

## CLOUD 2020 AGM

### PROPOSALS FOR CLOUD'S NEXT STEPS

1. The CLOUD constitution states that “decisions on the measures to be adopted in furtherance of CLOUD’s aims shall be decided at general meetings.” (paragraph 7c). CLOUD’s aim is stated to be “to stop the proposed development of Bailrigg garden village.” (para 2).
2. Up to now CLOUD has concentrated on raising objections to the Lancaster Local Plan and speaking against it at the public hearings conducted by the Planning Inspector in 2019. With the Inspector’s decision that the Local Plan was sound and the City Council’s vote in July 2020 to adopt the Plan, this stage in CLOUD’s activities has come to an end. We have to recognise that we have not yet succeeded in stopping Bailrigg garden village and we need to decide what CLOUD should do next.
3. In normal circumstances we would discuss future options face-to-face at the AGM and determine what measures we should adopt. With Covid-19 it is obviously impossible to meet in person. We trust that the Zoom AGM we have announced for 22nd October will provide a suitable alternative. In advance of this meeting the CLOUD management committee has prepared this set of proposals for consideration by CLOUD members. As well as discussion at the AGM, we are happy to receive any comments or suggestions by email ahead of the meeting.
4. **Current Situation.** The Lancaster Local Plan is now operative, covering the period up to 2031. Factors we need to consider are :
  - Lancaster City Council’s climate emergency review. The Council is promising “virtual drop-in launch videos” from 19th October and public consultation runs to 20th November 2020. There is a link to this review on the CLOUD website.
  - The Local Plan sets out the principles for planning and development in South Lancaster and for the Garden Village. It states that these principles will be explored in more detail in the forthcoming Lancaster South Area Action Plan and there is a commitment to the involvement of “local

communities in pro-active consultation about the creation of new development.”

- Ongoing planning applications by housing developers. Recent Newsbriefs and the Chair’s AGM report have reported on these - we can expect more in the future.
- Ongoing flood risk in south Lancaster and Galgate - as set out in the Chair’s AGM report.
- Housing Infrastructure Fund bid & South Lancaster Growth Catalyst - as detailed in the Chair’s AGM report and Newsbrief 71.

**5. Proposals.** The CLOUD Management Committee proposes that CLOUD continues to oppose the development of Bailrigg garden village by adopting these measures :

- To contribute to the Council’s climate emergency review and point out the shortcomings of Bailrigg garden village in terms of climate emergency objectives such as reducing car dependency.
- To participate in the consultation process on the Lancaster South Area Action Plan, as and when this is launched.
- To continue to object to planning applications as we have been doing up to date.
- To continue to work with local flood action groups to press for effective flood prevention measures.
- To challenge the Housing Infrastructure Fund bid and its target of 9185 new houses in and around south Lancaster.
- To respond to any other relevant developments as they arise (eg changes to the planning regulations or the calculation of housing need numbers etc).

CLOUD MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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