



## WARE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

# Ware Neighbourhood Plan Forum

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021 via Zoom at 7.00pm

Via Zoom

### Minutes

Cllr Alex Curtis – Ware Town Council  
Cllr Stephen Reed – Ware Town Council  
Cllr Ian Kemp – East Herts District Council  
Keith Batchelor - Town Watch, Raynet  
Julian Bond – Save Ware’s Greenbelt  
Joy Cotterell – Ware Society  
Alasdair Reid  
Peter Radley  
John Wing (Ware Museum)  
Jan Stock (Chair) – Wodson Park

#### **Not present:**

Cllr Mark Pope – Ware Town Council  
Mark Montgomery, Herts Police  
Jan Wing – Ware Town Partnership, CVS  
ClairThorne

#### **ATTENDING**

Terry Philpott, Town Clerk:

**NPF135. To approve the minutes of the last meeting 16<sup>th</sup> February 2021, and to note any actions not included on the agenda:**

The minutes are an accurate record

**NPF136: Policy Options for Ware (Alison Eardley and Chris Bowden, Consultant to Ware NPF.)**

It was confirmed that the following actions have been completed, any additional work will be identified as part of the policy review.

Action: To provide examples of Town Centre master planning for consideration (AE)

Action all: Examples of store signage issues to be provided, possible link to Ware Society evidence (JC)

Action: To see if any umbrella organisations are looking to undertake Tourist and Town Centre surveys (PR)

Action: To identify character sites. Housing / Industry etc (JohnW / JC)

Action: Non designated heritage assets to be defined (JohnW/ JC/ all)

Action: Increase in Economic Activity sites to be advised (SR)

Action: Mapping options to be provided to all NPF members (AE/TP)

Action: Data from Estate Agents identifying demand from business premises of all sizes (JS/KB)

Action: Supporting Community facilities, identification of key sites including toilets, buildings, and community spaces etc (all)

Action: Broadband requirements, policy to be defined within all residential properties / commercial properties (PR)

Action: To identify enablers to encourage the Tourism industry, possible coach stops? (all)

Action: Visitor Stats from Great Bed of Ware via the museum visitors (JohnW)

Action: River / Waterways ideas to encourage Tourism (all)

Action: Green infrastructure, add to policy details (AE)

Action: Green infrastructure, comprehensive list of green spaces to be protected, assess against criteria (JB/IK/all)

Action: Locally valued spaces to be identified (Herts Wildlife Trust link) (JS)

Action: Locally valued community use buildings to mapped (KB)

Action: Sustainable Transport, functional routes to be identified a mapped to create a policy initial thought to be shared with wider group (JS/IK/all)

Action: Historic routes that have been closed following development, evidence to provided. Identify other areas that would want to retain in the event of future development (JB)

Action: Junctions with problems to be identified, including accident statistics, to facilitate adequate transport modelling for future developments (SR)

Action: Air pollution, to obtain data for base measurement (JS)

## **NPF137: Policy Options for Ware (Alison Eardley and Chris Bowden, Consultant to Ware NPF.)**

To review the policy documents and agree the next steps.

1. Units available in the Town centre compared to 2013, with general feedback. Potential for more entertainment options (JS)
2. Public realm JW and AE to discuss in more detail to determine exact requirements (JW/AE)
3. Key movement routes via mapping related to car parks including level of use\*
4. How is residents parking effectively managed, policy decision on space available. (AC)
5. Up to date photos of good examples of shopfronts in keeping with the policy requirements. (JC)
6. Evidence from Estate Agents re future business requirements (KB/JS).
7. Options for user groups of multifunctional (larger) buildings to be identified (PR).
8. Requirements for fibre connectivity to be included in the plan (not a policy) (PR)
9. Green infrastructure, to review see if there are any gaps in the detail supplied. Can the current facilities be improved? \*(JB/AE)
10. Are there improvements to walking and cycling routes\*
11. Green spaces, Allotments, what is the data on the current set up and future requirements (JB)
12. Identify local green space (not those in the green belt or other protected areas) against set NPPF criteria, (demonstrably special) with photos, based on the template provided. Consult with owners of private land for inclusion. \*(JB)
13. Are there any areas of special scientific interest or biodiversity\*? (JB)
14. What requirements are there for additional community space (KB)
15. Development plans re roof pitches to be added to the drop box for reference (SR)

Deadline for completion 5<sup>th</sup> April 2021

## **NPF138: Mapping requirements**

To agree the mapping requirements and the best method to gather the information.

Base mapping required (TP)

Key movement routes via mapping related to car parks\*

Green infrastructure, to review see if there are any gaps in the detail supplied. Can the current facilities be improved? How do they link together?

Are there improvements to walking and cycling routes, or specifically retained (consider link to 15minute Town) \*

15min walking maps to be provided, based on GSK, Presdales, the station, Tesco, Asda, Wodson. (CB)

Identify local green space against set criteria\*

Identify hotspots for vehicle queuing related to schools\*

Identify places for electric vehicle charging points\*

**NPF139: Locality Funding update**

£6500 funding received, invoice raised by AE, April 2021 need to apply for the balance of the funding.

**NPF140: Website update and Communications (AR)**

A verbal update re the NPF website.

**NPF141: Ongoing actions**

**Ongoing Action:**( JS) to request updated air quality report in the summer of 2019, with profiling of development phase and post building phase, with mitigation. Proposed locations, GSK, Star Street, High Street, Park Road and New Road.

**Ongoing Action:** All To review the green spaces and views on future use as part of Nature Conservation brief, to photograph and note the locations. JB/DS to support.

**Ongoing action: Governance Boundary Changes**

Work is ongoing in this area

**NFP142. Any other business and date of next meeting.**

Future meetings via zoom or onsite? Further discussion at the next meeting.