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**Murton Parish Neighbourhood Plan Working Party**

**Report to the Parish Council October 11th of a meeting of the**

**Working Party on October 8th 2017**

**Present: Richard Clancey (Chairman), Denise Rothwell, Denise Wells, David Waddington (Acting Secretary)**

1. **Questionnaire 2**

The analysis of the second questionnaire has been delivered to all households and businesses in the village.

1. **Local Plan**

The *Pre Publication Draft (Regulation 18 Consultation) October 2017* of the City of York Local Plan has been published. Comments have to be made before midnight of October 30th. As agreed, the Working Party is drafting a reply for the Parish Council to considered, amend and send on.

It had been noted at earlier meetings of the Working Party and Parish Council that five sites had been included in the *Officers Assessment of Employment Sites*, namely

1. Land East of Grimston Bar ST6 (181/847)
2. Greenacres (Murton Lane) 795
3. Brook Nook (Murton Way) 112
4. Land at Grimston Bar 160
5. Land at Murton Lane Industrial Estate 161

However none of the sites has been recommended for inclusion in the latest stage of the development of the Local Plan. It was therefore deemed unnecessary to send letters to all households in the village outlining the proposals and asking for comments.

Nevertheless, the Working Party when discussing the proposal for Greenfields considers it to be a proposal that could be considered when discussing the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Local Plan with 3 maps and 20mappendices are available on the City of York Council’s web site

<https://www.york.gov.uk/downloads/download/4036/pre-publication_draft_local_plan_reg_18_consultation>

 The Working Party discussed the proposal for ST 7, Land East of Metcalfe Lane which forms SS (Spatial Strategy) 9, page 45 and agreed to comment on two points, (i) the overall environmental impact on the City and our Parish and (ii) the impact on the Parish and neighbouring parishes by the increased traffic on already congested roads.

A draft was agreed and it will send it to the Parish Council as a basis of their discussion (Attachment 1).As noted above he deadline for submission is midnight, October 30th.

1. **The Homestead**

The Working Party noted that the City of York Council had agreed with the comments sent by the Working Party and had refused the development at the Homestead.

1. **Boundary of the Parish**

It was agreed that it was inappropriate to ask for comments on the proposed boundary changes in the questionnaire to be distributed to households on the southern border of the parish.

The Working Party is seeking further clarity about the *net* contribution of these areas to the overall funding for the Parish and asks the Clerk to obtain definitive data.

1. **Fields and Hedges**

Bob Missin, the former Conservation Officer of the City of York Council, has completed the survey of fields and hedges in the Parish and has identified 20 fields and hedges that are interest for the Neighbourhood Plan. This report will serve as an annex to the Plan Report.

David will write a letter of thanks to him.

1. **Dave Chetwyn**

It was agreed that David should write to Dave Chetwyn outlining the progress made, in particular the Pre Publication of the Local Plan, the results of the questionnaire in the village and the production of a questionnaire for the southern boundary and the decision to ignore for the present the possibility of boundary changes.

1. **Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting will be arranged when business requires it.