

MALTON AND NORTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

HERITAGE FOCUS GROUP

Thursday 26 May 2016 Norton Council Chamber, 6.30pm

Present:

Chairman: Mr Ben Stone
Mr Steve Bense
Mr Roddy Bushell
Mr Aidie Denney
Susan Palmer OBE
and Mrs Rosalind Tierney

Guest Speaker: Dr Peter Addyman CBE (Founder and President York Civic Trust)

REQUIREMENTS OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Katherine Jukes, from Directions Planning Consultancy, set the scene for each of the focus groups and explained what was needed for the neighbourhood plan, and left each group with a spreadsheet for the workshop tasks set.

PRESENTATION BY DR PETER ADDYMAN

Dr Adman's presentation concentrated on the Roman history of Malton, stating that while there had been limited excavations carried out there had been some good early excavations done in the 1920's and 30's with the Fitzwilliam Estate.

Malton was a military site of some importance, with the Roman Fort development covering many stages up to the fourth century.

There had been very few excavations since the 1930's but one carried out in the 1960's had uncovered major finds and artefacts which were now in the Malton Museum Foundation Collection, as well as uncovering a Roman Mosaic. This was still in the ground with records having been taken of it.

Malton was also a place with a river crossing.

During the late Roman period Malton had been important for the production of ceramics and evidence of kilns had been found.

Aerial photographs reveal that there are half a dozen Roman roads crossing Malton.

It was stated that up to 90% of the history of the town was still to be learned.

With regard to the neighbourhood plan Dr Addyman stated that consideration should be given to;

- Plan showing all the archaeological hot spots;
- Define the area of archaeological importance;
- Proper records taken on all new development sites;
- Improve the visibility of the Roman heritage.

In closing Dr Addyman said that although the medieval history of the town was still largely unknown Malton was a well preserved Market Town of importance.

His hope for the future was that a new museum and research facility would be facilitated on a site near Eden Camp.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – WORKSHOP TASKS SET

Members of the group then moved on to identifying Key Issues that would need to be included in the heritage section of the plan.

Spreadsheet of Issues identified to date appended 1. to these notes.

With a lack of time to finish the group's conclusions it was agreed that a further meeting should take place as soon as possible. Date to be agreed.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm