

# Stalham Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group

**Minutes of the meeting of the Stalham Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group held on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at 7.00pm at Stalham Poppy Centre, Recreation Road.**

Chairman – Mr Chris Foster

Vice Chairman – Mr Matthew Taylor

Secretary – Miss Lolly Dawson

In attendance: Chris Foster (CF), Helen Foster (HF), Steve Toone (ST), John Walchester (JW), Louise Cornell (LC), Lolly Dawson (LD).

## 1. Welcome & Open Discussion

A discussion was had regarding the meeting with AECOM regarding the Design Code report held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2022. ST, LD, CF & LC in attendance.

CF attended the Full Stalham Town Council meeting on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2022. It was noted that the market was very successful, and greening and tree-planting would relate nicely between the NDP and Stalham Town Council's Strategic Plan.

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2022 CF & HF met with a local resident regarding the history of Stalham and its heritage.

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2022 a ZOOM meeting was held with AECOM, Housing Needs Assessment team.

Meeting with NNDC Heritage officer Chris Young, on ZOOM with LC & CF, in 2009 NNDC analysed the high Street and carried out a design code analysis and a character appraisal of the local conservation area. It was asked for the evidence to be shared from historical documents if possible.

All members have been working hard on the Green Spaces and Views templates.

## 2. Minutes from the meeting held 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022 were AGREED.

## 3. Project Plan

The AECOM Design Codes and Housing Needs Assessment has been extended.

## 4. Issues & Options Report

Housing Growth – allocation is within the NNDC Local Plan. Discussion has been had regarding site allocation and affordable housing. The benefits to allocating ensures supply of housing, it could meet the local need not otherwise being addressed, also if NNDC is not meeting housing targets, (5-year housing land supply) allocating within Neighbourhood plan provides additional protection over speculative applications outside of the settlement boundary.

Design – A policy requesting a sustainability statement, or a Climate SMART Checklist would be possible, to add to the Broads Authority current Climate Smart Checklist.

Trees to provide landscaping and assist with surface flooding, greening and landscaping was mentioned. Managing surface water, suds also have biodiversity benefits.

Employment – mixed use allocation in emerging plan takes employment land from 1.4 hectares to 2 hectares. Allocation or a call for sites for employment land is possible. 90% respondent to the survey mentioned the need for additional employment. Whether Stalham requires additional industrial units.

Housing Mix – Affordable housing and the type needed for Stalham, what price thresholds are required. A policy on, of those affordable houses coming forward the NDP can allocate the type, could set a housing mix for smaller developments.

Town Centre / High Street – supporting retention of retail users within the Town Centre, enhancing character of the High Street which falls within the conservation area. Noting the current parking and future parking needs.

Tourism – Signage to and from the town from the staithe and river.

Transport – footpaths, parking, cycle network, walking improvement plans.

Natural Environment – Local Green spaces will be designated.

5. Map of current wildlife habitat & potential habitat networks, for discussion with respect to green corridors.
6. Any other business
7. Agree a time for the next meeting  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022, 7pm, Stalham Poppy Centre upstairs meeting room.

Meeting Closed: 20:45