

**Teignmouth Town Council is requested to:**

- 1 Note the completion and content of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Regulation 14 Pre-submission Draft Document, listing the responses received from the 6-week consultation period, the Steering Group agreed Responses and the need to make changes where necessary (document attached);**

**And**

- (2) Authorise the Steering Group to implement those changes made to the draft Plan and any relevant associated documents with a view to early submission of the Plan to the Local Planning Authority for examination once the Basic Conditions Statement and the Consultation are completed which should be brought to Council in December for final approval.**

**Introduction:**

Members will recall that a six-week consultation took place in the summer on the pre-submission draft Neighbourhood Plan documentation which had been revised following the first draft consultation in May/June, 2021. A static exhibition was held for 3 days at the beginning of July at Teignmouth Pavilions with Steering Group members on hand to engage with visitors, where necessary; the exhibition was then moved to the Foyer at Bitton House for the remainder of the consultation period. This consultation, the pre-submission "Regulation 14" consultation, involved and included those organisations on a list of statutory organisations for consultation provided by Teignbridge District Council as the Local Planning Authority, as well as Teignmouth residents.

**Process:**

As respondents sent in their Response Forms, these were dissected and all comments grouped with others relevant to the particular parts of the Plan or policies to which they referred. The attached document was put together in-house and subsequently scrutinised and discussed by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, whose comments were then appended. These comments were supplemented by a **Change to Plan text, policy, or evidence base, if any** column. It is these comments and changes that Members are now being asked to note and approve so that the Plan documents can be amended, prior to submission. It is hoped to move this process on rapidly now, in order to submit before Christmas and avoid any clash with the draft revisions to Teignbridge's Local Plan, indicated to be coming out early in 2023.

There are 2 final documents that still need to be prepared which are the Basic Conditions Statement and the Consultation Statement – both legally required. When available, these will be discussed by the Steering Group later this month, with a view to them being submitted to the next full Council meeting in December and the final signing off of the whole raft of documents with the Plan, the Design Code and Evidence Base supplementary documentation.

**Financial Implications:**

The project is still eligible for a grant of another c£3000 out of a total of £18,000 available to the project. An application is currently being assessed by Locality who administer the funding. Our consultant's fees will be more than this for the work still to be completed. If successful, the grant monies will be added onto a sum already in Ear Marked Reserves and a budget line in this year's budgets of around £5000. These figures will be confirmed when the final Grant allocation is awarded and be part of the budget setting process for this year with a nominal amount only carried forward to next year if timing/slippage should require it. The majority of the expense, once the plan is submitted, will be for consultant's time in

answering any queries from the Examiner but the Referendum required by Law before the Plan is finally accepted is done at the expense of the LPA (Teignbridge).

**Proposal:**

Council is thus requested to agree to parts 1 and 2 of the proposal quoted in full at the beginning of this paper, in order to make Teignmouth's Neighbourhood Plan a reality.

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