

Dore Neighbourhood Forum

Steering Group meeting 13th November 2019

Present: Christopher Pennell (CP), David Bearpark (DRB), David Crosby (DC), Jen Donnelly (JD), Pat Ryan (PR) and Keith Shaw (KS).

Apologies

1. There were no apologies, all present.

Minutes of the meeting held on 5th September 2019.

2. The minutes were agreed as a correct record.

Matters arising on the Minutes.

3. With regard to minute 4, it was noted that we now have both printed and electronic versions of the DNP.
4. With reference to minute 8, it was agreed that there had been no policy changes and nothing else material had changed. Therefore, there was no need to make a report to the Forum. However, clearly we will report back when the SCC consultative Local Plan is produced.
5. With regard to minute 12, it was noted that a successful submission if the DNP was made on 20th September.
6. CP noted that he had not yet made progress on the matter under minute 14. He would tackle this in due course.

The SCC Local Development Scheme.

7. From the very recent publicity from the SCC, it was now clear that they intended to completely start again with their approach to the production of their Local Plan. It was now stated that a new Issues and Options document was going to be produced, despite the Citywide Options for Growth document from 2015 having been stated as being the first step in this process.
8. As a consequence, the whole process was not now expected to be completed until September 2023 with the adoption of a new Sheffield Plan. The SCC is arguing that this delay will allow them to carry out a more serious review of possibly more extensive development of the city centre and the areas adjacent to it. The view was expressed that this could result in a more sustainable development outlook if more new homes were located close to jobs and services and less pressure was placed on remoter greenfield and Green Belt sites.
9. Concerns were expressed about the planned reduction in staff in specialist support staff in the Planning team, including urban design staff who surely would be needed for the city centre planning or would be replaced by costly bought-in consultancies; and also about the increased vulnerability to developer appeals by increased delay in achieving a new Local Plan.

Adoption of the DNP.

10. It was noted that at the end of the latest SCC document, the table referred to the expected adoption date of the Dore and BBEST neighbourhood plans as being September/ October 2020. However, when thinking through the various stages yet to be completed, plus the intervention of a General Election and Christmas, this was thought to be optimistic.
11. In terms of the initial timescale for our DNP, it was possible that the wording in Adele's email could mean that the first stage in the process was nearing completion. The elements of the Consultation Statement that Adele has queried have now been addressed; and, with the support of the Steering Group, **CP will send the response** only to Adele in the first instance to make sure that she was content with the changes before formally submitting the revised document.

12. DC had produced a document setting out his view of the next stages in the whole process and this was discussed in detail. It seemed clear from his research that although a Parish Council was prohibited from campaigning in support of a neighbourhood plan, there was no such prohibition in respect of a Neighbourhood Forum; and the evidence he had unearthed in respect of several London Fora was that they were allowed to campaign.
13. DC stressed that the Forum would need to be nimble footed in order to respond in a timely manner to each stage of the process. And probably the first point at which this would be relevant was when the SCC, as they were required to do, consulted the DNF on the appointment of an Examiner.
14. After discussion, it was agreed that it was premature to provide yet further advice to the Dore community about possible risks associated with all of this.

Re-designation.

15. DRB reported on the completion of the process. He also noted his exchange of emails with the chair of BBEST concerning their process of applying for this. CP noted that he had tried to contact that chairman but had received no reply. **DRB agreed to forward to CP** the personal email address of the chairman (Peter Marsh).
16. **DRB also undertook to forward to PR** for the formal archive, both the detailed application made and the confirmatory emails received.

Follow-up Work.

17. It was noted that there were numerous decisions to be made relating to action points included as part of the DNP. However, we couldn't really do this until we had an adopted DNP; and so it would probably be appropriate to address this when we had got to the point of there being a Referendum on the DNP.
18. **CP undertook to prepare** a list of all such action points in due course, which both the Steering Group and the DVS committee would need to discuss.

Date of next meeting.

19. It was agreed that we would not fix another meeting yet. **CP would contact members** about a meeting when there had been further contact from the SCC.

David Bearpark
18th November 2019.