

Ponteland Neighbourhood Plan - Subgroup Report

Topic Group **Retail, Business and Employment**

Meeting date 16 Oct 14

Attendees:

- **Will Moses**
- **Andrew Tucker**
- **Chris Brummitt**

Items discussed

- Subgroup Report
- Castle Morpeth District Local Plan
- Merton Way & Broadway
- Towns Alive Project
- Business Survey

Decisions

1. Agreed to take forward CMDCLP Policies
2. To allow mixed use on business park site (wherever it is located) to include retail up to say 400m2, Broadway (subject to DHE rules) and possibly in small sites around eventual relief road
3. Car parking on land previously allocated for airport use is complimentary to Airport plans
4. Overall aim is to attract inward investment
5. Current policy E5 supports our aspiration for the opencast (Prestwick Pit) site
6. E6 encourages diversification of farms in the Green Belt
7. E9 encourages tourism eg holiday lets
8. Wind farms and caravan parks thought to be outside the scope of our remit and covered by Green Belt protection
9. E14 & E15 need further thought. E14 might encourage a hotel use as a catalyst for Merton Way
10. S9, S10 & S11 (although withdrawn) support our aspirations for Merton Way & Broadway
11. Rewrite S11 to ENCOURAGE open air markets
12. In conjunction with Transport Group, parking needs to be considered
13. Business Benchmarking Survey to be undertaken, face to face and telephone, in respect of business confidence and attitude to relief road

Action agreed	Date by	Name
1. CB to prepare recommendation for NPG to proceed with BBS		
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Outstanding Issues to Follow up

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