

# Open Spaces Working Group

## Meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

Present: David Crosby, Pat Ryan.

### **Agenda Items.**

1. Apologies for absence: None received.
2. Appointment of Chair – DC, and note taker – PR.
3. Review of Draft Plan – copy circulated prior to the meeting by DC was the Open Spaces extract from the June 2015 draft Neighbourhood Plan (A vision for Dore Neighbourhood), and 4. Further development of policies and proposals.

The output from this sub-group will be a revised version of the June 2015 plan, updated to incorporate; Neighbourhood Forum comments, input on the draft from Sheffield City Council and the Peak District National Park Authority, the results of the sub-group review and consultations.

An initial review of the June 2015 draft plan suggests:

Our designation of areas as Local Green Space are consistent with at least one, and more usually two or three of the three designation criteria.

It is likely, although not certain, that “on average” there is an appropriate amount of open space per head of population in the Dore Neighbourhood, however, there are areas of the Neighbourhood which would benefit from additional open space.

The revised draft should include, for each designated open space, an outline proposal for management and enhancement of that open space.

An additional open space, not included in the June 2015 draft was identified – the open land around Abbeydale Sports and Social Club. This represents a substantial area of open land of considerable recreational value; however, it is privately owned and thus unclear if it can be designated as an open space.

Included in the June 2015 draft is the proposal; an additional area of open space will be added to the Totley Brook Local Green Space for recreation and amenity purposes. This is the irregularly shaped parcel of land immediately adjacent to Totley Brook Local Green Space bounded by a partial hedge. This is in private ownership and would require purchase.

5. Proposals for evidence and consultation.

Include Open Space consultation within the overall neighbourhood plan public consultation process. In the public and Forum consultations provide: revised version of the June 2015 draft, a plan / map of Dore Neighbourhood with proposed open spaces highlighted, open space questionnaire to include: for each open space what is needed for enhancement and improvement, why do individuals and groups value each open space / are these the correct open spaces, what additional open spaces may be needed.

Individual consultations with the owners of Abbeydale Sports & Social Club, King Ecgbert School Playing Field

List the proposed open spaces, criteria for designation and benefits of designation in the next issue of Door to Door.

Actions arising.

DC - provide an updated draft of the June 2015 draft plan to include the elaborations described above, (initial circulation within the open spaces sub-group ).

DC - request Steering Committee approval for the two individual consultations, letters of consultation to emphasise; no change in ownership, benefits of open space designation, value of these open spaces to the community.

DC – provide copy for Door to Door inclusion

DC and Keith Shaw – map of Dore Neighbourhood with proposed open spaces highlighted for display on village notice boards and copies available to take away from DVS office.

DC and Keith Shaw - map of Dore Neighbourhood with proposed open spaces highlighted for inclusion on Dore web site.

### **Meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016.**

Present: David Crosby, Pat Ryan, Jen Donnelly

#### **Apologies for absence**

None received.

#### **Appointment of Chair**

DC, and note taker – PR.

#### **Minutes of previous Meeting**

Approved.

#### **Review of draft plan and list of proposed areas for designation as Open Spaces.**

DNF Open Spaces section now shows the revision date, (April 2016). The statements regarding open spaces in the Vision and Objective sections have been finalised. The rationale for requesting designation of each of the areas listed on pages 3 & 4, will be much strengthened following the May 25th. open consultation, (see below), it is essential that for each area we can show that they are demonstrably special. (Note, additional evidence to support the designation of Kings Croft Field, Recreation Ground and Totley Brook Green Space should be available from the Village Green designation proposal – DC to obtain copy.

Dore and Totley Tennis Club has been removed, in a previous version of the section it was associated with Abbeydale Sports Club. There are 17 areas for which we will be seeking designation as open spaces. As two policies, we will also be requesting that a small area of privately owned land be added to the Totley Brook Green Space and that an area for new allotments should be provided adjacent to Limb Lane Recreation Ground.

### **Individual consultations required.**

The owners of the 17 areas with which individual consultations will be required are: Abbeydale Sports Club, King Egberts School Governors and The Department for Education, ( the owners of the land),and the Old School Trust , in addition we will consult with Friends of Beauchief Gardens and Topley Brook Residents & Tenants Association. Although Sheffield Council are the owners of the majority of the areas, they will not be included in the consultation – their involvement and effective consultation will be via liaison over the DNP. At present, the ownership of the very small area of land which we wish to add to the Topley Brook Green Space, is unclear – DC pursuing.

The letters of individual consultation need to be sent prior to the May 25th. Working Groups Public consultation meeting. DC to draft the outline of what will be contained in the six / seven individual letters.

### **Work Groups Public consultation May 25<sup>th</sup> - preparation required.**

At the consultation, we would wish to display, in poster format: the list of areas proposed for designation, the criteria for designation, what designation means – that is the benefits it brings to Dore, a map showing the locations of the proposed areas and two questions, Are there any other areas to consider, and what makes these areas “demonstrably special”.

Can the May 4<sup>th</sup> Steering Group meeting consider: budget, space allocation, consistency of presentations, logistics of production, documents to use as “hand-outs” and sign-off of poster content and layout.

### **Date of next meeting**

To be determined when the work required for the Working Group Public Consultation is clearer – post May 4th. Steering Group meeting. DC, JN, PR

### **Attachments.**

Updated text of Open Spaces section of DNP.

List of Actions.

Ownership of the area of land which we wish to add to the Topley Brook Green Space – DC.

Evidence from Village Green project – DC.

Open Spaces map – JD.

Ownership query – DC.

Consultation letters format / content for approval by May 4th. Steer Group – DC.

Working Group Public Consultation – budget, sign-off etc. May 4th. agenda.

Working Group Public Consultation preparation – DC, JN, PR.