**Murton Parish Neighbourhood Plan Working Party**

**Meeting with the City of York Council officers on July 4th 2019**

**Report to the Parish Council**

**Present:** David Waddington, Alison Cooke (Forward Planning, CYC), Anna Pawson (Forward Planning CYC)

1. **City of York Local Plan**

There are no changes in the latest version of the Local Plan that affect the Parish.

1. **Murton Parish Neighbourhood Plan**

Anna and Alison have been through the latest draft of the report. They emphasise that their suggestions are not mandatory, they are advisory and it is our decision on whether we accept them. In brief, their recommendations are:

**Section 1. Introduction.** Emphasise further how the Plan fits into the wider national and local planning.

**Acknowledgement** section to be added

**Section 2. Our aims.** Add a list of objectives

**Section 3 Murton Neighbourhood Plan. Its context and General Data.** Very thorough but reduce and put more in an Appendix

**Section 4 Community and stakeholder engagement.** Helpful

**Section 5 Local Space Designation.** Transfer some of Section 3 to here

**Section 6 Policies** Reorganise substantially to highlight the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and Local Plan policies before introducing ours.

Two policies need further discussion (EMP1 and HAC1) as they could conflict with the Local Plan. Otherwise Policies conform to the NPPF and the Local Plan.

**Section 7 Non-Neighbourhood Plan Issues** These could be strengthened with Policies.

Some of the points raised conflict with advice we received from Dave Chetwyn but they reflect the decisions made by Inspectors on other Neighbourhood Plans produced in York.

***It looks at first sight a formidable list of changes but much is editing aided by the wonders of the word-processor.***

1. **The  Strategic Environmental Assessment and the Habitat Regulation Survey (both needed at the time of public consultation)**

These are substantial documents (totalling over 100 pages) and we have good exemplars from other Neighbourhood Plans in nearby parishes. We are at the moment, using those from Heslington and Earswick. We can use these as guides, even to the point of copying them verbatim ensuring that the points are relevant to our Parish.

1. **Next steps**

Alison and Anna will send detailed comments on the Plan over the next week and we should endeavour to finish the work by the beginning of September. The next meeting with CYC will be on Thursday, September 12th at 2.30 pm.