

# **Congleton Town Council**

Historic Market Town Chief Officer: David McGifford CiLCA

14th October 2020

**Dear Councillor** 

## Planning Committee Meeting – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Planning Committee on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020** commencing at **7.00 pm**. This will be a virtual meeting which needs to be accessed via Zoom.

Use this link to open the Zoom meeting for the Planning Committee on 22nd October 2020.

Meeting ID: 813 6604 4547 Passcode: 868405

There may be confidential items towards the end of the meeting which the law requires the Council to make a resolution to exclude the public and press.

Yours sincerely

Linda Minshull Civic Administration Officer

## <u>AGENDA</u>

1. <u>Apologies for absence</u>

(Members are reminded of the necessity to give apologies in advance of the meeting and

to give reasons for absence)

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

To confirm the minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on

17th September 2020 (copy enclosed).

3. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

Members are requested to declare both "non-pecuniary" and "pecuniary" interests

as early in the meeting as they become aware of it.



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## 4. <u>Outstanding Actions</u>

None

## 5. <u>Questions from Members of the Public</u>

To receive any questions from Members of the Public relevant to the meeting agenda.

## 6. <u>Planning Applications</u>

To note or comment as appropriate on planning applications lodged with Cheshire East Borough Council.

- i) List for weeks 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> September and 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020 (copy enclosed).
- ii) Lists for subsequent weeks will be circulated when received.

## 7. <u>Planning Consultations</u>

To agree responses to Planning Consultations

- i) Government White Paper (Enclosed)
- ii) SADPD Update (Enclosed)
- 8. <u>Planning Appeals</u>

To note or comment as appropriate on planning appeals lodged with Cheshire East Borough Council.

## 9. <u>Licensing Applications</u>

To note or comment as appropriate on licensing applications lodged with Cheshire East Borough Council.

## 10 Section 106 Updates

To receive any updates relating to Section 106 agreements.

## 11 Planning Enforcement

To receive any updates on Planning Enforcement.

## 12. <u>Neighbourhood Plan</u>

To receive any updates (Enclosed).

To: All Members of the Council, Press 2, Burgesses 3.

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 17<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020 – Via Zoom

<u>Please note</u> These are draft minutes and will not be ratified until the next meeting of the Planning Committee

## PRESENT

Councillor P Duffy - Chair D Amies R Douglas S Firkin A Martin R Hemsley J Parry J Smith K Wesley

Councillor Murphy who is not a member of this Committee attended and did not vote on any items. There were also several members of the public present.

## 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors Brown.

## 2. MINUTES

PLN/7/2021 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 13<sup>h</sup> August 2020 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record with the addition of

"the officers formally notify Cheshire East Council that Congleton Town Council wishes Cheshire East Council to formally lobby the Government through all channels available to reverse the changes recently announced by the Government in respect of Upwards Development".

## 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were reminded to declare both "non pecuniary" and "pecuniary" interests as early in the meeting as they become known.

Councillors Murphy declared a "non pecuniary" interest as he is a member of Cheshire East Council but are not a member of this Committee.

Councillor Martin declared a "non pecuniary" interest due to her membership of CPRE -The Countryside Charity.

## 4. OUTSTANDING ITEMS

The Chief Officer reported that he had contacted Cheshire East for an update on the Bridge into Congleton Park. The Officer was away and due back tomorrow.

## 5. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None received

## 6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

PLN/8/2021 RESOLVED: That the following comments be made to Cheshire East Borough Council:

Planning Reference	Location	Declaration of Interest	Comments
<b>1</b> * 20/3464C	16, RYEDALE WAY, CONGLETON, CW12 3SX		No Objection
<b>2 *</b> 20/3475D	Land At, BACK LANE, CONGLETON		No Objection
<b>3</b> 20/3431C	Wood Farm, WOOD LANE, CONGLETON, CW12 3PX		No Objection
<b>4</b> * 20/3454D	Eaton Bank Academy, JACKSON ROAD, CONGLETON, CW12 1NT		No Objection
<b>5</b> 20/3402C	5, OVERTON CLOSE, CONGLETON, CHESHIRE, CW12 1JZ		REJECT – DUE TO Layout and density of buildings Vehicular access Adequacy of parking Technical issues regarding the location of the sewer
<b>6 *</b> 20/3557D	80, Lambrigg, Buxton Road, CONGLETON, CW12 2DY		No Objection

