

Barrowden and Wakerley Neighbourhood Plan

Report to the Barrowden Parish Council – November 2017

At the Business Meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Group held on 6th November, further progress was made on a number of areas of the Plan

Version 2 of the Plan.

Constructive feedback has provided by Rutland County Council on Version 2 of the Plan. There are a couple of Policies where there is a difference of opinion between RCC and the Group, however it was agreed that, as part of the work that the Consultant will carry out for the Group in writing the Plan, these items can be addressed.

Invitation to Tender

Tender documents were sent out to six local companies inviting them to provide a quotation in order to make the Plan document readable but more importantly meet the aspirations of residents while being acceptable during inspection by the Examiner.

Sadly only three companies responded, being Mike Haybyrne, OpenPlan and Alpine Planning. Of these Open Plan was rejected on the basis that their price was almost twice the other two quotes which were broadly similar and Mike Haybyrne was selected as the preferred option since Alpine Planning had no direct experience of Neighbourhood Plans and the Group had worked successfully with Mike Haybyrne at an earlier stage in developing the Plan.

The Group therefore recommend, subject to funding being available, that Mike Haybyrne is appointed to carry out the work to provide a Pre-submission version of the Plan document. It is planned that this work should be completed in December in readiness for the Pre-submission Plan to be issued in the first quarter of 2018 to residents and statutory consultees.

Locality Funding

An Expression of Interest has been submitted to Locality for funding of the work by the Group to process the writing of the Pre-submission version of the Plan and the related consultation work, the costs of which are estimated as:-

£2500 to Mike Haybyrne, Planning Consultant, to assist in finalising writing of the Pre-submission version of Plan

£600 for printing Pre-submission version of the Plan

£200 for initial design and graphics for Pre-submission version of Plan

£300 for consultation events with residents on the Pre-submission version of Plan

It is recommended that an application be made for £3600 to Locality for this work.