

MINUTES OF THE ARNESBY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW
STEERING GROUP MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 14TH AUGUST 2023 AT
SYCAMORE COTTAGE, ARNESBY

1. Present

David Johnson
Andrew Coupland
Gary Kirk

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2. Apologies

John Martin
Mike Ward
Ann Mawby
Bruce Kerr

- 3 It was confirmed that there were no Declarations of Interest from those attending the Meeting
- 4 Discussion took place with regard to the progress of the Draft N P. GK advised that the Draft was nearly ready to finalise, but the element relating to the call for sites and any housing provision still needed to be determined before this could be added. The section on Community Facilities and Amenities was circulated and those present were requested to check and make any comment in the next few days.
5. DRJ advised that he had delivered the call for sites to those with land which was likely to be considered suitable for development. To date, only one response had been received, from Brian Eales, who indicated that he would be prepared to support the development of the area of land he owned, opposite Little India. However, it was noted that this is designated Open Green Space in the current N P and the HDC Local Plan and would not therefore be considered suitable for development. An approach to Oscar Briggs was made with a view to identifying the agricultural buildings on Lutterworth Road as a potentially suitable site for housing. After an approach was made, it became apparent that Briggs still hopes to find a suitable commercial use for the redundant buildings.

GK indicated that it would not be a disaster if there were no provision for housing identified in the Draft Review, as it was unlikely that the HDC Local Plan would fail through lack of requisite land supply, but obviously, if a suitable site existed, then it would be sensible to include the same. Discussion took place as to alternative possibilities but no real opportunity seems available.

It was however agreed that DRJ would make a further approach to Oscar Briggs with a view to identifying the redundant buildings a suitable for mixed use development.

- 6 GK advised that the next steps were to finalise the Draft Review document and this would then need to be approved by the Steering Group. A meeting date for Thursday 5th October was agreed at 2.30pm at Sycamore Cottage for this purpose. There would then need to be a further Community Event and this was pencilled in for Saturday November 11th between 10am and 12 midday at the Village Hall. DRJ to make provisional arrangements.
- 7 DRJ advised that a further Grant of £8k had been applied for and approved by Locality. GK confirmed that this would be sufficient to complete the N P Review process.
- 8 There was no further business and the meeting was closed.

David Johnson

17.8.23