<b>7 *</b> 20/3524C	68, BAILEY CRESCENT, CONGLETON, CW12 2EW		No Objection
<b>8</b> 20/3548C	12,14 & 16, WILLOW STREET, CONGLETON, CHESHIRE, CW12 1RL		No Objection
<b>9 *</b> 20/3624C	142, BOUNDARY LANE, CONGLETON, CHESHIRE, CW12 3JF		No Objection
<b>10</b> 20/3608C	Moss Cottage, BUXTON ROAD, CONGLETON, CW12 3PG		No Objection subject to review of turning circle and access onto busy road. No mature trees to be removed without plans for replacement
<b>11 *</b> 20/3592C	Meadow Brook Barn, BROOKHOUSE LANE, CONGLETON, CW12 3QP		<b>REJECT – DUE TO</b> Intrusion into the Open Countryside/Greenbelt NOTE – Plan are confusing and insufficient information is available to enable a full debate
<b>12</b> * 20/3661C	Land Off, Goldfinch Close and Kestrel Close, Congleton. CW12 3FB		No Objection
<b>13</b> 20/3461C	41 Belgrave Avenue, Congleton, CW12 1HU		No Objection
<b>14</b> * 20/3092C	1-12, ST STEPHENS COURT, CONGLETON		No Objection
<b>15</b> 20/3688C	HELIOSA NURSING HOME, 54, BOUNDARY LANE, CONGLETON, CW12 3JA	NP – J Smith	Two members of the public spoke in objection to the application. <b>REJECT – DUE TO</b> Layout and density of buildings Noise and disturbance from use Highway and safety issues Traffic generation Adequacy of parking Nature conservation

<b>16</b> * 20/3738C	Radnor Park Industrial Estate, BACK LANE, CONGLETON	No Objection
<b>17</b> * 20/3837C	33, DAVENSHAW DRIVE, CONGLETON, CW12 2FP	No Objection
<b>18</b> * 20/3845C	Overedge, BROOKHOUSE LANE, CONGLETON, CW12 3QP	No Objection
<b>19 *</b> 20/3828C	Land to the east of Black Firs Lane and to the south of Back Lane, Somerford, Congleton	<b>REJECT – DUE TO</b> The wildlife corridors should be retained at 10 meters
<b>20 *</b> 20/3773C	17, BRUNSWICK STREET, CONGLETON, CHESHIRE, CW12 1QE	No Objection
<b>21</b> * 20/3793C	30, DAISYBANK DRIVE, CONGLETON, CW12 1LX	No Objection
<b>22</b> * 20/3979C	30, BACK LANE, CONGLETON, CHESHIRE, CW12 4PY	No Objection
<b>23</b> * 20/3983C	2, DOVEDALE CLOSE, CONGLETON, CW12 2EB	No Objection
<b>24</b> 20/3964C	Land West Of, GOLDFINCH CLOSE, CONGLETON	<b>REJECT – DUE TO</b> Not a non-material amendment Landscaping approved on 16/6144C has been totally ignored with housing now built on green space. Continual attempts by the developer to build on green space on this development.

<b>25</b> * 20/3901C	7, THE MOORINGS, CONGLETON, CHESHIRE, CW12 3RF	No Objection
<b>26 *</b> 20/3670C	1, ATKIN CLOSE, CONGLETON, CW12 4WJ	<b>REJECT – DUE TO</b> Out of keeping with surrounding area Loss of habitat Good quality hedges should be retained

## 7. PLANNING APPEALS

None to Report

## 8. LICENSING APPLICATIONS

None to Report

## 9. SECTION 106 UPDATES

None to Report

## 10. PLANNING ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

The Chief Officer reported that he had contacted Cheshire East for an update on the Bridge into Congleton Park. The Officer was away and due back tomorrow.

## 11. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Chief Officer reported that a meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group had taken place and the aim is to progress to Regulation 14 by the beginning of October.

## 12. CHANGES TO THE CURRENT PLANNING SYSTEM

PLN/9/2021 RESOLVED: That the following response be made to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government Consultation on changes to the planning policy and regulations document dated August 2020.

Q1: Do you agree that planning practice guidance should be amended to specify that the appropriate baseline for the standard method is *whichever is the higher of* the level of 0.5% of housing stock in each local authority area OR the latest household projections averaged over a 10-year period?

Answer: No

Q2: In the stock element of the baseline, do you agree that 0.5% of existing stock for the standard method is appropriate? If not, please explain why Answer: No

Q3: Do you agree that using the workplace-based median house price to median earnings ratio from the most recent year for which data is available to adjust the standard method's baseline is appropriate? If not, please explain why.

Answer:

- Builders may go bankrupt if they cannot sell what they have built at a price that covers their costs, so allocating more land to housing does not lower house prices.
- Larger developers will be eager to acquire more land but will, if necessary, deliberately prolong the planning application process to postpone the date when they must start to build.
- The algorithm is not the problem
- Ample planning permission are already granted and not built

Q9: Should the existing exemptions from the requirement for affordable home ownership products (e.g. for build to rent) also apply to apply to this First Homes requirement? Answer: No Comment

Q14: Do you agree with the approach of allowing a small proportion of market housing on First Homes exception sites, in order to ensure site viability? Answer: Yes

Q17: Do you agree with the proposed approach to raise the small sites threshold for a time-limited period?

Answer: Strong No – as we already have a shortage of affordable and social housing.

Q18: What is the appropriate level of small sites threshold?

- i) Up to 40 homes
- ii) Up to 50 homes
- iii) Other (please specify)

Answer: Other – Remain the same

Q24: Do you agree that the new Permission in Principle should remove the restriction on major development? Answer: No

Q25: Should the new Permission in Principle for major development set any limit on the amount of commercial development (providing housing still occupies the majority of the floorspace of the overall scheme)? Please provide any comments in support of your views. Answer: No

 Existing permission is in use but we do not want it extended as we feel there is a current shortage of employment land with no plan in place to replace it should housing be granted on brownfield sites.

## List for Planning Meeting – 22.10.20

1 20/4119T	T1 Oak tree in back garden of number 11 Roseville Drive. The oak tree has not been worked on for a number of years and is in need of some general tree maintenance which is in keeping the its surroundings. It also impacts greatly on properties number 37 & 39 Trinity Place being in such close proximity. Canopy over 11 Roseville side- selectively reduce and reshape canopy by 2-3 meters and crown raise to approximately 4 meters above ground level ( see pics- r 1, r 2 ) Canopy over 37 & 39 Trinity Place - Remove epicormic growth from lower stems ( see pic r 3) - Crown raise 2 parts of lower hanging canopy to approximately 4 meters above ground level ( see pic - r 4) - Selectively reduce upper parts of crown by 2-3 meters See pics ( r 2, r 5, r 6) - 15-20% thin of the whole canopy to allow more light through for the concerning properties. http://planning.cheshireeast.gov.uk/applicationdetails.dspx?pr=20/4119T&query=129c879c-c936- 466c-a040-ee6501840d4c	11, ROSEVILLE DRIVE, CONGLETON, CW12 3LU
	Non material amendment to application 17/3258C	Land West of Padgbury Lane,
2 20/4101C	htt <u>p://p</u> lanning.cheshireeast.gov.uk/applicationdetails.aspx?pr-20/4101C&guery=233fe8ec-9d60- 4125-80c7-86bdd52d17ee	Congleton, CW12 4LR
3*	Formation of two gables forming two new roof bedrooms	84, WAGGS ROAD, CONGLETON,
20/3969C	htt <u>p://p</u> lanning.cheshireeast.gov.uk/applicationdetails.aspx?pr-20/3969C& <u>q</u> uer <u>v=</u> 8e5db31d- 008d-4680-bd82-ffd46f41c1df	CW12 4BT

