**Minutes of the Strategic Planning Meeting Minutes held on 10th July 2025**

**Present:** Cllr B Beeley (Chair), Cllr S Al-Hamdani,

Cllr K Barton, Cllr R Blackmore, Ms G Brownridge, Mr K. Begley,

Mr A Fletcher, Mr P Sykes.

**1, Apologies received:** Cllr P Gaul, Mr P Clegg, Mr R Cragg, Mr A Taylor.

**2, Declarations of Interest**

**None declared.**

**3, Approval of Minutes 27 March 2025**

**The minutes were accepted as a true record and signed at the meeting by the Chair. Proposed Cllr Al-Hamdani, seconded Cllr Blackmore.**

**4,** **To discuss the Neighbourhood Plan Submission**

Cllr Al-Hamdani gave an overview of the changes made on the Consultation Statement.

All respondee points raised had been summarised and now state whether they were acted upon. He advised there may be still the odd amendment still to do. Ms Brownridge stated she was very happy overall.

Cllr Al-Hamdani advised he was still working on the Condition Statement and would finish any corrections by the end of the day. He also advised of a couple of minor amendments on the Neighbourhood Plan.

These documents would them be sent back to Ms Brownridge to sense check.

Cllr Al-Hamdani wished it minuting how supportive and helpful Ms Brownridge has been throughout the whole process.

The timeline was discussed. Cllr Al-Hamdani, Cllr Beeley and Mr Fletcher would facilitate the next steps.

* Amendments complete by end July
* To Cabinet
* 6 week OMBC Consultation, with the documents sent to all on the OMBC Consultation Portal, local libraries etc.
* Following Consultation the Planning Inspector will be appointed. It was agreed Ms Brownridge would send details of the Inspector recommended by PEAK to Mr Fletcher and then it would be agreed.
* The Inspector will then send his report with any recommendations, which will then need actioning.
* It would then go to referendum.
* The referendum to be publicised as widely as possible, including interviews with the press.

Cllr Beeley advised the original plan would be to have the referendum run alongside the election in May to save money for OMBC, but it was looking unlikely this would now happen.

Cllr Al-Hamani advised the engagement with OMBC Planning had been very good.

**5, OMBC Local Plan**

Ms Brownridge reported that the Plan would be at the stage of consultation early next year.

The Parish Council would be looking at its impact on Saddleworth. Cllr Al-Hamdani advised that there was great concern over the Greybelt classification of what was Greenbelt land, as there will be more chance of development on Greybelt land. The Local green spaces listings were discussed. Cllr Al-Hamdani advised that an example would be Dawson’s Field, listed as Local Green Space in the Neighbourhood Plan, but it could be designated Greybelt Land under the Local Plan. But giving it Local Green Space is the best protection we could give it. He advised he was gathering more information about more land that could be recommended and submitted as Local Green Space in the Local Plan.

It was agreed that Local Green Spaces would be added to the agenda of the next Council meeting and Cllr Al-Hamdani would prepare a report.

**6, Items for the next agenda**

* **Neighbourhood Plan Submission Update**
* **Local Green Spaces**
* **Greybelt and how it may affect Saddleworth**
* **Consultation Publicity**

**Next meeting: Thursday 25th September 2025 at 09.30hrs**