**Murton Parish Neighbourhood Plan Working Party**

**Report prepared for the Murton Parish Council meeting**

**on January 18th 2023**

We have been informed that little progress has been made by the CYC officers who were redrafting some of the Policies (Section 6) which they felt needed sharpening.

The Chairman of the meeting with us on November 16th, Kirstin Clow (Interim Head of Strategic Policy, Directorate of Place), has now left and been replaced by Alison Cooke, the Head of Strategic Policy, who has returned from leave. Also taking part in the December meeting were John Roberts (Strategic Planning Policy Officer, Directorate of Place) and two colleagues, Laura Bartle and Alison Stockdale.

We concentrated on Section 6, the Policies. Their criticisms, with suggestions, concentrated on the Policies themselves.

The CYC group attending the meeting is revising two major sets of Policies to demonstrate the result of their recommendations and then we will attempt to follow this guidance with the other groups of Policies.

Another suggestion is to look again at Section 7, Community Actions and see whether any of them should be ‘promoted’ to Section 6, Policies. Alternatively, we can see whether the two sections should be intertwined.

The CYC group had hoped to send their suggestions to us for Section 6, Policies, before Christmas, and arrange another meeting. However, we have yet to receive this work as the Local Plan revisions had to take preferences. We are in touch with John Roberts.

When this work has been done, we will seek advice on the submission of the Plan to the independent Inspector who will ensure that our Plan conforms to the National and emerging Local plans. Following this, the CYC will arrange a referendum in the Parish.