4 20/4047T	Fell Willow Tree <u>http://planning.cheshireeast.gov.uk/applicationdetails.aspx?pr=20/4047T&amp;guery=0f0cb0f2-a12c-</u> <u>4edd-abef-b0f7f0fba7b1</u>	36, PARK LANE, CONGLETON, CW12 3DG
5 * 20/4053D	Discharge of condition 5 on application 19/4704C. <u>http://planning.cheshireeast.gov.uk/applicationdetails.aspx?pr=20/4053D&amp;query=5e756870-</u> <u>835a-4b4d-993e-3b1e88e4f729</u>	50, PARSON STREET, CONGLETON, CW12 4ED
6 20/4032T	Tree works to Ash, Beech & Sycamore tree http://planning.cheshireeast.gov.uk/applicationdetails.aspx?pr=20/4032T	CONGLETON GOLF CLUB, BIDDULPH ROAD, CONGLETON, CW12 3LZ
7 * 20/4026C	Proposed replacement garden room with new living area <u>http://planning.cheshireeast.gov.uk/applicationdetails.aspx?pr=20/4026C</u>	43, DELAMERE ROAD, CONGLETON, CHESHIRE, CW12 4PA
8 20/4036S	EIA Scoping Request in respect of a residential-led, mixed use development <u>http://planning.cheshireeast.gov.uk/applicationdetails.aspx?pr=20/4036S&amp;query=f60961df-fc73-415a-8162-6aee3dd8561c</u>	Land to the North of CONGLETON BUSINESS PARK, BARN ROAD, CONGLETON
9 * 20/4157C	Listed Building Consent for Change of Use of residential flat (current use) C3 for Hotel /Guest house/temporary holiday let C1 <u>http://planning.cheshireeast.gov.uk/applicationdetails.aspx?pr=20/4157C&amp;query=9972eb67-2064-4bcd-844c-e77e3068fa0f</u>	7, SWAN BANK, CONGLETON, CW12 1AN

10 * 20/4226C	Proposed two storey rear extension with internal alterations. <u>http://planning.cheshireeast.gov.uk/applicationdetails.aspx?pr=20/4226C&amp;query=ff4d2d60-cee8-</u> <u>410c-b353-a1fb33ceba83</u>	14, TALL ASH AVENUE, CONGLETON, CW12 2DZ
11 * 20/3787C	variation of condition 2 on existing permission 20/0329C; Demolition of existing conservatory, conversion of existing garage, erection of double garage structure to rear and associated alterations. <u>http://planning.cheshireeast.gov.uk/applicationdetails.aspx?pr=20/3787C&amp;query=c5c129d7-c0da-</u> 4bf1-8a23-84208d463f59	69, Newcastle Road, CONGLETON, Congleton, CW12 4HL
12 * 20/4167C	Variation of condition 2 on approval 18/3067C. <u>http://planning.cheshireeast.gov.uk/applicationdetails.aspx?pr=20/4167C&amp;query=f8727eb2-b703-432c-ac1f-dcb617343512</u>	HILLSIDE CROFT, CONGLETON EDGE ROAD, CONGLETON, CHESHIRE, CW12 3NA
13 * 20/4135D	Discharge of conditions 4 & 6 on approved application 20/1769C - Professional car valeting and hand car wash facility at existing vacant off Manchester Road Congleton CW12 2HT <u>http://planning.cheshireeast.gov.uk/applicationdetails.aspx?pr=20/4135D&amp;query=7a5d6dd5- c59c-4cad-9976-bab623d22665</u>	71A, MANCHESTER ROAD, CONGLETON, CW12 2HT
14 * 20/4187C	Conversion of a detached stone garage into ancillary living accommodation with single storey extension <a href="http://planning.cheshireeast.gov.uk/applicationdetails.aspx?pr=20/4187C&amp;query=ac275293-172b-4859-a05a-b69831aac690">http://planning.cheshireeast.gov.uk/applicationdetails.aspx?pr=20/4187C&amp;query=ac275293-172b-4859-a05a-b69831aac690</a>	Brae Side, TUNSTALL ROAD, CONGLETON, CW12 3QB

