

PAIGNTON NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

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DRAFT MINUTES OF A FORUM & STEERING GROUP MEETING

held in the Gerston Chapel Hall, Torquay Road, Paignton
at 6:30pm Thursday 18 June 2015

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In Attendance:

Roger Bristow, Pam Bristow, Eileen Donovan (Minutes), Alan Hill, M.J.Gotham, Geoff Melbourne, Sam Moss, David Pickhaver, Eddie Harris, Nigel Jones, Leaf Lovejoy, Rob Loxton, Richard Parish, David Watts (Chairman), David Wotton.

Apologies:

Cllr Barbara Cunningham, Helen Boyles, Anne-Marie Curror, John Gibson, Janet Jones, Helen Kummer, Mike Parkes, Melvyn Newberry, Ann Waite.

AGENDA ITEM – 1. APOLOGIES RECEIVED AND WELCOME

1. David Watts, the Chairman, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Gerston Chapel for the use of their hall. Apologies received were as listed above.

AGENDA ITEM – 2. MINUTES OF THE LAST FORUM & STEERING GROUP MEETING (21 May 2015) AND MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising and the draft minutes of the meeting held on 21 May 2015 were agreed a true record. Proposed by Pam Bristow, seconded by Eileen Donovan and approved unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM – 3. PROJECT PLAN PROGRESS

3a Proposed new Local Plan.

(i) The Chairman referred to the Public Notice that has appeared in the local press announcing that proposed Replacement Modifications would be published on 22 June 2015 for a further 6 week consultation period. The meeting noted this step had resulted from a view from the Inspector that the previous Modifications proposed by the Council were not NPPF 'sound'. The Inspector's correspondence and the Council's responses to the Inspector's correspondence are posted on the website. The meeting noted that the argument for more than 8,300 dwellings has not been made.

(ii) As the proposed Replacement Modifications were not yet available, the meeting considered the content of each letter in detail. DW explained that Item PH16, (the Inspector's letter to the Council), referred to Main Modifications only. He said that it implied that the Inspector felt evidence of capacity had not yet been made available by the Council that demonstrated the Proposed Local Plan was deliverable and to progress by deleting sites would not be procedurally acceptable without further consultation. The Council therefore has the option of withdrawing the Proposed Local Plan entirely and submitting a New Local Plan at a later date, or suspending the work done so far and recommencing with a new set of proposed Main Modifications. The Council has chosen to withdraw the original main Modifications and produce an entirely new set.

(iii) The meeting discussed Item PH17 (the Council's Reply to the Inspector). The Council's claim that further delays would cause "severe problems" was noted, along with their claimed implied risk of a policy vacuum. The Forum had no knowledge of the "Agreed Hearing Sites" referred to in the Correspondence and felt that an explanation of the reference is needed, together with an explanation of the frequent changes to the claimed period of the Proposed Local Plan that has appeared in a press release issued by the Council. The meeting agreed that it is essential that the proposed Review process must allow for housing needs assessment to go down as well as up.

(iii) The consultation period for the new Modifications to the Proposed Local Plan is expected to be 22 June to 03 August. The meeting noted that the Inspector has said in PH18 that the Council must pass through to him the consultation responses to the final Draft Modifications document by 17 August 2015. These Modifications are replacements for, not revisions of, those previously submitted. The meeting noted that the Inspector invites comments on the proposed Main Modifications and on the proposed change of approach. David Wotton drew attention to the discrepancies between various published employment figures and others drew attention to discrepancies between various Council published documents. The meeting agreed that the Chairman will prepare the Forum's draft response (to the new consultation Modifications document) which will be discussed at the next meeting on 16 July, and will emphasise the considered impossibility of delivering the Proposed Local Plan objectives within the timescale due to infrastructure and other capacity problems. The response will also reflect the points members raised at this meeting, and include suggestions that would assist the Council towards an acceptable set of Main Modifications, and also the Forum's comments on the proposed change of approach.

b) Neighbourhood Plan

(i) The latest version of the Neighbourhood Plan Scoping Report (Draft 3) is available on the website. The revised Table 6.3 has been circulated to Locality. Draft 4 will take into account the Council's replacement Main Modifications and will be available in August after the implications of the replacement Main Modifications have been taken into account.

(ii) In relation to land currently held by the Council, David Pickhaver agreed to ask the TDA for a copy of the Council's Disposal List.

AGENDA ITEM – 4. NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is **Thursday 16 July 2015 at 6:30pm** in the Gerston Hall, Paignton, with further meeting dates already agreed as:

- Thu 20 Aug 2015
- Thu 17 Sep 2015
- Thu 15 Oct 2015
- Thu 19 Nov 2015
- Thu 17 Dec 2015

The following dates for 2016 were also agreed by the meeting:

- Thu 21 Jan 2016
- Thu 18 Feb 2016
- Thu 17 Mar 2016

The meeting ended at 20:30hrs