

ACOMB NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP
Meeting held Tuesday 20th February 2018 6.30pm in Acomb Village Hall

1. **Present:** County Cllr Trevor Cessford, Cllr. Charles Enderby, Cllr Lorna Farr, Bill Grigg (Clerk to Acomb Parish Council), Jenny Ludman (Ludman Planning), Cllr Rachel Gagliano, Norman Robson (local resident and Chair), Jane Wrigley (local stakeholder), Matilda Bevan (local resident and Minutes).
2. **Apologies for absence:** Chris Anderson, Planning Officer (Neighbourhood Planning and Infrastructure)
3. **Minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 9th January 2018:** were agreed a true record.
4. **Pre-Submission Consultation Responses:**

Open Event Day Saturday January 27th 10.00am to 2.00pm in the Village Hall was relatively well attended. 9 individual public comments were received. As a courtesy, Norman Robson has asked Karbon Homes, not a statutory consultee, for their response. NCC's response was not yet complete, and it may take a special meeting of the Steering Group to consider it in March.

Local Consultees

There were many supportive comments made, as well as several reinforcing comments to validate the Policies.

1. Acomb Angling Club presented a detailed reply of the Clubs position relating to the Plan. However, much of the comment did not impact on Land-Use issues and could not be utilised within the Plan. Jenny Ludman advised that a sentence about Angling in Policy 2.6 Watersmeet can be included, using a couple of the Club's green space issues as samples to illustrate it.
2. Acomb Horticultural Society. A comment was made about allotment provision; however, the NP decision has been not to allocate land for allotments because there has been no recorded demand for it.
3. Little Oaks brought up Affordable Housing as an issue that affects Nursery and School numbers. This is already covered in the Policy.
4. Open Day All commentary at the Open Day covered topics already in place in the Policy. Paragraph 3.22 Michael McElroy thinks the word 'or' should be replaced with 'and'. **Action:** Norman will draft new words to alter existing paragraph; Play Area should be added

to the other Playing Field facilities list. The gullies comment is not an NP matter.

Statutory Consultees:

1. NFU
Historic England
Jenny Ludman said HE's Density comment useful – 6th paragraph worth adding into part A of Policy 8 which requires new building work to make positive contribution or to preserve character. The Legislation already says not to harm existing character. Paragraph about Listed Buildings which are already protected by law are not relevant. Criteria for the definition of Non-designated (ie non-listed) properties would be added into Appendix A for clarity. HE also suggested adding heritage assets onto Map but we think confusing.
2. Coal Authority “Unless you are allocating land, we do not need to be involved”.
3. Ecology Department NCC Addendum request: Appendix C will show in Index.
4. Natural England No comment.
5. Environment Agency We opt to ignore their request to change our “*one of 5 flooding areas*” to “*one of many*”. Flood Alleviation Scheme begins September 2018. **Action:** Add criteria G about Flood Zones 2 & 3, no inappropriate development. Jenny Ludman says: Add a paragraph to address flooding, keep it all in one Policy, she will send suggested text to Norman.
6. Acomb Local History Society requests recording of historic Barite, and Witherite mines.

It was agreed that Norman would amend the Plan according to the agreed comments and circulate it to the Group for approval.

5. **The next meeting will be on Tuesday 13th March 2018 at 6.30pm.**
The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting closed at 7.30pm.