

## ILMINSTER NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN DEVELOPMENT GROUP MEETING 4<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2021

**Present – Stuart Shepherd (In the Chair), Michelle Gunn, Annie Murdoch, Jim Sainsbury, Scott Waldie, Tony Walker, Julie Earp (Deputy Town Clerk), Martha Covell (ECA, attended via Skype).**

**Apologies –Colin Hyde, Matt James, Liz Shepherd, Henrietta Van den Bergh.**

**291 – Declarations of Interest** – There was a frank discussion regarding declarations of interest, and it was established that beyond statements by Tony and Henrietta at the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019 meeting, there were no current declarations of interest relevant.

**292 – Notes of Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> June** – The notes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> June were agreed as a fair record, and signed accordingly

**293 – Site Assessment Report** – The minor amendments circulated by ECA prior to meeting were noted. It was reiterated that the land owner of site 21B was still unhappy that his land was being included in the report, and the Group agreed that it should be taken out. Martha then suggested that the highly contentious site 15A (which needed renaming), should also be removed, in which case, other sites would need to be identified to make up 65 homes shortfall in the Plan's target.

**294 - Letter from Carol Drayton concerning Workshops etc:** – This was duly noted, and the Group Chairman, on behalf of the Town Council, instructed ECA to make a full response.

**295 – Correspondence regarding Climate Change** - This was also noted, although it was recorded that this was not a case for change of policy, but rather a revision of text.

**296 – Plan Publicity** – There was concern that we should have a more positive publicity strategy, whether it be through press, social media or newsletter. The main message that we wanted to get over was that the Plan needed to be fair to Everyone in Town.

**297 – Questionnaire** – Arrangements to get all responses transferred on line, were confirmed.

**298 – Next Meeting** – This was scheduled for 23<sup>rd</sup> August at 6.30 pm in the Council Chambers, when the main items on the agenda would be Site Assessment and Public Relations. There would be an early September meeting with Martha to follow.

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