

Council Meeting – 25 October 2018

Agenda Item CC1919/18

Neighbourhood plan – Expected referendum 6 December 2018

Introduction

After 5 years of work, TRDC should have endorsed our Neighbourhood Plan (NP) by the time of the FCM. The paper that has gone to the TRDC planning and resources committee recommends it is taken to Referendum and that to be the 6 December.

Discussion Narrative

The NP is an opportunity for local people to have control over the future of the Parish, by actively planning for new sympathetic development and protecting those parts of the Parish that are important to its character and function.

If it is approved by a majority of residents voting in a referendum it will be adopted by Three Rivers District Council (TRDC) as part of the local plan. It would then be applied by planners and planning committees to all future planning applications in Croxley Green. Consequently it will affect everyone living or working in Croxley Green.

The final version, which can be found on <https://www.threerivers.gov.uk/listing/planning-committee>, for the 22 October meeting has had some changes made as recommended by the inspector. The recommendation from the TRDC officers to the meeting is as follows;

That the Policy & Resources Committee recommend to Full Council to resolve:

- *That the modifications to the Croxley Green Neighbourhood Plan be made in accordance with the Examiner's Report (Appendix 1) and that the modified Croxley Green Neighbourhood Plan (Appendices 2 & 3) proceed to referendum on 6 December 2018.*

It is then expected to be fully endorsed to proceed to the referendum by the TRDC full council on the 23 October.

It is imperative that we ensure that the residents of Croxley Green know about the referendum. Also I suggest that we should make it clear how important it is to go and vote for this NP to help keep Croxley Green special and protect the character of our great village.

One way is to put out a Parish Lite to all households. I understand door to door distribution would cost around £450. Also we should use social media, and talk to everyone we can.

I would like to have volunteers to form a working party to help get the message out, with a meeting scheduled for W/C 5 November.

This is probably one of the most important things we have done in the parish, so we must do all we can to ensure it does finally succeed.

Recommendation

1. To agree to a Parish Lite concentrating on the NP referendum to be put out to all households in the Parish at a distribution cost of approximately £450.
2. To form a working party to help get the message out to residents and.
3. To sue the PC social media to get the message across to as many people as possible.
4. To contact MyCroxleyNews and the Watford Observer and any other media we can.

Cllr Mitchell
16 October 2018