15 * 20/4225C	Proposed two storey side extension <u>http://planning.cheshireeast.gov.uk/applicationdetails.aspx?pr=20/4225C&amp;query=dc17c476-f255-</u> <u>4cc5-9d34-a167af682027</u>	22, TALL ASH AVENUE, CONGLETON, CW12 2DZ	
16 * 20/4222C	Listed building consent sought for the temporary removal of existing signage, lighting and satellite dishes to facilitate the cleaning of the facade. Cleaning of brick/stonework to be carried out using soda blasting. Existing timber and lime mortar panels to be cleaned via hand scraping and air cleaning. Post cleaning, sections of timbers or lime mortar panels requiring repairs/replacing will be identified and brought to the attention of the conservation officer. All works to be undertaken in accordance with the method statements included. Listed building consent sought for intrusive investigations to be undertaken at strategic locations inside the building. Listed building consent sought for the cleaning of the South boundary wall of the car park to remove existing white paint. Removal of paint to be undertaken using soda blasting technique <a href="http://planning.cheshireeast.gov.uk/applicationdetails.aspx?pr=20/4222C&amp;query=3ffaff8c-2a22-4c03-9d33-06b8d4d319a8">http://planning.cheshireeast.gov.uk/applicationdetails.aspx?pr=20/4222C&amp;query=3ffaff8c-2a22-4c03-9d33-06b8d4d319a8</a>	Lion And Swan Hotel, WEST STREET, CONGLETON, CHESHIRE, CW12 1JR	
17 * 20/4281C	To create a wrap around side and rear extension to detached bungalow, add a porch to front of dwelling . Also reconfigure original rooms, new extension to be built in a new facing brickwork, A green sedum roof with 2 roof lanterns to add light on new extension, porch to be built in the same brickwork as the new extension with pitch roof tiled in matching tiles as original roof. Original brickwork to be rendered <a href="http://planning.cheshireeast.gov.uk/applicationdetails.aspx?pr=20/4281C&amp;query=49e8101d-bcd6-4e0c-9431-5d2ab68bf783">http://planning.cheshireeast.gov.uk/applicationdetails.aspx?pr=20/4281C&amp;query=49e8101d-bcd6-4e0c-9431-5d2ab68bf783</a>	40, BEATTY DRIVE, CONGLETON, CW12 2ER	

18 20/3974C	Erection of 8 no. dwellings with associated infrastructure http://planning.cheshireeast.gov.uk/applicationdetails.aspx?pr=20/3974C	Land West Of, GOLDFINCH CLOSE, CONGLETON
19 20/4393T	T1 Oak selective reduction of lower laterals by up to 2m and mid crown laterals by 1-1.5m ensuring a flowing line. Reduce approx. 3no. lower laterals roadside by approx. 2m to give an effective raise to 5m in this area that overhangs road. <u>http://planning.cheshireeast.gov.uk/applicationdetails.aspx?pr=20/4393T&amp;query=73ef9c90-e542-4ec6-98cf-371671dbfeb1</u>	2, TELFORD CLOSE, CONGLETON, CHESHIRE, CW12 3TR
20 * 20/4410C	Proposed new stables, horse exercise arena and associated yard area <u>http://planning.cheshireeast.gov.uk/applicationdetails.aspx?pr=20/4410C&amp;query=d8df1961-5df1-</u> <u>465a-91ea-9d98b27c1c15</u>	LAND OFF, LAMBERTS LANE, CONGLETON,

## COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Planning Committee				
MEETING DATE AND TIME	7.00 pm 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2020	LOCATION	Zoom		
REPORT FROM	Chief Officer				
AGENDA ITEM 7.1 REPORT TITLE	Government White F Consultation closes of		for the future - proposed response per 2020		
	represents the centr LOCAL DECISION MA local democracy will organise Local Gover replacement by 25 la when the governmen was to facilitate the government control introduced the Comr neighbourhood plans the majority of local	alisation of the La KING, LOCAL SCR be further compo- ment by the ab arge Unitary Auth nt introduced the devolution of dec to individual com munity Infrastruc s to be developed communities wh	heir objection to the White paper as it ocal Government Planning system removing CUTINY and LOCAL INPUT. This demolition of ounded by the parallel proposals to re- olition of 213 District Councils and their orities. It is interesting to note that in 2011, a Localism Act that the aim of this legislation cision-making powers from central munities. It abolished regional strategies, ture Levy and, for the first time, allowed d, a move that was universally welcomed by ich is illustrated by the number of y in place across England.		
	Key Areas of Concern				
	requirement figures' has been demonstrat proposals that would Tonbridge and Seven such as Liverpool, Ma the White Paper is su be 300,000 new hom the early 1960's and, target will be met. Th houses are built by th maximum numbers of amply demonstrated the last 10 years but additional land requi and spatial areas of la as areas of open space	roposing the use however since the ted that the initial have resulted in poaks increasing be anchester and No aggesting that the uses annually. This just because a take the delivery of hou he private sector of houses they can by the fact that never built. The red for these hou and such as Gree	of an 'algorithm' to establish 'housing ne release of this information in August it al methodology produced a series of house targets in the Isle of Wight, by over 200% whilst those in urban areas ottingham reducing by 48%. Furthermore, e national (England) housebuilding target wil is a figure that has not been achieved since arget is set then it is not inevitable that this uses is not in the gift of the Government, house builders who are not driven by the n build but the profit they can make. This is over 1 million new homes were approved in Town Council are concerned that the uses will erode key strategic environmental n Belt, strategic and local green gaps as well ife importance.		
			y 'wish to tear down the outdated planning is interesting to note that since 2010 the		

previous Government have introduced 10 major 'reforms' of the planning system and over that time there have been 10 different 'Planning and Housing' ministers. Yet at the same time the house building industry have either failed or underdelivered on the number of new houses. The Government are now proposing a 'new approach to plan making by identifying three types of land: Growth areas suitable for substantial development (although the term substantial has yet to be defined); Renewal areas which would cover existing built areas where smaller scale development is appropriate (such as small sites on the edge of villages) and; Protected areas including Green Belts, AONBs, Conservation Areas; Local Wildlife Sites, areas of significant flood risk and important areas of green space. The majority of these areas would be defined nationally, others locally on the basis of national policy. The concern of the Town Council is that these areas would be set nationally with very little local input or consultation and within the first 2 categories projects and developments will get an automatic consent provided they meet Building Regulations and pass a local beauty contest. There will be no local input into any of the proposed developments or any opportunity to make comments other than very limited design matters. It is clear from the White paper that the NPPF (in a revised format yet to be consulted upon) will be the "primary source of policies for development management". The Town Council's concern is that any revised NPPF will be so diluted as to be virtually meaningless in a localised context and will allow developers a free reign ignoring local context, constraints and concerns.

#### **Local Plans**

Whilst the Town Council welcome the proposals to reduce the time taken in the preparation of Local Plans the role of these plans in the development process will be much reduced as will the ability of local Councils and communities to be involved in the process. A further undermining of local democracy, scrutiny and involvement in the planning system will weaken the whole system and severely undermine the public's confidence in the planning process. This Governments approach to the planning system and local planning, in particular the exclusion of local communities from the process, is in direct contrast to that of the Government in 2012 and the Localism Act.

#### **Neighbourhood Plans**

Much has been made of the success of neighbourhood planning and a large number of Town and Parish Councils have taken the opportunity to consult with their communities to produce plans which are a true reflection of their communities concerns and needs and how these can be met through the planning system. Under these new proposals in the White paper any local concerns will be restricted to 'design' matters and at a local level these will be subordinate to Local Plans. There is a view in many local communities, particularly those who embraced neighbourhood planning, and worked very hard on a voluntary basis to produce their plans, that their communities no longer matter and development is going to be imposed upon them with no consideration of local issues, housing need or community infrastructure.

