**Murton Parish Neighbourhood Plan Working Party**

**Report to the Parish Council, January 8th 2020**

1. **Report on the Murton Parish Neighbourhood Plan by the CYC**

The Working Party has received comments from one of the two officers in Forward Planning who are looking after our submission, Anna Pawson. These comments concern two of the four documents that we sent them, the Plan itself and the brochure which will be sent to every resident, landowner and business in the Parish.

There are two points that Anna raised that may need some explanation. One is the point is about the wording of the policies. We went through these together at our last meeting in October and she needs to check our version against her notes. The policies appear four times, in the Plan, in the Brochure and in the main two papers, the HRA (Habitat Regulation Assessment) and the SEA (Strategic Environmental Assessment) which are being assessed by Anna’s colleague in Forward Planning, Alison Cooke. Alison has been involved in the recent hearings of the City of York Local Plan, which has delayed her response.

I have now read through the first part of the latest Murton Neighbourhood Plan, the first part of the Pamphlet and the letter to residents including the comments form. Once again I apologise for not getting this to you earlier.

The part that I haven’t managed to get through is checking the policies to make sure they read ok following the comments that Alison and I suggested last time me met. I have included here the comments that I have managed to make so far. My other comments will be sent to you in the new year.

A couple of strategic points

·        I am really impressed with the pamphlet and the letter to residents and comments form. I have made a few amendments but nothing major. I will need to re-read the policies in the pamphlet but the layout and information in it seems appropriate.

·        The new layout of the main document also seems to read really well. As mentioned above I would still like to read through the policies again.

·        Please let me know what maps you require, a list via email would be useful.

·        Section 6 Local Green Space Designation section comments indicate that you wanted to discuss. Would you like to do this over the phone or I could set up a meeting for the new year?

·        As I said previously Alison has been heavily involved with the Local Plan Hearings which finish at the end of this week so it will be the new year before Alison will be able to give comments on the HRA and SEA.

I hope these initial comments are helpful in the short term and we can catch up in the new year regarding Maps, section 6, policies, SEA and HRA.

We will arrange for a meeting with Anna during January.