

Third Letter to WG Members

Dear Working Group member,

15 April 2016

Forward Timeline for Producing the Dore Neighbourhood Plan

At the fourth meeting of the Steering Group held on 6 April, the Group debated and determined the likely forward timetable for the preparation of a draft Neighbourhood Plan and considered holding early within that timetable a summer public consultation event to help to further energise the activities of the Working Groups. I have been asked to let you know about this consultation event, the part we hope you will play in it and in advertising it to Dore residents, and the timetable for progressing a draft Neighbourhood Plan towards the approval of the Neighbourhood Forum and official inspection by the Council and National Park Authority.

Summer Consultation Event

The Steering Group, many of whom sit on one Working Group or another, decided there would be benefit if Working Groups had the opportunity collectively at an early public meeting to display their progress and seek feedback from the public. This would not substitute for any of the consultation which individual WGs might have already planned to undertake; rather it would be an additional consultation which included all WGs on a single occasion. It was felt it would have a number of advantages in addition to the important benefits of planned individual WG consultations:

1. Where individual WGs consult a limited interest group on a specific proposal (such as to create a Conservation Area in a specific location), a general public consultation event would give the wider public a chance to comment on the proposal.
2. This would be the first opportunity for both WG members and the public to see the work-in-progress of the collective drafting teams as a whole. Looking beyond the context of individual topic areas might suggest to those attending that there are important connections to be made between the policy areas and further specific areas of consultation which could usefully be mounted.
3. The early collective consultation event ought to secure greater public involvement in our work and help to further energise our efforts.

The initial notion is that each WG will put together a précis of what they are doing, including such individual consultations which they are carrying out and such policy proposals they are currently contemplating, and present them in an accessible and challenging way at a 'stall' in a local hall where the public can tour from stall to stall providing feedback comments and maybe completing questionnaires. It will be important to establish in advance the questions you want to put to the public in addition to receiving any general feedback they want to give. The feedback will then be available to the WGs to take into account in your further deliberations.

This event is expected be held at the Methodist Church Hall in Dore centre on the evening of Wednesday 25 May [*Still to be confirmed*]

The Proposed Timetable

The likely timetable will run as follows:

- In the remainder of April and very early May each WG will hold at least one further meeting to prepare for the part it will play at the 25 May consultation event. David Crosby is arranging these.
- On 25 May the public consultation event will be held
- In June each WG will meet again to consider the implications for its work of the feedback from the public consultation event and, of course, the fruits of its own deliberations and specialist consultations in order to settle on specific textual recommendations to be made to the Steering Group by the end of June.
- The Steering Group will then reflect on those WG recommendations in July in order to produce a revised draft Neighbourhood Plan in a coherent and cohesive format for publication in early August both on the website and by issue to every household in Dore. This would be a consultation draft to secure public feedback. Further publicity would be provided by having a Neighbourhood Plan stall at the Dore Show on 10 September and coverage in the August Dore to Door.
- On Saturday 24 September [**date to be confirmed**] an exhibition and public meeting will be held at King Egbert's School and probably professionally facilitated. This will be designed to get feedback on the work carried out to amend the draft Plan in the light of previous consultations.
- It will then fall to the Steering Group to take account of all the feedback received from the various forms of public consultation and to revise and finalise its recommended text for the full Dore Neighbourhood Forum to consider at a November meeting (**date to be determined later**). The Forum is the governing body for this process and it is the draft which it approves which will thereafter be put out for formal consultation to various listed organisations and the two planning authorities which cover Dore, namely Sheffield City Council and the Peak District National Park Authority, and for Planning Inspectorate inspection.

A Public Leaflet about the Neighbourhood Planning Work

It is the Steering Group's view that interest in the Planning work we are all engaged in will be increased if we produce on behalf of the Dore Neighbourhood Forum a leaflet for delivery to every household in Dore (and to various interest groups) which draws attention to the important questions we are asking ourselves as we consider what planning policies we might be recommending. These questions need to be phrased succinctly and 'dramatically' to be eye-catching and likely to stimulate interest and public involvement. The Steering Group is beginning work on the leaflet but may seek some help from the occasional WG member to ensure that its banner headline issues are appropriate.

The intention is to have the leaflet ready and printed in good time to advertise the public consultation event on 25 May, but we are seeking your help in getting it out to Dore residents. We hope that every Working Group member, every Steering Group member and every Dore Village Society Committee member will feel able to take a fair share of the leaflets for delivery to homes on defined local streets. I'm sorry to ask you to do this, but we do not have the resources to proceed in any other way. Publicity for this event will be additionally stressed in the next issue of Dore to Door.

Please consider this letter at your next WG meeting and prepare for manning your stall at the 25 May event. David Crosby will give you any further guidance at your meeting.

In the meantime my thanks for all the valuable work you are doing and I wish you a pleasant weekend,

Christopher Pennell
Chair of the Steering Group.

cc. any Steering Group or DVS Committee member not on a Working Group and Editor of Dore to Door