

Newent NDP Steering Group Chair's Report P & E Committee – 8th April 2024

Three members of the NDP Steering Group met with Rose Bateman and Lavenya Parthasarathy from AECOM for a comprehensive site visit tour of Newent parish on Friday March 22nd. This was in connection with the production of two of the three technical support packages for Newent's NDP which is funded by Locality.

The tour was preceded by a meeting in the NTC offices which lasted for about 90 minutes. Lee Searles, our NDP appointed planner, joined us for the day. Following an extensive tour by car, the two AECOM planners were guided on foot through the town centre. A series of informal notes was produced for the car tour and is available for circulation. The tour took in the outer areas of the town as well as visiting Malswick, Botloes Green, and Clifford's Mesne.

Subsequently, the Steering Group has been sent a document containing proposals for the outline of the Design Guidance and Code as well as the Master Plan. A response will be sent by the end of the week to this document.

Meanwhile, the business survey has been revised to include reference to support, advice and a=guidance and should be available to launch very shortly, online and in hard copy.

Two new potential members of the Steering Group have been in contact with the chair. We hope they will be able to join the Steering Group shortly following informal discussions and attendance at a Steering Group meeting in order to ensure that the nature and work of the NDP and its Steering Group are understood and that they are able to offer support in areas where particular strengths and skills are needed.

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