

Neighbourhood Planning meeting notes 9 February 2015, 1.30pm.

In attendance, Peter Murphy (Groundwork), Paul Varney (Groundwork), Steve Shaw-Wright, Melanie Davis, Tom Ridley (SDC) and Karen Mann

Tom Ridley had worked at Leeds Council and came to SDC 3 months ago. He had experience of Neighbourhood Planning (NP). Tom recommends making the NP as simple as possible.

Groundwork would hopefully facilitate drawing up the NP on behalf of the Town Council.

There are a number of strategic documents already in existence. The new 'Plan Selby' consultation with the Town Council will run alongside any future strategies or plans. SDC could help with data. Once the NP is in place the town council could access could access 25% CIL money in future.

SSW suggested the NP should be about protecting the green landscapes of the town area, especially the outskirts and edge of the town area.

There needs to be infrastructure in place for play, local green space and what facilities we have in town area. David Sykes is currently working with SDC to complete a tender document to send out to contractors. (In line with PPG17) there should be some evidence after this piece of work is published for the town council to use in the NP.

Tom explained that our NP should be specific, introduction and history of the town, vision for the next 15 years, then attach relevant policies, eg housing must be sustainable, water butts at houses, etc.

If we are successful in our bid for CIL we must report on what the 25% income has been spent on, need to justify what we spent the money on and must explain to the electorate.

MD suggested improvement to cycle paths and cycle routes in the town area.

Tom explained that there was some funding available, up to £8k to prepare a NP but this has closed. Should be funding available from 1 April 2015. The town council need to formally inform SDC that we intend to write a NP. We have to provide information to support that we are a capable and relevant body. It would go to the DC Executive probably after the Election.

Some ideas for the plan are:

- Enhance the green space
- Develop cycle routes
- Provide infrastructure for the land

Groundwork would deal with any public consultation on our behalf of the Town Council.

SSW suggested £10k-15k could be spent on writing a NP.