

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Planning Committee		
MEETING DATE AND TIME	8 th August 2024	LOCATION	Congleton Town Hall
REPORT FROM	David McGifford Chief Officer		
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	10 Neighbourhood Plan		
Update	<p>Urban Imprint (UI) has updated the draft Reg 14 document based on the written feedback and comments received at the meeting of the working group on the 12th July 2024. The updated plan was sent back to members of the working group on the 31st of July for further scrutiny with a deadline to receive any final comments by 5pm on the 6th of August. It was agreed at the meeting that the updated plan would be passed through to relative interest/focus groups to pass comments.</p> <p>The areas where we are inviting comments include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Heritage• Environment / Biodiversity• Congleton Partnership• Transport• Equal Access <p>It is hoped that this interest/focus group will become advocates and help generate responses during the Reg 14 Consultation phase via their groups. Any points raised would be taken into consideration by members of the working group and Urban Imprint to create a final version of the Neighbourhood plan that will be presented for approval by the Planning Committee. Should there be any further amendments these will be included before the plan is taken to Council for final approval.</p> <p>It is imperative that we have a clear plan on how we are going to consult with residents as we need to demonstrate that residents have had the opportunity to have their say about Congleton’s Neighbourhood Plan. The consultation plan will also be presented to Council with the Neighbourhood Plan for awareness and comment.</p> <p>A finalised version will be taken to Planning committee for approval and the final version of the Regulation 14 Neighbourhood Plan and the proposed Public Consultation Plan will be taken to Council for approval.</p> <p>Subject to there being no significant issues with the above we are looking to progress with the Regulation 14 Consultation in late September which will last for a minimum of 6 weeks</p>		
Financial Implications	None related to this report, costs of the consultation materials and activity will be presented at the meetings of the Planning Committee and the Council.		
Environmental Implications	These should be considered during the development of the draft plan and the proposed methods of consultation		
Equality and Diversity	The plan needs to be accessible to all which needs to be incorporated into the Regulation 14 Plan and the proposed methods of consultation		
Decision Requested	To receive this update		