#### Section 106 and Community Infrastructure Levy

There is great concern that Section 106 is to be scrapped and CIL is to be absorbed into a national levy based on development value rather than local need and infrastructure requirements. The nationally based CIL will be at a flat rate, and a value-based charge set nationally with no regards for local circumstances.

The Town Council are very concerned that the Levy will not be paid out until the point of occupation of the development and that where land value 'uplift' is insufficient then that development will not be subject to any levy and the local authority would in effect 'subsidise' the private sector development as well as resulting in, for example, a reduction in affordable housing provision. Such proposals will result in greater profits for the housing developer with little or no contributions into the local community and greater pressure on local councils and local infrastructure. A prime example of what could happen in these circumstances was illustrated recently by Robert Jenrick's decision to allow the Westferry development in London thus saving the developer some £50m in CIL contributions to the Local Council. Fortunately, this decision was rescinded prior to the publication of the White paper.
<b>Duty to Co-operate</b> The Town Council are concerned that the scrapping of the 'Duty to Co-operate', given the proposals in the White paper for top-down targets will be a retrograde step when in the climate proposed by the White paper there will be a requirement for greater co-operation between adjoining authorities not less.
Use Classes Order and General Development Order Whilst some of the changes are welcome once again the ability of communities to comment on these proposals, which came into force in September, have been severely limited yet changes proposed will have impacts upon communities and neighbour consultation.
<b>Sustainability and Climate Change</b> The Town Council are very concerned that both of these issues, which should be at the forefront of the Governments agenda have been ignored and there is very little reference to either of these initiatives in the White paper, together with the provision of Affordable Housing and accessible housing for the needs of disabled members of the community.
Response generated by Planning Consultant Andrew Thomson
To approve the proposed response or an approved amended response to the Governments White Paper

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COMMITTEE:	Planning Committee		
MEETING DATE AND TIME	22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2020	LOCATION	Zoom
REPORT FROM	Chief Officer		
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	SAPDP update		
Background	Publication Draft SAI meeting on 06 Octob invite further represe They are now prepar under Regulation 19 Regulations 2012 and information on the c the Revised Publicati Revised Publication I There appears to be deletion of sites in th south for more housi	DPD, a decision wat per 2020 to publish entations prior to ring to publish the of the Town and ( d invite represent onsultation period on Draft SADPD a Draft SADPD Evide internal disputes the north of the Bo ing.	responses received to the 2019 initial as made at the Cheshire East Cabinet h a revised Publication Draft SADPD to its submission to the Secretary of State. revised plan and its supporting evidence Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) ations under Regulation 20. Further d will be posted shortly. In the meantime, nd its evidence base can be viewed on the ence Base page.' within the Council about the allocation and rough and, subsequent pressure in the
Next steps	We will need to keep	a look out for wh	en the consultation commences and the
	document is available	e to the general p	

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COMMITTEE:	Planning Committee		
MEETING DATE AND TIME	22.10.2020 7.00pm	LOCATION	Zoom
REPORT FROM	Chief Officer		
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	Neighbourhood Plan Update		
Update	<ul> <li>Following significant recent meetings with Cheshire East Council Planning, the Congleton Neighbourhood Plan is virtually ready for the Regulation 14</li> <li>Consultation. At the time of writing the following needs to take place</li> <li>1. Some minor amendments required to the Housing Policies</li> <li>2. We are awaiting the Housing Numbers from Cheshire East Council.</li> <li>3. Once 1 and 2 received this information we will generate an Executive Summary</li> <li>4. Go through a proof reading process.</li> <li>5. The completed document and an agreed consultation plan will need to formally signed off by the Steering Group prior to Consultation, this we also be forwarded to Councillors for their awareness and to make any observations or comments.</li> <li>6.</li> <li>It is hoped that we will be going out to Consultation on Regulation 14 by the beginning of November.</li> <li>Thanks go to the volunteers who have committed themselves to take the Congleton Neighbourhood Plan through to its conclusion</li> </ul>		