

	separate meetings to talk about their departmental responses.
4.	<p><u>Status of Low Cost Housing Desk Study and SDNPA Flood Risk Assessment – Sequential & Exception tests</u></p> <p>Flood Risk Assessment - The group had originally thought of taking this assessment on in-house. Emma Amies who had worked with the group for a while had considered completing this work but was unfortunately too busy and so FERIA were now to be tasked with this.</p> <p>Low Cost Housing Desk Study – As had been discussed at the meeting in September Richard Eastham had put a brief together for this study (with input from Alma and TC) and there was currently an invitation out to three companies who had until the 17th November to express their interest in this exercise. There was a wide discussion on this, which was thought to be very helpful.</p>
5.	<p><u>Green Spaces update, and Case Study</u></p> <p>Green Spaces - In the draft document there had been a list of 15 green spaces throughout Lewes which had been looked at during the consultation. There were a number of alterations that would be made to that original list. Some were sites that had been removed or added/moved following the consultation <i>i.e.</i> land owners who did not want their land to be considered as a green space. Clarification had now been given that green spaces can be within the overall Neighbourhood Plan boundary not just the present Settlement Boundary. One of the comments indicated that some types of green spaces may need to have development on them <i>i.e.</i> school playing fields if schools need to expand. The plan was now to make school playing field sites, church yards and cemeteries a separate designation with lower standard of protection so that they can accommodate small scale development in keeping with the original use. Preservation of allotments was important and there was a raft of legislation regarding them. Should there be a third designation for allotments? TC offered to meet with Kirsten and Alma to assist Kirsten in this exercise.</p> <p>Case Study – This was to look at how the Eco-system approach had been incorporated into the Lewes Neighbourhood Plan. It was to show the challenges that had been faced, and how they could be addressed, with the idea that other Town/Parishes considering or working through a Plan could use this study. Kirsten would like to have a small group who would be willing to help her draft this and review it. Kirsten would email the group to seek assistance with this with a view that the work would take 3-4 months.</p>
6.	<p><u>Update by SDNPA on the Local Plan Joint Core Strategy</u></p> <p>The Local Plan was out for consultation until 21st November 2017 and after that the representations would be assessed and the Plan would be submitted to the Secretary of State in March 2018 and then the Examination would start. There would then be hearings during June and July. Ian asked the Group to individually look at the Plan online and to make responses. Alma would email the Group with a link to the Plan.</p> <p>There had been debate at a Group meeting 3-4 months ago whether to use the context ‘will’ or ‘should’ in NP policies. Alma advised that in another recently produced Neighbourhood Plan the Examiner asked that the wording in the policies be changed from ‘should’ to ‘will’ as this gives policies more clarity. However, where there may need to be more flexibility less definitive language could be used.</p>
7.	<p><u>Progress report on Reg. 15</u></p> <p>This had already been discussed.</p>
8.	<p><u>Schedule of Submission of LNP to SDNPA</u></p> <p>The E-team were working hard to try to complete the work on comments received by the end of November. The time scale would also be subject to the Low Cost Housing Desk Study and Flood Risk Assessment and meetings with LDC/ESCC etc. It was now looking unlikely that a Plan could be presented to Council before January at the earliest.</p>
9.	<p><u>Any other business</u></p> <p>A map of the current and proposed cycle route needed to be produced. Simon Giddey had offered to do this at the last meeting of the Group. This was needed to complete one of the drawings that was in the Plan.</p>
10.	<i>The Meeting ended at 8.30 pm</i>