

Stalham Neighbourhood Development Plan

Minutes of the meeting of the Stalham Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group was held on 13th January 2022 at 7.00pm at the Town Hall, High Street, Stalham.

Chairman – Mr Chris Foster

Vice Chairman – Mr Matthew Taylor – apologies sent.

Secretary – Miss Lolly Dawson

In attendance: Bob Reader, Di Cornell, James Cole, Rachel Hood, Steve Toone, Helen Foster, John Walchester, Jeremy Baverstock.

Louise Cornell & Mark Thompson from Community Collective Planning

1. Welcome and further introductions.
2. The Terms of Reference were received and AGREED.
3. The Technical Support Grant is to be applied for.

4. Project Plan Update.

Community Collective Planning to contact NNDC with regard to housing allocations options within Stalham and how this new local plan will impact the current Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Community Collective Planning to contact NNDC and ask them if they would attend the next meeting and explain the process from the NNDC point of view.

5. Consultation.

Draft Survey Link:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/preview/J1NUZL/33AD07533665CB69AC8583345A4DC4>

Discussion:

Business / Employment should be prioritised and sit nearer the beginning of the survey. This links to car parking and accessibility and a large number of other relevant issues.

Tourism to be a separate heading and ask Q21 there, as there is nowhere to stay overnight at present within Stalham.

Q23 to be moved to housing.

Q Suggestion: What businesses would you be interested in doing / support / like to see within Stalham, if any?

If you have a small business would you be interested in having a space within Stalham?

A market was discussed as Stalham is a Market Town, Lolly to contact the Town Council to discuss further and feedback to the NDP group informally.

CCP to integrate a map alongside some of the questions that might benefit from an image.

Q suggestion: Do people want to stay/live in Stalham, if so why? If not, why not?

Q13 Green Spaces – Do we need a map available for residents to come and mark the relevant green spaces?

Q14 – Building regulations cannot be included but there can be a policy regarding new buildings meeting the highest possible sustainable standards. Policy supportive of applications that are specifically sustainable.

Q16 – Flooding was noted as extremely relevant. The sewerage system was considered as inadequate and the town was noted to have flooded historically.

Parking is considered an issue; Tesco car park is meant to be a public car park for access to the High Street.

Parking Q to be separated between high street car parking and residential car parking.

Amend the graphics on the front of the Questionnaire to be more eye-catching, add photographs or Broads museum or firehouse museum or a map?

Amount of any other comments boxes could be reduced. Consider having an any other comments box at the end of each section.

Simplify wording to be more accessible to more of the population.

Aim to finalise consultation survey and circulated by the end of February 2022.

Distribution of consultation:

Online survey - publicise on website, Facebook, Town Council.

Include in the Baptist newsletter (digital)

Include in Pews News (digital)

Contact the local schools & groups for feedback.

Town & Country will distribute a leaflet or postcard with their newspaper, 1st March.

Or volunteers could distribute?

Leaflet or postcard to be circulated to instruct residents Canto fill in online or access a paper copy from the library or Town Council (Thursday morning drop in).

Banner in the town?

Prize draw at the end of the survey – Could win £50.00?

Community Collective Planning to update the survey based on feedback during the meeting and re-circulate.

Provisionally Consultation can go ahead around mid-February (Monday 14th February) At the latest, 1st March 2022.

6. The next meeting to be held Thursday 17th February 2022 at the Town Hall.

Meeting Closed: 20:45