

AS&S NPDG Meeting - took place by email exchange on Monday 18 June 2018

Present: Diana Tombs (Chair)
Margaret Morgan
Patrick Griffin
Eric Nicoli
Jackie McCarten
Catharine Paige
Jeff Bygrave

Those deeply involved in preparing for the forthcoming Local Plan Examination Hearings, and Peter Lerner, all believe that it would be very helpful to have a legal opinion from a leading QC on two topics: the Council's Failure in Duty to Cooperate and flaws in their Sustainability Appraisal process - both potential deal breakers for the Plan being found sound.

A proposal was put to the SG that we should brief John Hobson QC of Landmark Chambers to give Advice on both these matters. He has confirmed his availability to turn this round at very short notice at a cost of £7,500+VAT.

This would involve the AS&S NPDG taking the lead in this although the Advice would be on behalf of all 13 organisations who are jointly challenging the BLP and it is expected that the cost would be shared.

It was agreed to go ahead with this.