

REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE OSM REGENERATION WORKING GROUP

OSM Town Council – August 6th 2018

1. Following the approval by the Council on the Meeting of the 2nd of July, letters have been sent by the Town Council to the County and District Councils to inform them of the changes of personnel and leadership in the Regeneration Working Group and that there has also been a review of priorities since their meeting on 27th July 2017. Those letters were sent to:

- Richard Cohen requesting a review and rationalisation of local signage within the town and the issue of HGVs travelling from Honiton being particularly identified.
- Tom Vaughan -with copy to Cllr Stuart Hughes- requesting a full review of local and wider signage in order to encourage larger vehicles to avoid the town on their way to other destinations. The issue of HGVs travelling from Honiton has been particularly identified.
- An initial response has been received from Richard Cohen who has engaged with Andrew Ennis and his parking services team in order to liaise with the Town Clerk.
- We are still awaiting a response to the letter sent to Tom Vaughan with copy to Cllr Hughes.

2. At a meeting of the Town Centre Traffic Management sub-group on July 27th 2018 under the chairmanship of John White, the following was agreed:

- To produce a detailed list of issues related to the content of the letters to raise with EDDC and DCC
- To circulate a list of business contacts previously produced by Cllr Josefina Gori and John Campion for the Neighbourhood Plan, among the local businesses for members to update.
- For Dave Moss and Cllr Josefina Gori to produce a one page editorial for the August edition of the Gazette and a press release for the Sidmoth Herald on the work and aspirations of the Regeneration Working Group.

3. At the same meeting the Town Centre Traffic Management sub-group agreed to produce a document under the heading *Road to Regeneration Scoping Exercise based on formats proposed by David Moss*, using paper and website formats, that will include the following:

- Topic Analysis to rationalise Group's responses
- Two surveys – business and public – based on the previous document

4. The Town Centre Traffic Management sub-group considers that a young persons' involvement regarding principle of surveying 6th form group is important as the 18 -30 group can be reached through on line survey. The principle of surveying pupils needs to be confirmed with the school.

5. The Town Centre Traffic Management sub-group is aware of the financial implications of a survey so the following has been agreed:

- To seek approximate costs for a Traffic Survey for Ottery Town Centre based on 1000 leaflets for the public survey and 200 for the businesses.
- For the Chairman of the Regeneration Group, once the costs are known, will refer them to the Town Council for approval.

The Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group is kept informed of the work of the Regeneration Group and its sub-group.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Regeneration Working Group and in special the Town Centre Traffic Management sub-group for the support given and the hard work put into it. I would also like to thank the Town Clerk for her advice and her two assistants for dealing with the correspondence, updating of the Regeneration page in the Council website and all those extra things that make our job easier.

Cllr Josefina Gori
Chairman – Ottery St Mary Regeneration Working Group