

Meeting 2 of the NDP group. Wednesday 2nd November 2016

The following was discussed:

- 1) Polegate Town Centre and how to improve it

The group studied schemes implemented in other towns and cities.

The following was proposed as the strategy:

- 1) The pedestrianisation/dual usage of high street
 - a) That the high street be made one way to facilitate the pedestrianisation/dual usage of high street
 - b) That the width of the roadway be reduced in light of 1a
 - c) That the addition of sympathetic street furniture be installed to improve the ambience
 - d) That non intrusive traffic calming be installed
 - e) That PTC consider the purchase of land and the development of a multi storey car park
 - f) Alternatively PTC allocate more on street parking while implementing the pedestrianisation/dual usage of high street
- 2) That a safe and wide route is created for pedestrians to walk from the A2270 to Polegate Primary School
- 3) PTC support the redevelopment of the highlighted retail units for residential use
- 4) PTC aims to move the PTC offices from their current site if the Polegate library site can be acquired
 - a) The current site will be redeveloped into flats with integrated parking underneath
 - b) PTC will move their offices to the Polegate Library site
 - c) The Library will be demolished and a new building will be erected containing as a minimum the library and PTC offices.
- 5) PTC would support the redevelopment of the Downlands Medical Centre into flats with parking underneath
- 6) PTC would support the redevelopment of the Polegate Community Centre into flats with parking underneath contingent on an alternative site for the Polegate Community Centre is identified.
- 7) The meeting proposes that the letter produced by the Town Clerk be amended to reflect that PTC is the body responsible for the NDP and that it be sent to Wealden District Council**

Meeting 3 of the NDP group. Wednesday 16th November 2016

The following was discussed:

- 1) Land that should be allocated to development

The group studied schemes implemented in other towns and cities.

The following was proposed as the strategy:

1) Polegate West (Honey Farm)

- a) PTC is aware of the strategic nature of the site previously known as 'Honey Farm'. PTC set out that any new sustainable development is design in such a way as to be part of the fabric of the town and not a satellite housing estate. The access infrastructure – roads, paths, cycle lanes and other methods of local transport – must link to the existing residential roads in a manner that permits unfettered access to those wishing to travel to the centre of Polegate. PTC cites the need to increase the usage and patronage of local amenities and would resist the creation of a separate town.
- b) PTC will support the declassification of the existing link road between Cop Hall roundabout and the A27/A2270 lights by the Thoroughbred public house to facilitate point 1a
- c) PTC would seek the retention and incorporation of the ancient track way running through the Honey Farm Site
- d) PTC require that sufficient green recreational land is set aside in any development. Such an area must be large enough to host an organised sport such as cricket or football as per PTC's **healthy community strategy**
- e) PTC require such a recreational space to be support by the erection of facilities to support the playing of sport.
- f) Any development in the Honey Farm area must be support by planting and zoning of ecosystems to support varied flora and fauna.

2) Polegate Mid

On the land that exists within PTC's area it is PTC policy:

- a) That area as set out on the map is reserved as a green boundary or buffer to delineated PTC and should be sufficient in size and design to be either for recreation such as walking or planted as a shelter for indigenous flora and fauna (or that that is now deemed as indigenous)
- b) PTC support sustainable development on the site known as 'Hindsland'.

3) Polegate North

- a) PTC require that sufficient green recreational land is set aside in any development. Such an area must be large enough to host an organised sport such as cricket or football as per PTC's **healthy community strategy**.
- b) The recreation ground set out in policy 3a is to be well linked by pedestrian and bicycle routes to the Polegate Town Centre.

c) PTC require such a recreational space as set out in policy 3a to be support by the erection of facilities to support the playing of sport.

4) Design

a) PTC encourage the development of a variety of design styles.

b) Developments not to mix affordable housing in with other housing but to keep the areas grouped. Facilities and services of benefit to those in affordable housing are to be targeted during development phase with sufficient land set aside for local recreation that can be monitored by the community.

c) PTC require all development to be sympathetic to the existing mix of styles in Polegate as set out in the PTC style guide (D Dunbar to compile if willing)