**MINUTES OF WESTGATE-ON-SEA NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE**

**MEETING WED 13th JUNE 2018 530 pm**

**WESTGATE-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES**

**Present:** Cllr Hannah Scott, Cllr Joanna Cornford, Cllr Carol Messenger (TDC), Ray Taylor, Matthew White, Dennis Wallis, Dave Morrish

Johnathan Neville from Millwood Homes, Anna Gillings (Gillings Planning Ltd) and Graeme Phillips from JTP (Master Planners).

**Apologies:** Cllr Sam Bambridge (TDC), Cllr Pauline O Connor, Cllr Matthew Scott.

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1. **Declaration of Interest:** There were no declarations of interest from Steering Group Members. Interests declared from Johnathan Neville, Anna Gillings and Graeme Phillips.
2. **Minutes of meeting**

Introductions were made. The aim of the meeting was to walk around the sites allocated in the Local Plan and explain to Millwood Homes and JTP the concerns of the residents of Westgate-on-sea including the following:

1) new buildings should not encroach on existing residents

2) residents would like a green corridor between existing buildings and new.

3) if houses are built there should be a mix of home types.

e.g. housing to down size to and for the elderly, houses for families and affordable housing.

4) affordable houses should be offered to Westgate residents first.

5) sufficient and future looking health and education services should be included.

6) traffic concerns should be met.

7) water/sewerage concerns should be met.

8) Dent de Lion setting should be protected

9) Houses should be built to a high standard, in keeping with the design in Westgate and should be future looking e.g. low carbon.

10) Green infrastructure (e.g. shrubs, trees and bee corridors) should be included throughout to increase biodiversity.

The group walked around the sites discussing these issues, including the perimeter, to show the developers how it might impact resident’s views from their gardens.

A discussion took place with the developers who said that they would take on board our concerns and return at a later date. They explained that they will draw up some plans and consult with the residents of Westgate-on-Sea and Garlinge in the late summer.

**Next Meeting of the Steering Group (without Millwood Homes):** Wednesday 11th July, 2018 Town Council Offices 7pm