



WARE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Ware Neighbourhood Plan Forum

Tuesday 20th April 2021 via Zoom at 7.00pm

Minutes

Cllr Alex Curtis – Ware Town Council
Cllr Mark Pope – Ware Town Council
Cllr Stephen Reed – Ware Town Council
Cllr Ian Kemp – East Herts District Council
Keith Batchelor - Town Watch, Raynet
Julian Bond – Save Ware’s Greenbelt
Joy Cotterell – Ware Society
Alasdair Reid
Peter Radley
Jan Stock (Chair) – Wodson Park
John Wing (Ware Museum)

Apologies received

Mark Montgomery, Herts Police
ClairThorne
Jan Wing – Ware Town Partnership, CVS

Not present:

ATTENDING

Terry Philpott, Town Clerk:

NPF143. To approve the minutes of the last meeting 16th March 2021, and to note any actions not included on the agenda:

The minutes were approved as an accurate record.

NPF144: Policy Options for Ware (Alison Eardley)

A review of the Ware Neighbourhood Plan – Progress Update report considered the following actions.

1. Horsham plan to be added to drop box for review (AE)
2. Sites to be considered for inclusion in the plan (all)
3. Identify Town Centre business properties by size and vacancy levels (AE/SF)
4. Heritage assets to be updated on map inc non designated heritage assets (John W)
5. Identify assets on Presdales estate (John W / AE)
6. Consider the retention and designation of pubs (all)
7. Map areas beyond the conservation area, including housing areas (John W)
8. Identify employment areas and enter on map (AE)
9. Identify coworking spaces and enter on map, potentially in underutilised space (AE/PR)
10. Identify community space inc storage (AE)
11. Town Centre Wi-Fi Broadband requirements to be defined as a non-policy item (PR)
12. Green infrastructure plan to be update inc mapping layers.
13. What activities take place on open spaces, general feedback.
14. Log of ownership for green spaces, mostly council ownership (JB/IK)
15. Option to retain 'Garden Town' feel (AE)
16. Fibre broadband to all properties policy (PR/AE)
17. Sub group to review all mapping via zoom (JB/ IK/ AE)
18. Non policy list of Highways issues for consultation with HCC.
19. Car Parks and other facilities to be marked on the map
20. Air quality

The Skeleton draft document is to be considered with feedback at the next meeting (all)

NPF145: Mapping requirements

To receive an update on the agreed actions below and agree the next steps.

1. Sub group to review all mapping via zoom (JB/ IK/ AE)

Base mapping required (TP)

Key movement routes via mapping related to car parks*

Green infrastructure, to review see if there are any gaps in the detail supplied. Can the current facilities be improved? How do they link together?

Are there improvements to walking and cycling routes, or specifically retained (consider link to 15minute Town) *

15min walking maps to be provided, based on GSK, Presdales, the station, Tesco, Asda, Wodson. (CB)

Identify local green space against set criteria*

Identify hotspots for vehicle queuing related to schools*

Identify places for electric vehicle charging points*

NPF146: Locality Funding update

The balance of the funding needs to be applied for (TP/AE).

NPF147: Website update and Communications (AR)

A verbal update re the NPF website. It was agreed that JS draft a statement for release.

NPF148: Ongoing actions

Ongoing Action:(JS) to request updated air quality report in the summer of 2019, with profiling of development phase and post building phase, with mitigation. Proposed locations, GSK, Star Street, High Street, Park Road and New Road.

Ongoing Action: All To review the green spaces and views on future use as part of Nature Conservation brief, to photograph and note the locations. JB/DS to support.

Ongoing action: Governance Boundary Changes

Work is ongoing in this area

NFP149. Any other business and date of next meeting.

Consideration of undertaking Strategic Environmental Assessment that will require a 5 week consultations with relevant parties, this will be facilitated by EHDC JS to discuss with George Pavey.

Next meeting 18th May via zoom.