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**Note of 14th meeting of Cusop Planning Project Group  
held at Snails Hill Cottage, Cusop, 15th November 2014**

**Present:** Jane Weaver (JaneW) (Chair), Ian Jardin (IJ), Ainsleigh Rice (AR), Jim Wesley (JimW).

**1. Apologies for absence.** None.

**2. The Note of the 13th Group meeting on 15th September 2014** was agreed.

**Matters Arising**

AR asked for clarification about whether or not he was a member of the Group. The Group agreed that he should become a member of the Group with immediate effect.

IJ reported that he had written to McCartneys as agents for the landowner of the potential business land allocation and was waiting for a response; he was also waiting for a response from the Herefordshire Council about whether they would be interested in taking the display boards for use by other neighbourhood plan teams.

**3. Options and Timetable for Draft Plan Consultation**

It was agreed that it was desirable for the Cusop Plan to be in conformity with the new Herefordshire Core Strategy (rather than with the old UDP) and therefore that further progress, notably consultation about the draft Plan, should be put on hold until the content and timescale of the Core Strategy was more secure. IJ would monitor the Core Strategy examination process and alert the Group as soon as the situation became clearer, with at least monthly updates in any event. An article would be placed in the next parish council newsletter explaining the situation.

**4. CDF Grant**

IJ reported that, because progress had been slower than programmed and because further progress was now on hold, only £260 of the CDF grant had so far been spent and there was no prospect of spending all of the rest by the 31st December deadline; the CDF had asked for underspends to be reported to them as soon as possible so that funds could be re-allocated; Herefordshire Council had appealed to the CDF to relax the deadline without success. It was agreed that £800 should be held back for the time being to allow for small further items of spending on the draft plan and that the residual £2,390 should be surrendered to the CDF now.

**5. First Draft of Plan**

IJ introduced the first draft which still needed further working up plus the addition of maps using the parish council's online mapping service. The Group welcomed the draft and agreed that IJ should continue to work it up while progress was on hold, taking account of the following:

The reference in Policy 4 to encouraging one or two bedroom dwellings should be omitted: the demand for these was mainly in affordable housing as a result of government rent subsidy policy and could be negotiated directly with developers by the Herefordshire housing team without need of a Plan policy.

The sections provided by Data Orchard needed editing; in particular the Dulas Brook section needed review and the distinct issues of watercourse conservation and landscape setting clarified.

**6. Any Other Business.** None.

**7. Next Meeting.** To be confirmed when members agreed that Core Strategy progress merited a meeting.