



## WARE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

# Ware Neighbourhood Plan Forum

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2020 via Zoom at 4.00pm

### Minutes

#### **PRESENT:**

CLlr Alex Curtis – Ware Town Council (part of the meeting)  
CLlr Mark Pope – 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  
Jan Stock (Chair) – Wodson Park  
Jan Wing – Ware Town Partnership, CVS  
John Wing (Ware Museum)

#### **Apologies for absence**

Mark Montgomery, Herts Police  
David Short  
ClairThorne

#### **Not present:**

#### **ATTENDING**

Terry Philpott, Town Clerk:

**NPF089. To approve the minutes of the last meeting 4<sup>th</sup> June 2020, and to note any actions not included on the agenda:**

**Resolved:** The minutes are an accurate record

**NPF090: Review of draft policy documents.**

- Leisure and Culture – Keith Batchelor (supported by Claire Thorne) *Reviewed*
- Transport – Jan Stock *Reviewed*
- Environment – Ian Kemp *Reviewed*.
- Design and Heritage – John Wing (supported by Joy Cotterell) *to be reviewed at a future meeting*
- Employment - Jan Wing *Reviewed*
- Town Centre – Mark Pope (supported by Stephen Reed) *to be reviewed at a future meeting*

**NPF091: To agree the next steps.**

**Action:** Draft Policies to be finalised by end of July, next meeting in August. Circulated in advance if available. All / JS

**Action:** Consultant options for next steps with costings TP

**Action:** To apply for Locality funding TP

**Action:** To discuss with EHDC re a potential Governance review for boundary changes TP/JS

**NPF092: Website update and Communications (AR)**

To receive a verbal update re the NPF website.

To consider a strategy for community engagement with the draft Policy documents.

First Consultation: Feedback on data gathering

**NPF093: 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.

No further feedback received.

**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:** HCC Transport Strategy expressions of Interest

No further feedback received.

**NFP094. Any other business and date of next meeting.**

1. Commercial to Residential conversions. Using Mill Studios as an example. Can the NP over-ride, reinforce or extend the definitions of employment areas in the District Plan? What is the current state of regulation? Crane Mead as an employment area is badly drafted in the District Plan and doesn't allow for the existing residential buildings and development.

2. Footpaths, Cyclepaths, Bridlepaths and Bridges. Using Crane Mead and Tumbling Bay access as an example. The NP is fundamentally about planning. What can we say to suggest or re-inforce formal path definitions.

3. Air quality. What is the actual goal of doing our own air quality measurements? It seems to me, it should be gathering enough evidence to suggest that HCC, EHDC, Developers or whoever do a formal study. Since they are never going to accept and act on our informal measurements as a basis for real action. Followed by a general policy in the NP.

Next meeting 4<sup>th</sup> August 2020, 4pm via zoom.