



TORPOINT NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

MINUTES of a **VIRTUAL** meeting of the Steering Group for the Torpoint Neighbourhood Plan held via **ZOOM** on Wednesday 13th January 2021 at 4.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillor Gary Davis (Chairman), Councillor Mrs. Chris Goodman (Town Mayor), Councillor Miss Rachel Evans BEM (Deputy Town Mayor), Councillor Keiran Moon, Sheena Morton, Rob White, Councillor John Tivnan BEM and the Town Clerk - Milly Southworth (Clerk).

ALSO PRESENT: Two representatives from LRM Planning Ltd. joined the virtual meeting at 4.30pm, as requested.

	ACTION
35-20 NDP Apologies for absence Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Ms Roz Baker and Councillor Miss Lisa Hocking.	
36-20 NDP Declarations of Interest relating to matters on the agenda None.	
37-20 NDP Minutes of the Steering group meetings held 27th October 2020 The minutes of the previous steering group meeting held on 27 th October 2020 were taken as read, confirmed and will be signed in due course.	
38-20 NDP Review the over-arching Policies 4-12 from Section 5, and Site Specific Policies 4-9 from Section 6 of the draft NDP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Chairman explained that the consultants were expected to join the meeting at 4.30pm, to provide assistance and guidance where needed. ➤ The review of these policies started and resulted with a very in-depth debate and opinions shared, about the <i>probable removal</i> of Policy 8 Conservation, Design and Local Distinctiveness. ➤ When the consultants joined the meeting, the work that they had been undertaken already was highlighted, including the review of three different draft documents, with the ultimate aim of bringing all the information together to one document. ➤ A suggestion was put that hyperlinks could be included within the draft document to link to the many studies/research and evidence. ➤ Whilst at the meeting the consultants explained the Heritage Statement will require further work and offered to meet separately to discuss this. ➤ Debate ensued about the Policy 'Green Infrastructure' and whether this is the correct title for this Policy, highlighting that the document which is being reviewed is now several years old and there could be an opportunity to encompass more information within the Policy and change the title. The consultant explained this title is in the Cornwall Local Plan and when referring to Planning terminology, 'Green Infrastructure' is usually used. It was agreed to discuss the terminology 'Green Infrastructure' again. ➤ All Members were certainly in agreement that the green spaces in the town should be designated, to enable protection, in the future and suggested a Woodland Walk map be included in the Transport Policy. Ideally it would link into the protected green spaces and highlight the bus stops which are close to the Walk. 	

The meeting was adjourned at 6.00pm and having checked the availability of members, it was agreed to reconvene on Monday 18th January 2021 at 4.00pm via Zoom.