**NOTES OF A MEETING OF THE MARKET DRAYTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7th DECEMBER 2016**

**Present:** Dr Richard Priestley (Chairman), Bill Bloxsome (Data Orchard), Hamish Armytage (Drayton Messenger), Councillor Roger Hughes, Julie Jones (Town Clerk) Peter Eardley (Norton in Hales PC), Peter Wilson (Neighbourhood Plan co-ordinator) Alistair Duncan (Halletec), Councillor John Cadwallader, Councillor Paul Wynn

**Apologies**: Jane Evans (Parish Clerk Adderley & Moreton Say), Nicola Fisher (Shropshire Council), John Knight (Loggerheads PC)

**1. The notes of the meeting held on 18 October 2016** were **agreed** as a correct record.

**2 Documents tabled at the meeting from Data Orchard were received :**

1. Main Issues Arising from Representations
2. Schedule of Representations in response to Draft Plan, November 2016
3. Changes to Draft Plan Following Regulation 14
4. Basic Conditions Statement (December 2016)
5. Neighbourhood Plan Submission Draft (December 2016)

**3. Matters arising from previous meeting:**

None

**4. Review of Regulation 14 Responses**

**General Comments – the following were agreed / noted**

4.1 Negativity towards the Neighbourhood Plan from Market Drayton Town Football Club was discussed in detail. It was reiterated that they were only one of several organisations on Greenfields and also did not own the land they used.

4.2 That a note be included in the Plan with regards to any relocation of Sports facilities that new facilities will be no less and would be superior than those that currently exist.

4.3 To initiate a basic feasibility/viability study that will take into account the value of potential development land at this stage; Sport England and Shropshire Council valuation team would be consulted.

4.4 The Parishes of Norton In Hales, Adderley & Moreton Say have rejected the Market Drayton Neighbourhood Plan on the basis that they wished to do their own joint Plan. Clarification is being sought from Shropshire Council Legal department as to how this would affect the process. A meeting is scheduled for next week between the Parishes and Shropshire Council to discuss this matter further. The Parishes have also expressed dissatisfaction with the overall consultation process going back to the designation of the Neighbourhood Plan area.

4.5 That the Plan as it stands had many merits and will benefit the Town and the Parishes such that all parties could be “winners”

4.6**. RP** proposed that the meeting acknowledge:

1. The sensitivities around the two factors raised by the Parishes;

* Consultation Process with the Parishes
* Inclusion of the Land in Question in the MD Neighbourhood Plan

2. The views of MDTC relating to these issues

3. The views of Shropshire council legal dept were awaited on the issue relating to the proposed inclusion of the land in question in the plan

4. The fact that the Parishes were meeting with the head of planning from Shropshire Council and the local Engagement Officer

5. that at the next Steering Group meeting we should consider the response from Shropshire Council in 3 above and the outcome of the meeting in 4 above with a view to maintaining momentum and moving forward .

This course of action above was **agreed** by all.

**5.BB** identified 5 Key issues for consideration from the Representations received;

1. **Green field infrastructure / MD football club –** action to add further details as discussed in paras 4.1 4.2 and 4.3 above
2. **Wildlife Corridor** – action to designate the land as a green space and to remove proposals relating to access by pedestrians and cyclists
3. **Marina** – Canal and River Trust response was felt to be restrained but did not amount to rejection .To add comments recognising the points raised and to take up the offer to meet with CRT in January 2017
4. **Housing** – Gladman response - to respond in the Changes schedule to confirm that the SAMDEV covers this point. Two representations had been received, the first suggestion a general policy relating to housing and the second a specific site which might be proposed for housing. The NDP must conform with the current Shropshire Local Plan which covers up to 2026. In addition, it only proposes housing as parts of wider proposals and the SAMDev Plan, in particular Policy S11.1(3), is considered sufficient to cover the point raised by Gladmans and also criteria against which any further housing sites might be determined.
5. **Concerns of the parishes and MDTC –** to add in the points in paras 4.4 , 4.5 , 4.6 above

Discussion on ‘Open Countryside’ held but is still open to interpretation

1. **BB -** further actions included **;**

* Amend documents in line with agreed changes/additions/deletions
* Add further Detail to Conditions Statement
* Update Strategic Environmental Assessment

1. **AOB**

None

1. **Date & Time of Next meeting:** Wednesday 11th January 2017 @ 11.00am

The key issues for the next meeting as **agreed** by the Group will be ;

* to receive and consider the reports from the following:
* Shropshire Council Legal Department
* Shropshire Council meeting with the 3 Parishes
* To review the revised Neighbour Plan Submission Draft and associated papers

The above reports/document would need to be circulated to the Group by 4th January 2017