**Avonmouth Residents Planning and Liaison Group**

**Aims and Constitution:**

The Avonmouth Residents Planning and Industry Liaison Group is an umbrella group comprising of residents and traders living and working within the BS11 Avonmouth area whose aim is to be the conduit for engagement for the community in local planning and development issues and engage with industry in the area to shape developments affecting Avonmouth in the future.

The group’s main objective is to attempt to ensure that effective community involvement is achieved for change or developments are proposed by developers including the Local Authority in line with the Bristol City Council’s Statement of Community Involvement.

**Avonmouth Planning group working**.

The planning group will work on behalf of the Avonmouth community by using the planning process to protect the Avonmouth village area against poor quality development in the village and docks area

* By getting involved in shaping planning policy (through the Local Plan review and the Joint Spatial Strategy consultation)
* By working with developers and the planning officers to shape development through pre-application discussions and helping shape public engagement (eg through exhibitions, meetings and local news)
* by commenting on planning applications

The group will liaise with developers and the planning officers to ensure that the views of the Avonmouth community are raised at the earliest opportunity and that development does not bring harm to the community.

The group will aim to gather the views of members of the community who will be most affected by development proposals but will also take a wider view of any possible benefits/impacts of development for the whole community.

The group will inform the planning officer the community’s issues and aspirations for development in the Avonmouth area, including informing him of conflicting views should these exist.

**Group membership**:

Membership of the group will be open to any member of the community. Local councillors and selected representatives from local organisations will be invited to become members of the group.

Membership of the group is confirmed at annual general meetings which are open to the public. New members may be co-opted to the group between AGM meetings with the agreement of other group members. Chairman and secretary will be elected within the group.

Members of the public may attend planning group meetings by invitation from the ‘chair’.

Members of the group should aim to regularly attend meetings; members who cannot attend meetings should give their apologies to the Chair and/or Secretary before the meeting.

The group may delegate some of its members to represent the group at meetings with eg Bristol City Council or with developers, by agreement with the chair. Group members delegated will feedback the content of the meeting to the rest of the group by email or at the following group meeting. Any responses made by delegated members at the meeting should be confirmed by the chair preferably within two weeks of the original response. February 2017