

Consett Area Neighbourhood Forum – Management Committee

7pm, 3 April 2025

Zoom call

Attendees:

Christine Thomas – Chair
Mike Shiels – Secretary
Anne Louise Grant – Treasurer
Mark Russell – MC member
Richard Lumley – MC member
John Million – MC member
Ian Peart – MC Member

Apologies:

Kelli Turner – MC member
Anthony Robson – MC member
Lucy Reed – Data Protection Officer
Maureen Clyne – MC member
Niamh McDonald – MC member
Jo-Anne Garrick – Planning Consultant

Minutes

1. Final Housing Needs Assessment

Final version received from AECOM. Christine has requested title page be changed to “Consett Area” instead of “Consett”. This is the only amendment.

Will upload final version to website. Full Forum will be notified of this on 6 April.

2. Design codes

First draft received from AECOM. Still quite rough and incomplete.

Jo-Anne suggests we focus the Full Forum on section 2, which is more complete and customised to Consett Area. MC agreed that we should select a few sub-sections to print off and talk through the document structure with Forum, e.g., SFAs 2, 3, 4 and 6.

It was agreed that MC members will email review comments to Jo-Anne, who can compile them into a single feedback document for AECOM.

Draft document sent to Stuart Carter, but they cannot review until end April earliest. MC agreed it would be better to send a more complete draft.

3. GIS mapping progress

Mark has been updating the spreadsheet for Pont Heritage and aiming to complete by 11 April. All other areas have been completed, although there are a few anomalies and

questions raised within the feedback, for example, tiny patches of grass nominated as green space (probably too small for any development).

Anne Louise noted that planning appeal for area behind Greenways (in Delves near care home) was rejected, so this should now be included as green space.

Ian will compile all the anomalies on a separate spreadsheet to send to MC and resolve.

MC confirmed that Jo-Anne will conduct a review of all the proposed Heritage and Green Spaces, to ensure they are valid to include in the plan. John volunteered to provide any more 'local knowledge' to Jo-Anne to support this review, if required. It is expected that Jo-Anne will list any areas that she removed from the Plan, so that MC members can understand her reasoning and raise any questions/challenges they wish.

4. Update from Ian about DCC

Still pending with Ian (focus on completing GIS first, as a priority). However, Ian is confident he has an alternative workaround, so will be able to publish mapping to CANF website regardless.

5. Update on NP draft

Final draft sent to Jo-Anne via Google Docs. At Jo-Anne's request, only she has editing rights, other MC members can comment but not update.

6. Full Forum meeting - Sunday 6th April

Agenda for the Full Forum meeting will be:

- Update that final Housing Needs Assessment document has been received and will be published to CANF website shortly
- GIS Mapping update on progress, and opportunity for attendees to view mapping (Christine to provide iPads for this purpose)
- Draft Design Codes – update on status (very early draft) and show example sections to illustrate the type of content included. Gather any initial feedback
- Northern Gas Networks survey – opportunity to do some good for the area

7. Actions completed / new actions

Actions were updated - See action log.

8. AOB

None raised.

9. Date / time of future meetings

- Next MC meeting, 7pm 17 April, location TBA.