

**Shaping the heart of Stroud**

**Note of meeting**

**Place of meeting** Ebley Mill

**Date of meeting** 12 May 2015

**Present:** (List names and roles)

Hugh Barton, NDP Steering Group

John Blossom, NDP Administrator

Pippa Stroud, Planning Implementation Manager

Laura Stephen, Senior Housing Strategy Officer

Shirley Wood, Regeneration Officer

Ricardo Rios, Neighbourhood Planning Officer

**Brief summary of issues discussed**

RR introduced the purpose of the meeting.

HB outlined the stage that the plan had reached and the anticipated timetable.

Housing provision and policies - PS queried why there was a proposed policy specifically to promote owner occupation, rather than also the private rented sector? HB felt that the point being made was that a range of different housing sizes and types were needed.

LS was concerned about the deliverability of schemes if there was a requirement for outdoor space and balconies. HB felt that it was a health issue. Noted that it may not be appropriate in some converted buildings.

LS queried the feasibility of requiring that affordable housing be specifically through the mechanism of Community Land Trusts. PS said that she would strongly resist a policy that CLTs were the only means of delivery.

Regeneration - there was discussed of the Stroud Concordat and its potential to be a mechanism for change. PS felt that it could do more and would benefit from a clear mandate to be strategic and deliver change whereas it currently had a focus on lower-level town centre management issues. PS felt that STC could have a bigger role in delivery and has some ability to make choices about use of its resources.

Station Area - HB outlined plans that are being developed for a Brunel Square/Goods Shed area and the Cheapside car park area,

Master Planning - there was discussion of how partners could come together and raise the funding required. PS felt that this would need to involve discussion with David Hagg.

Housing Partners - LS referred to the list of Registered Providers previously supplied and suggested that approaches could include GreenSquare, Guinness Partnership and Rooftop.

LEP - it was noted that it does not have strong relationships with districts.

Employment uses - HB outlined thoughts about providing for retention of Fromeside Industrial Estate with a widened and attractive frontage to the canal incorporating wider range of uses.

Public Realm Strategy - it has noted that this had not been progressed as intended.

Canal Basin - HB outlined the idea that was being suggested and issued with landowners and canal interests

**Brief summary of outcomes** (to include what was agreed/disagreed)

SDC to send details of a contact at gFirst.

NDP to send Shirley Wood images submitted for a light sculpture installation at Wallbridge.

NDP to send further draft plan and policies.

Master planning discussion to be arranged including SDC Chief Executive.

Discussion needs to be arranged on the role of the Stroud Concordat in taking the plan forward.

<b>Any Actions</b>	<b>By whom</b>	<b>By when</b>
See above	As above	As soon as possible