a *project*.
    - i. Action: Assets of community value – register with LCC**

- b. B2 similar in wording to A2 – combine
- 6. Transport (C)
  - a. Public transport issues (connectivity to surrounding towns) – could be an aspirational policy
  - b. Through traffic (TATE), HGVs
    - i. Need to be aware of scope of *planning* policy
    - ii. **Project**
    - iii. **Action: meeting with highways to discuss possible options, need to be deliverable.**
  - c. C1 – refer to Clifford examiners report (p. 15) re: parking
- 7. Business/Employment (E)
  - a. Issues over TATE – advised to avoid the issue as planning decision for TATE will be before Walton Plan is ‘made’
  - b. Aim to focus on sustainability of village
  - c. **Action: develop policy options in terms of business**
    - i. SAP SWOT analysis
- 8. Housing:
  - a. 3 sites to be taken forward in terms of allocation for housing
    - i. NP to include key guiding principles
    - ii. Indicative drawings (Jenny)
    - iii. Need to do in-depth site analysis of all 3 sites
    - iv. Mindful of prospects of rural land being allocated as Green Belt under SAP
  - b. Coal site – brownfield – ability to use footprint of current buildings
    - i. Potentially ideal site to address downsizing issues
  - c. **Action: Ian and Jenny to discuss costings/timings for doing drawings, site analysis, indicative plans for all 3 sites etc. and to respond to NP group.**

**Next steps:**

- Green belt & rural land issue to be addressed
- Review engagement/consultation process
- Options appraisal process – how would it look to examiner
- Policy options document
- Site allocations – drawings, plans etc. (Proposal)
- Further thoughts on vision statement
- Transport issues meeting
- Project plan