

CROSTHWAITE AND LYTH PARISH COUNCIL
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REPORT – JULY 17 2023

Since the last meeting of the Parish Council on 12 June I have had a liaison meeting with AECOM in respect of the Design Code document that they have already prepared.

I believe that the Working Group / Parish Council is already in possession of the current document which was forwarded to me by AECOM on 15 June. AECOM have suggested that the Working Group should re-visit the document and provide any feedback. In the meantime, they are checking on the status of the LDNPA's re-issue of their Design Code documents. It seems to me that the AECOM document is complete and could serve as a stand-alone paper in the final plan, but I am unsure what issues the Working Group / Parish Council may have with it as it stands. It would be helpful for the Working Group to consider any specific points that they may wish to make to the AECOM authors of the Report.

I have written again to LDNPA to try to secure an informal meeting with Paula Allen to discuss any concerns that there might be with Version 4 of the draft prepared by Louise Kirkup.

Louise has confirmed that grant support has not yet been confirmed for 2023-24 although the indication remains highly likely that grants will be available. Louise is happy to attend a meeting with LDNPA under the existing financial framework i.e. without additional cost to the Parish Council, but it is likely that grant aid will be required for further support from Kirkwells.

I have asked Paula Allen if she is prepared in principle to meet with representatives of the Working Group / Parish Council, but both she and Louise are keen that the Working Group / Parish Council consider and highlight what particular issues it wants clarification on before the meeting so that responses to these points may more swiftly and effectively be provided.

It had been the case that the Working Group would not meet until after a meeting with LDNPA but it seems appropriate that it should now either meet, or agree by email, its position / concerns with:

- a) LDNPA policies
- b) Whether or not further work is required on the Design Codes and if the current document should be included as one of the documents in the Neighbourhood Plan

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