

The Steering Group discussed the role of consultant's O'Neill Homer going forward and agreed that at the current time the consultants should not focus on Meridian Site or retail survey, but concentrate on "Call for Sites". The consultants would continue to draft policies and produce a draft plan once Call for Sites finishes at the end of October so both Councils will need to set aside more funds in forthcoming budgets.

Chairman CG expressed concern that the NDP was being delayed by insufficient urgency and attention being given to completing stages – PTC and TTC Councillors were asked to help by being intermediaries in ensuring the actions required were completed by the Councils.

"Call for Sites" was in the Sept 2018 Peacehaven Directory, also advertised in the Argus. Need to provide minimum of 255 units or provide good reasons why this number can't be provided, however this not likely as sites have already been found via the SHEELA. More A4 notices needed, also website and Social Media notifications to publicise further. Need to write to major landowners in the town to get their involvement for the "call for sites" - a list of major landowners to be compiled then letter can go to all on list.

The Co-op Planning Manager had requested another meeting - they had been talking to stakeholders at the Meridian Centre about future plans, they now wanted to talk with the Steering Group (SG).

LDC Local Plan part 2 would be going forward on January 24th 2019 and by this point the SG should have their sites identified.

Clarification on the Policy PT17 (land north of Bannings Vale) and open space was sought - as this site falls within the National Park, Alma (SDNP) be invited to the next meeting to answer questions.

Business: C Lacey was asked to send the email to the database VC had prepared, inviting businesses to complete a survey. CG suggested the message include 'Call for Sites' which had not been done. CG/VC to rewrite and ask for the email to go urgently, also the survey to be interactive on website.

The Environment Group had met and a summary of their work is listed: (speakers to be invited to talk directly to residents)

- How green is my plan?
- Ditchling neighbourhood plan?
- Identification of Community Assets
- Allotment provision
- Self/build and lifetime homes
- Climate change
- Biosphere
- Safe routes to school
- Food growing Morden example