



**ALCESTER NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW STEERING GROUP MEETING
WAS HELD ON 03 JUNE 2024 AT 10.30AM
AT GLOBE HOUSE, PRIORY ROAD, ALCESTER**

Present

Andrew Matheson (Chair) Cllr Wendy Mills (Vice Chair), Colleen Chester, Andy Mann, Dave Wall, Kevin Bell, Cllr Kathryn Cargill, Ben Jones, Town Clerk, Vanessa Lowe, Deputy Town Clerk, Sarah Duran and the Mayor, Cllr Mike Bowe.

Public participation at discretion of chair

None.

1. Apologies

Carl Buxton, Ian Greig and Dave Farmer were absent.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Minutes of last Meeting

Approved and signed by the Chair.

4. Review of the scope of current NDP policies in the light of current and future local needs, national policy and Stratford-on-Avon District Council strategic policies.

Review of Economy policies was continued:

EC1- There was a discussion regarding potential changes to the town centre map and it was agreed that this would be reviewed later on, as it would affect the maps used in the SWLP and it is desirable that there is consistency. Following discussions regarding the preference for a variety of shops in the High Street, it was agreed Para 3 should read "... proposals will enhance or support the vitality *and economic diversity* of the Town Centre."

EC2- Agreed there was a need to identify brownfield sites in the parish. Colleen pointed out that there is list of brownfield sites on the SDC website but these were only those submitted by owners. Do we need a more comprehensive list? Policy amended to read "...will be supported subject to ensuring that *the environment and the amenity of neighbouring uses* is protected."

EC3- Delete final line (home office space).

EC4- Final sentence to read "...mix of employment and residential use will only be supported if the residential element is necessary *and ancillary* to make the scheme viable."

EC5- The Chair commented that the use of 'local area' is perhaps a bit weak?

At Andy Mann's suggestion, agreed to try and incorporate access to public transport links in Para 3 and other policies to read "Environmental *and sustainability* improvements to existing employment land..."

EC6- No data obtained to date. Vanessa to ask WCC to update their briefing note to ATC dated November 2017-School Places in the Alcester Area- which stated that schools were nearing capacity. It was agreed that a new Householder Survey may be required as the last one was undertaken in 2014.

The first sentence does not make sense. Change to read "Developments *for* the provision and expansion of educational..."

Bullet point 2- change to read "Are accessible to the area they serve by adequate footpath, cycle *and appropriate public transport* links"

EC7- Para 2 to read "... accessible via footpath, cycle *and appropriate public transport* links and include..."

EC8- Vanessa to enquire as to whether an updated survey of visitors has been carried out to update the Alcester Market Town Destination Benchmarking Survey last undertaken in 2017.

5. Next steps

Review of Housing and Built Environment policies. This is likely to take 2-3 sessions. All members to read [Alcester Housing Needs Survey report 2023](#) in preparation for the next session. The Mayor, Cllr Mike Bowe, would like to pursue this initiative to improve the affordable housing offering in Alcester. There are currently 367 people on the SDC housing register- Home Choice.

6. Date of next meeting

Monday 1 July at 10.30am at Globe House

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