

JOINT CLIMATE CHANGE / DEVELOPMENT PLAN WORKING GROUP
29 November 2021 at 5.30pm

PRESENT:

Cllr S Atkinson (Chair)	Nicola Hopkins – Director of Economic Development & Planning
Cllr J Clark	Colin Hirst – Head of Regeneration and Housing
Cllr D Berryman	Mair Hill – Head of Legal and Democratic Services
Cllr S Fletcher	Mark Waleczek – Planning Policy Assistant
Cllr S Hirst	
Cllr R Thompson	
Cllr J Hill	
Cllr A Brown	
Cllr R Sherras	
Cllr J Rogerson	

APOLOGIES

Received from Cllrs S Bibby, L Edge and M French, and Marshal Scott, John Heap, John Macholc and Michelle Haworth.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

PURPOSE OF THE JOINT WORKING GROUP

To explore the relationship between climate change priorities and the development plan, taking into account economic development issues.

SETTING THE SCENE

The plan is currently being reviewed. Climate change is not a new issue in the plan. Economic considerations include the growth of the local economy which is linked to housing numbers.

Spatial planning in the existing strategy includes –

- Main settlements – Clitheroe, Longridge and Whalley
- Standen is the strategic site
- Tier 1 – managed / designated growth
- Tier 2 – identified needs
- Employment – includes main service centres plus locations along A59 corridor

New development patterns –

- Main issues remain – housing @ standard method = 13 years
@ 280 = 6.5 years
- employment – meeting identified shortfall – likely to have up to 20ha of land to identify
- New requirements – housing supply – 130 – 280pa
- employment land – 18 – 20ha

INFLUENCES

Environmental constraints

- Landscape – AONB / open countryside
- Townscape
- Flood risk
- Heritage
- Biodiversity

Transport and connectivity

- Train and bus services are predominantly in the main service areas and SW corridor towards Clitheroe
- Climate change is to encourage using public transport so it makes sense to work around the existing infrastructure and contain development in these areas – however, capacity may become an issue
- In 2020/21 more than 90% of developments were within walking distance of these services

CLIMATE CHANGE POLICIES

Spatial – where the development goes

Adaption and mitigation – already in the plan but might need more emphasis

Colin showed some extracts from other plans highlighting their climate change policies. However, it was felt that there needs to be a balance and policies must be deliverable. These may sit better under Building Regulations rather than planning policies.

As there is no legal requirement other than electric charging points in new developments, perhaps the use of Supplementary Planning documents could be used to strengthen the approach and make climate change issues explicit. These could be updated as legislation changes / is introduced and supported by a strategic climate change policy in the plan.

The Leader informed the group that other political issues may also have a bearing in future eg the County Deal.

The meeting closed at 6.40pm.