



# Walkeringham Neighbourhood Plan

## Steering Group Meeting

### Minutes

19 September 2017

7.30pm Walkeringham Village Hall Committee Room

1. Chairman's Comments: None
2. Apologies for Absence: M Vessey
3. Declarations of Interest  
P Hooton – submitted a site as part of the site allocations exercise  
M Dilly, J Roberts & A Hayward (members of the village hall committee) – village hall sites submitted as part of the site allocations exercise
4. Introductions  
Luke Brown is working on a part-time, temporary basis for BDC to provide support to groups working on their NHP's
5. Update from BDC on 'Call for Sites' exercise and the next steps
  - The sites put forward from the NHP call for sites exercise have now been mapped and all landowners contacted. These will now be added to the sites put forward via the BDC Local Plan call for sites exercise.
  - The process consists of two parts: technical and non-technical
    - Technical – appraisal/assessment of each site. This can be done by BDC or possibly by Locality. It was explained by a member of the group that BDC had already committed to doing this at no cost to the group. L Brown to seek confirmation of this.
    - Non-technical – public consultation. Consideration is needed as to how best consult with the public to obtain quality feedback. Any decisions to object to a site would need to be backed up with solid planning arguments eg, heritage, flood risk, wildlife, character, visual amenity, cumulative impact etc. Further, if a site was discounted by BDC then a solid case would need to be submitted to justify its inclusion in the plan if put forward by the community
  - Time scales - If the site appraisals were to be carried out by BDC then it would take around 2 months. This was considered too long and L Brown was asked to see if this could be improved upon.



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- Luke Brown also advised that Locality is able to provide technical support including the production of a character assessment and sustainability appraisal. This service is provided free of charge.

### 6. Update on BDC Local Plan

Luke Brown commented as follows:

- The Local Plan covers the whole of the Bassetlaw District
- Its focus is on the main towns: Retford, Worksop and Harworth
- Looking at 3 possible sites for a new village
- Villages will be given a 20% building cap. The detail of future development would be led by Neighbourhood plans.
- The next draft of the Local Plan to be release in March 2018 and the final version about 12 months after that.

### 7. NHP Vision and objectives

C Howard agreed to draft out a vision and some objectives for the next meeting for consideration.

### 8. Date of next meeting and agenda items: 4<sup>th</sup> October (A Hayward to confirm)