

Heslington Parish Neighbourhood Plan

Minutes of the Working Group meeting held 18th December 2019

At Heslington Village Meeting Room at 10.00 am

Present: - David Blacketer [DB], Nick Allen [NA], Richard Bramley [RB], Richard Frost [RF], John Lawton [JL] and Bill McClean [BM].

Apologies received: Niall McTurk [NM].

1. **DB welcomed all attendees.**
2. **The minutes** of the Working Group [WG] meeting held on 29th July 2019 were approved.
3. **Offers to join the working group.** There were none.
4. **Parish Council further comments.** DB reported that there were no further comments from the PC at this stage. DB also confirmed that a draft 'Referendum Version' of the Plan would need to go before the PC for approval.
5. **To consider responses received to public consultation.** DB reported that 14 responses had been received. Of these 7 were positive expressions of support from local residents. There were 5 detailed responses making points which will need to be addressed. Responses from the Environment Agency and The Coal Authority did not require action. The Working Group agreed that although the Independent Examiner may dismiss some consultation comments and/or may also make helpful suggestions for changes in response to other points, the meeting should agree some initial and preliminary decisions on the necessary responses.

Agreed preliminary decisions, subject to the response from the Examiner, were:

a) University of York via O'Neill –

2.3 Agree introductory text at paragraph 5.1.5 in HPNP to be amended to indicate that strategic site allocations are subject to change through the CYC Local Plan process

2.3 WG did not agree that development of HPNP would need to wait for the CYC Local Plan to be adopted.

3.3 Policy HES: 2 - Sports usage. Agreed that this clause had been added and could remain.

3.4 Policy HES: 4 - Character areas – ok to amend wording in line with suggestion of "complementing context and character...".

3.6 Policy HES: 7 – agree to amend text to "conversions and/or extensions".

3.9-10 Policy HES: 12 – agree to remove the word "existing" to avoid conflict with CYC Local Plan SS22 University of York Expansion (ST27).

3.12 Policy HES:13 – agree to remove LGS #7, small section of Heslington Hall gardens, as this area is also identified within Significant Green Spaces and now protected by Historic England designation.

3.13-14 Policy HES: 13 Agree to remove Lord Deramore's school playing field from Local Green Space designations LGS #11, as may not reach required standard of proof. Thus, delete if Examiner so indicates.

3.15-17 Para 13.5 and Figure 5 and Policy HES:14 – Agree Campus East Lakes and Grounds and Green Open Space 'buffer zone' text/maps should be updated to reflect subsequent approved Planning Applications which define the western end of Campus East developed area.

Challenge is to define a clear current boundary of these 'buffer zones'. Examiner's response and further discussion with CYC may be useful here. It was recognised that this boundary is likely to be difficult to establish but important in protecting Heslington village and Badger Hill developments.

3.18-22 Policy HES: 17 – Agree amending of text to reflect “where development relies on highway improvements...” so as consistent with NPPF. WG will look for Examiner's response for guidance.

3.23 Policy HES19 – Also see paragraph 3.16 and need to address Figure 5. Again, WG will look for Examiner's response for guidance in this policy area before amending.

3.26 Agree to amend text in line with “Development Brief for Campus West and Design Brief including Masterplan”.

b) Quod response–

Rep 1 – Agree introductory text at paragraph 5.1.5 to be amended to indicate that strategic site allocations are subject to change through the CYC Local Plan process

Rep 2 – Agree amending text from “local facilities” to e.g. “facilities locally”.

Rep 3 – Agree amending text for Policy HES: 3 to reflect “beyond strategic development site allocation”.

Rep 4 – Policy HES: 16 b) - Agree to amend text to avoid conflict with CYC Draft Local Plan SS13 Land West of Elvington Lane and allow cycle/pedestrians routes only. [Also see CYC response].

c) CYC response –

1. Policy HES: 9 - Agree to amend text and avoid conflict with CYC Draft Local Plan Policy H10: Affordable Housing Policy H10 Table 5.4 re: Off-site financial contribution (OSFC) formula.

