Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council - Neighbourhood Development Plan Report for the Parish Council meeting on 06 March 2023

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Parish Council held on 06 February 2023, accompanied by a report on progress presented to that meeting, have been posted on the website.

That report confirmed that Louise Kirkup had presented the first draft (V1) of a neighbourhood development plan (2023 to 2035) to the Working Group on 30 January and stressed that this was very much an initial draft for update, amendment and addition and was not at an appropriate stage for wider public consultation at this stage.

The initial draft contained many areas identified by Louise where additional information should be provided in order for her to work up a second draft. The indication was that this second draft would be shared with LDNPA as an early and informal piece of consultation with them; revised if necessary and then approved by the Parish Council for formal consultation. Louise advised that it could be summertime before this part of the process was concluded.

In the meantime, however, formal proceedings of the WG will be held in public and all supporting documents will go on to the Neighbourhood Plan page of the website. It was concluded that:

- a) Members of the Working Group will submit feedback to the Secretary for onward transmission to LK
- b) LK will prepare Draft V2
- c) Consideration will be given to a further meeting with LK to go through V2
- d) The Group will aim for a meeting with LDNPA in March with LK present by way of initial liaison on progress.

Following the report to the Parish Council on 06 February, the Secretary to the Working Group drew-up and circulated a Table of Initial Actions required to provide the information requested by Louise. Members of the Working Group have received this and corresponded by email and informal discussion as to how the information should be provided. Actions requested by Louise included:

- Ensuring that all data is presented on the website: This is still work in progress, but much information is already published
- Reviewing population data
- Confirming Neighbourhood Plan Vision and Objectives
- Identifying Cluster Communities
- Requesting AECOM to complete its work on Design Codes and to include Gateway Views.
- To consider housing needs, local character and constraints such as clarifying areas of flood risk
- To consider the nomination of local green spaces
- To consider business interests and community aspirations such as the promotion of local enterprise, and infrastructure issues such as highways matters, traffic, parking and utilities.

The provision of the information requested remains work in progress and this will be collated and forwarded to Louise for her comment and inclusion in a Draft Plan Version 2. It is hoped that this phase will be completed by late-March in time for a further meeting of the Working Group with her to confirm V2 in a form that can be sent to LDNPA.

At this stage there is no confirmed date for the meeting of the Working Group, but this will be publicised in advance of when it is to take place.

Martin Curry, Secretary, NP Working Group