

**Minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Delivery and Monitoring Group Meeting
held on Thursday 9 November 2023**

Present	Councillor S Abbott (Chair) Councillor N Brakspear J Peeters D Taylor P Whalley Councillor R Williams
In Attendance	K Gilby (Finance and Planning Officer) D Martin (Chief Executive)
In Attendance Online	Councillor H Belcher OBE, Councillor R Hopkinson, P Tapscott, Councillor D Walters.

DMG 171 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Councillor N Farmer.

DMG 172 Public Question Time and Petitions.

There were none.

DMG 173 Declarations of Interest

To receive any Declaration(s) of Interest under Corsham Town Council's Code of Conduct issued in accordance with the Localism Act 2011.

There were none.

DMG 174 Minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Delivery and Monitoring Group Meeting held on Thursday 10 August 2023.

Agreed: That the Minutes be approved.

DMG 175 Matters arising from the above Minutes

DMG 164 – The list and summary of results of the GreenSquareAccord (GSA) garage sites assessment had been shared with GSA.

DMG 166 – The draft updated Batscape Strategy should be with Officers on Monday 13 November 2023.

DMG176 Local Plan Review Consultation

The Local Plan Review Consultation was underway and the closing date for comments was 22 November 2023.

The Chief Executive and Finance and Planning Officer had reviewed the documents and had a number of comments and questions as part of a suggested draft response.

The draft response was considered at the Council (Planning) Meeting on 25 October 2023. A number of queries and comments were discussed, and minor amendments agreed. The amended version is *attached*. At the Council (Planning) Meeting it was also

Resolved:

- i) That, subject to amendment, the draft response be approved;*
- ii) The wording of the final response be delegated to the Chief Executive and Finance and Planning Officer in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Town Council and Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Delivery and Monitoring Group, following input from that Group.*

The draft response was discussed and further amendments were suggested.

Agreed: Points to be added to the draft response:

- i) That Wiltshire may need a more resilient strategy in light of possible changes in national policy;
- ii) To suggest that a map be included which shows the historic and current mining activity in the area;
- iii) That under paragraph 22, PSP 7 Conservation Areas be included and that the wording 'underground stone mines' be replaced with 'minerals safeguarded areas';
- iv) Paragraph 30 to include minerals safeguarded areas;
- v) That Wiltshire Council be asked to review the criteria used to assess possible sites for development, for example, the potential impact of development of added traffic on congested routes and to ensure that there is consistency in the use of the criteria;
- vi) Paragraph 96 – suggest that more research is needed into the requirements for health and social care and a plan formulated to address any identified need;
- vii) To reinforce the need for a new road which would cross sites 3 and 4 and enable better access to the new railway station site;
- viii) To suggest the addition of a comment in the site assessment of site one to reflect that it is in a Conservation Area.

DMG 177 Date and time of next meeting.

Late January exact date to be agreed. The Finance and Planning Officer to arrange and advise.