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Iain/Stephen

I set out below our response to the pre-adoption consultation on the Ilkley Neighbourhood Plan. This has been prepared in co-operation with our neighbours the Manor House Trust (MHT). We liaise closely with the Trust on a number of matters relating to heritage interpretation, the use of our respective buildings and land ownerships and provision of public access to the buildings for a variety of community uses. While the principal focus of the Church is on Christian worship and outreach into the wider community we are also making our buildings available for a wide range of community uses with a renewed programme being progressed following the long period of closure due to the Covid pandemic. An example is the Ilkley Literature Festival when we will host several events. The Ilkley Food Bank are a tenant in the ground floor of Church House. The Church dates back to the seventh century and contains strong physical evidence of an earlier Anglo Saxon Church and also houses a number of significant heritage assets. As part of the recent comprehensive renovation of our buildings we have incorporated high quality heritage interpretation material and specialist lighting with financial assistance from the HLF.

The above context will we trust help to explain our specific comments on the INP which are as follows:-

Apart from a brief listing of the Church/Link Building/Church House under policy INDP2 as a community facility to be protected and enhanced there is no further reference to the considerable heritage significance of these buildings in association with the Manor House.

In submitting these comments we recognise that the current plan going forward for adoption, while it is based on local knowledge and expertise, in its present form is only able to deal with preferred policies and their background justification. A subsequent version of the Plan will have very significant added content on several key issues for the town including specific residential and employment developments and actions related to climate change and environmental enhancements. There is scope in future for specific enhancement plans for the major heritage hub comprising the Church, Link, Church House and Manor house and it is necessary to distinguish this and its great historical significance from the wider cultural connections listed including the Playhouse etc.

Policy INDP2 does list the Church/Link/ Church House. The policy background states that planning only deals with land use matters and the physical aspects of buildings. This is not the case as sustainable development now includes social considerations including health and wellbeing of communities so that the uses of buildings and the services they provide can be and often are a material planning consideration. The wording should be revised to reflect the wider significance and uses of important community buildings.

Policy INDP8 Ilkley Conservation Area:- We welcome the inclusion of the Roman Fort and Historic

Centre and the proposed content on enhancing the setting. Reference should be made to the historic core made up of Church and Manor House as a heritage asset of at least city- region to regional significance. This is an important statement in many respects- cultural, leisure, tourism but of equal significance spiritual contributions to health and wellbeing which are now also a material planning consideration. Such a policy and future implementation content could assist the Church and Manor House in obtaining future grants for enhancements. A site/location specific policy would be appropriate in the current version of the INP which recognises the great significance of the historic core for all purposes associated with such heritage assets.

Policy INDP 16 Leisure and Tourism:- Propose added wording to the section on Creative Heritage Hub- as follows-

“ the core of which is focussed and historically centred on the former Roman Fort and subsequent Anglo-Saxon settlement now occupied by the two most important historic buildings in the town -the Church and Manor House ( as recognised in their listing status as Grade 1 and II\* buildings.”

Kind regards

Clive

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Submitted on behalf of the PCC

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**Subject:** Ilkley Local Neighbourhood Plan consultation

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At the Ilkley manor House board meeting last night [REDACTED] one of our trustees led a discussion on our response to the ILNP and the attached draft letter sets out our response to the consultation.

We wanted to ensure that you were aware of our response and also as you will see the Trust is suggesting the inclusion of All Saints church in the description of creative heritage hub in the document. This seems in line with the joint work we have been doing over the last few months.

I hope you will agree but do let me have any comments. The consultation ends on 15th September and so if you have any comments if these could come to both [REDACTED] and myself by **12 September** that would be very helpful.

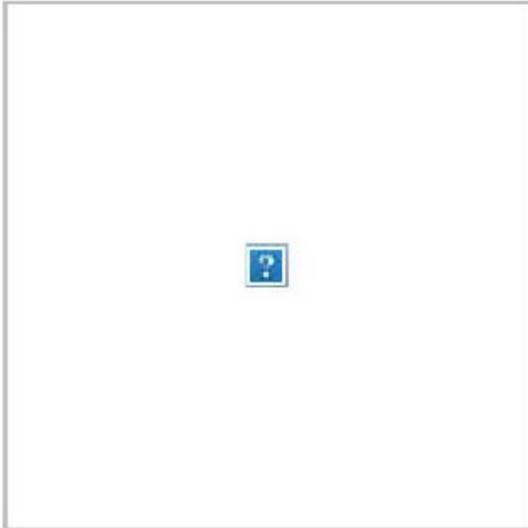
Many thanks

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