

2019 July

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN – Mr T Lockley

Markfield Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group report – 26th June 2019

1. The Steering Group last met on 25th June.

2. The meeting received a report on the excellent progress made working with Mercenfeld school on a logo for the Steering Group and also the questionnaire distributed to the school children.
 - Six logo entries had been selected by the Schools Council for consideration by the Steering Group. There were 3 from Key Stage 1 pupils and 3 from the older group. All the entries were of a high standard and it was difficult to select the winners from each age range. Arrangements are now being made to inform the school which the winning entries are.
 - Although some more questionnaires are still to be returned over 200 have been received to date, which is a very high return rate. The children's responses are now being analysed.
 - The Steering Group will be formally writing to the school to both confirm, which the winning logos are and also thank them for their first class support.
 - No progress has been made approaching South Charnwood School, so that will be left until the Autumn term.

3. Final arrangements are being made for some of the Steering Group to interview the RCC and their associate planning consultant at Markfield Court on 4th July. A decision will then be taken as to whether other consultants need to be interviewed, before the final decision on who should provide future

support for the Steering Group. Note a grant application will be made to “Locality” to cover consultancy costs.

4. Most of the meeting was devoted to preliminary discussions on the content and development of a questionnaire, which will be distributed to every household later in the year. Although valuable evidence has been gathered at the “drop-in” and “Stakeholder” events, the questionnaire will provide a far more detailed picture of the views of both residents and businesses on a wide range of topics.

5. The Steering Group noted with regret the resignation of Councillor Bowler. It is hoped that a replacement can be recruited quickly.

6. The next Steering Group meeting is scheduled for the evening of 30th July

Tony Lockley

Chair MPNPSG 26th June 2019