

SUPPORTING DOCUMENT JPC AGM 15TH MAY 2023

THE MATTER OF THE SUBMISSION OF THE HENLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN TO THE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Introduction

The JPC has been working since late 2022 with expert assistance to produce a revised neighbourhood development plan. The work has now progressed to the stage where the version which is on the Council agenda at this meeting is ready to be submitted to Stratford DC for consideration and approval. The final draft is at appendix 1 of this report. This revised draft has drawn heavily on the previous draft submitted by the JPC to SDC in 2018 , It responds to all the points made by Stratford DC at that time. The JPC has received significant public support throughout the process and has endeavoured to ensure that the community fully endorses both the content and the process undertaken.

Impact of public consultation

The public consultation event on the 15th of April was attended by 210 residents and overwhelming support was given to the detailed proposals presented . The report of the consultation event prepared by Gary Kirk is at appendix 2. All the key policies in the report were endorsed in the recorded feedback and therefore the JPC is confident that the proposals follow local priorities.

Next Steps

The JPC will submit this draft ,along with the appendices and the technical details required of us, by 31st May. Once the document has been submitted to SDC there are a series of statutory processes which have to be undertaken. The key ones are that SDC will review the document and raise any issues for clarification or amendment .Once that has happened the document will be submitted to an independent assessor (that is acceptable to the community), and a public inspection will take place. If the inspector is satisfied that the plan meets the standard and quality necessary to be adopted (or “made”) SDC will undertake a referendum in the town to ask whether or not the community supports the plan Our goal is to have the plan adopted within this calendar year, but most of the processes from May onwards are not within the control of the JPC or the community. At the June meeting of the JPC, we will report back on whether or not the plan has been successfully submitted. We will also explore the options available to us in the period before the plan is inspected and approved.

Acknowledgements

In appendix 5 of the plan is a list of the individuals who were involved in the first draft of the plan, and those who have been directly involved in this current version. The JPC would like to thank all of those residents who have taken time to respond to the various consultations and to attend several meetings often in the evenings. We have had a significant amount of assistance in reaching this point. We could not have succeeded in delivering on time without the volunteering which has taken place and which we do not take for granted. It is important that we acknowledge the financial support we have had from government. In particular we are grateful to Gary Kirk and YourLocale . They obtained public grants for us and have gone the extra mile to ensure that we delivered on the tight timetable we set out in January. We wish to retain the services of Gary Kirk and YourLocale to enable us to respond to the various

challenges facing us and ensure that we deliver practical results based on the policies in the plan

Recommendations

The JPC is recommended to

1. Approve the May 2023 version of the Neighbourhood Development Plan
2. Submit the plan to Stratford District Council, along with all the documents we are technically required to supply for consideration and approval
3. Ensure that all residents, businesses and interested parties are informed of the existence of the plan and the intention to secure formal approval
4. Ensure that all possible steps are taken to make the document accessible to individuals and households who might require additional assistance.
5. Give regular updates on the progress of the plan and respond to any issues that arise during the statutory period.

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