**Murton Parish Neighbourhood Plan Working Party**

**Report to the Murton Parish Council meeting on November 11th 2020**

1. **Green Belt**

We have received a document from CYC (Alison Cooke and Anna Pawson) concerning a High Court judgement regarding a case brought by a resident against CYC about the Green Belt. It will affect the Local Plan and hence our Neighbourhood Plan.

We have copies of the High Court judgement. It does require revisions to our Plan but these can be accommodated. We have been given clear, detailed and helpful advice from the officers which we intend to adopt.

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. This means our HRA will need to be updated again in a couple of places to reflect this new evidence but we do not envisage that this is an oerous task.

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. **Photos for the Neighbourhood Plan**

Although we have now inserted the photos into the main report, we are still making sure that they are in the most appropriate places.

1. **Public Consultation**

As already reported, we have asked the CYC officers for advice about Public Consultation durting the Covid-19 restrictions. Amongst the advice from the government to those, like us, producing Neighbourhood Plans

**Public consultation: The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 require neighbourhood planning groups and local planning authorities to undertake publicity in a manner that is likely to bring it to the attention of people who live, work or carry on business in the neighbourhood area at particular stages of the process. It is not mandatory that engagement is undertaken using face-to-face methods. However, to demonstrate that all groups in the community have been sufficiently engaged, such as with those without internet access, more targeted methods may be needed including by telephone or in writing. Local planning authorities may be able to advise neighbourhood planning groups on suitable methods and how to reach certain groups in the community.**

By opting for a public consultation without a ‘drop-in’ we could save many months as we await the Covid-19 restrictions to be eased. This had to approved by the CYC’s legal team and then by the Executive. The result of their deliberations is that we can go ahead without a ‘Drop-In’ and we will be proposing a timetable for the consulation shortly.

1. **Flooding**

Flooding is not considered to be a major problem in the Parish as a whole as shown in various CYC documents. However, given that the Neighbourhood Plan may be in existence for 20 years and the changing weather patterns, we felt that we should ‘beef up’ our documents concerning flooding in the Parish. With help from the CYC officers, we are changing some policies to reflect our concern.