**Murton Parish Neighbourhood Plan Working Party**

**Report to the Murton Parish Council meeting on December 9th 2020**

1. **Green Belt**

In the last report, we noted that we had received a document from CYC (Alison Cooke and Anna Pawson) concerning a High Court judgement. It was about a case brought by a resident against the CYC about the Green Belt boundary. In turn, the judgement affects ***Policy MGB1 York Green Belt.*** The case really stems from the fact does not have a Local Plan that defines the boundary and, in its absence, Planning Officers use the draft Yorkshire and Humber Plan Report Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) (2008) which was never fully adopted. Following the judgement, we are proposing the following wording and await comments from CYC

**The general extent of the York Green Belt within the Parish of Murton, is shown as Map 5 in the Yorkshire and Humber Plan Report Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) to 2016 (2008). The Green Belt will be defined through the Local Plan process. This policy shall apply to land included within the Green Belt process. This policy shall apply to land included within the Green Belt boundary that is defined under the adopted Local Plan. Decisions on whether to treat land as falling within the Green Belt for development purposes in advance of the adoption of the Local Plan will be taken in accordance with the decisions made in the judgement for *Wedgewood v* *City of York* *Council [2020]* EWHC 780 (admin), taking into account the RSS general extent of the Green Belt, the draft Local Plan (April 2005) (Map 6.2.), the emerging Local Plan and site specific features in deciding whether land should be regarded as Green Belt in advance of the adoption of the Local Plan.**

1. **Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and the Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA)**

We still await a document which is currently being produced which is of importance to our HRA document in relation to a new Appropriate Assessment document for the Joint Minerals and Waste Plan.

1. **Maps for the Neighbourhood Plan**

We have delivered drafts to the CYC of the maps that we need for all our documents and the CYC officers hope to do the work for us shortly.

1. **Public Consultation**

We aim to start the public consultation at the beginning of February 2021, for a six week period. This will involve:

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1. A ***letter*** from the Parish Council plus a detailed ***pamphlet*** showing all policies with a form for comments to send back either by email or by post will be delivered to each resident/household, business, landowner and other stakeholders
2. All documents will be available on our ***dedicated Neighbourhood Plan website*** together with a form for comments
3. Copies of all the documents will be available to consult in the Central and Tang Hall libraries
4. Copies of all the documents will be available to consult in Murton Park, by appointment so that Covid-19 precautions can be observed’
5. Copies of all documents will be available from the Clerk (in the village) and Cllr Gil Richardson (Redbarn Drive area) so that both major areas of the Parish are covered
6. Offer phone calls to Parish Councillors and Working Party
7. **Neighbourhood Plan documents**

We have made several alterations to the documents:

1. ***Neighbourhood Plan Pre-submission draft for consultation***  
   (i) **Flooding:** We have added to policies HAC1(Housing Development) and EMP1(Employment) the phrase

* Minimizing and managing flood risk on and off the site

(ii) **Appendix F** Local Green Space Report. Number 6 The Copse, Moor Lane. We have added information to reflect the Parish Council’s plan

(iii) **Policy MGB1 York Green Belt**

See 1 above

1. ***Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)***

See 5(a)(i) above

See 1 above

1. ***Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA)***

See 5(a)(i) above

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1. ***Pamphlet***

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