2. Policy HES: 10 – agree to amend text to reference '*Draft Controlling the Concentration of Houses in Multiple Occupation SPD (Approved 2012, Amended July 2014)*'.

3. Policy HES: 13 – Agree to amend text and include suggested new paragraph d).

3. Paragraph 13.5 and Policy HES: 14 and Figure 6 - Agree to remove references to Elvington Airfield Grassland as Significant Green Space and avoid conflict with CYC Draft Local Plan.

3. Policy HES: 15 b) Agree to amend text to avoid conflict with CYC Draft Local Plan SS13 Land West of Elvington Lane and allow cycle/pedestrians routes only.

4. Paragraph 14.5.2 and Policy HES: 15 – Agree to amend text as suggested to “...new access roads across the A64.”

5. Policy HES: 16 and text at 14.5.2 - Agree to amend text to be consistent with amended Policy HES: 15

6. Policy HES: 16 and text at 14.5.2 – Agree to amend text to avoid conflict with CYC Draft Local Plan SS13 Land West of Elvington Lane by retaining Common Lane/Long Lane/Langwith Stray as cycle/pedestrians routes only.

d) Historic England response –

1. Agreed there are 2 Scheduled Monuments and 1 Registered Historic Park and Garden within the Parish.

2. Re: development at ST27 – noted that HE are objecting.

3. Re: references to “strategic development site allocations and the existing [building] development boundary of the university campuses” - WG did not agree that these should be omitted.

4. Policy HES: 7 and HES: 8 – Agree to consider amending text to include

“c). Are appropriate to and do not compromise the significance or setting of the designated and undesignated of the heritage assets within the boundary”, once Examiner’s response is available.

e) Barton Howe

- 5.1.5 – Agree to amend text e.g. “...in the York Draft Local Plan substantial housing growth... is planned within the Parish of Heslington”.
- 5.3.3 - Agree to replace Ancient Monuments with Scheduled Monuments.
- 5.6.1 – Russell Group – Agreed to amend text to reflect “...self-selected association of 24 leading UK universities”.
- 5.9.4 – Agree to amend text to include C20 housing stock reference.
- 5.10 Policy HES: 14 – Agree no change is planned, although will wait for any Examiner’s comments. Significant Green Spaces map for Campus West Lake and Grounds #2 mirrors Historic England mapping of this historic landscape (List No. 1456517). Paragraph 7.2 – strategic sites allocation/sustainable development - WG agreed this is a CYC Local Plan matter and no change at present.
- 8.24 – WG did not agree to amend text. University of York, including Science Park is considered to have a leading and influential position is increasing jobs within York. i.e. at the ‘forefront.
- 10.6.2 - Agree to replace Ancient Monuments with Scheduled Monuments.
- 11.3.1 – no comment.
- Policy HES: 16 – WG did not agree to amend the Policy text, pending any guidance from the Examiner.
- HES CA2 – Agree to amend this Community Action along the lines of “...replace those [trees] that become damaged, diseased or unsafe” and to remove reference to “old” trees. (Not a policy).
- Also, “A policy for...” should perhaps read “A plan for...” at the beginning of the text, as we do not classify this CA as ‘policy’.
- Landscape Policy – noted. WG agreed not to introduce a new Policy at this time.

f) General

All preliminary decisions will be reviewed once the Independent Examiner has reported.

- 6. **Meeting 10am, 22nd January at CYC offices with Anna Pawson.** Agreed that 6 WG members could attend – Apologies from BM.
- 7. **Meeting on Monday 20th January** at 14.30 at VMRoom. Agreed provided that the Examiner’s report had been received. BM to request these to be sent to RJF for circulation. Apologies from BM.
- 8. **Printing requirements.** BM to obtain approximate price for 500 copies of final approved Plan. [Indicative estimate now received of £3875 excl VAT.]
- 9. **Finance and Grants.** - Noted that available funds were still as previously reported. **BM** to agree with Groundwork revise spending plans for printing once confirmed.
Groundwork funds - £3145.70
CYC grant funds - £2713.14
Total £5854.84