

Armthorpe Neighbourhood Development Plan

Issues Report

For discussion at the Steering Group on the 16th of October 2012.

The purpose of an Issues Report is to put in front of all those who have an interest in the future of the parish the range of issues which the plan should contain and furthermore to use it as a prompt to these wider groups as to what else they would like the plan to consider. It will also be the starting and reference point for the collation of statutory, supporting and technical documents and publications on which the plan needs to be based.

It should perhaps have **two distinct formats** that will be reflected in the characteristics of the approach, which are essentially two fold. Firstly, to allow access and engagement to enable the Parish Council to take locally determined decisions on the planning of Armthorpe. Secondly, to ensure that the LDF Core Strategy is taken forward and that the plan is technically capable of being adopted when and if approved by the local community referendum.

The formats could be divided into:-

A **non-planning jargon series of sheets** based on subjects, area based issues, key facts and questions designed to bring forward strong views and possibly options as to how Armthorpe can be planned.

A **series of technical links, references and issues** which need to guide and inform the process. These will inevitably be planning centric but also deal with highways and other environmental issues, e.g. flood constraint maps.

The subject matter could be split into:-

- Housing
- Transport and highways
- Retail
- Town and local centres
- Jobs, skills and employment
- Leisure and open spaces
- The environment
- Neighbourhoods
- Public utilities
- Community facilities
- Priorities for investment
- Local projects

What else is worthy of inclusion? Is this approach right?

The Issues Report need not be called that, and indeed the **branding** of this whole exercise is something to be thought about perhaps more closely. For instance should everything be referenced back to the Armthorpe Neighbourhood Plan? Probably/certainly yes but within that framing individual activities can be individually bracketed. Something like, 'The Future of Armthorpe' or 'A Vision for Armthorpe', might be easier to relate to. Going further is also an option and if the plan is to gain wider access then perhaps this could be a question for the public consultation.....what should it be called? You could get some interesting answers but also some good ones.

The **Issues Report timetable** is as follows:-

1. Draft prepared by Simon Smales - by 1st November
2. Consideration by Parish Council - Meeting 6th November
3. Release for consultation following any amendments - 13th November
4. Deadline for comments - 3rd December
5. First consideration of comments by Steering Group - Meeting 18th December
6. Report to Parish Council - First meeting in January 2013

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