

WEST OF WATERLOOVILLE FORUM**8 December 2005**Attendance:Councillors:Winchester City Council

Chamberlain (P)
Cooper (P)
Hiscock (P)

Collin (Chairman) (P)

Rees
Stallard (P)

Havant Borough Council

Blackett (P)
Moss (P)

Smallcorn (P)
Tarrant

Deputy Members:

Councillor Hunt (Standing Deputy for Councillor Tarrant)

Hampshire County Council

Allgood (P)

McIntosh (P)

Officers in Attendance

Mr S Tilbury: Director of Development, Winchester City Council

Ms J Parker: Major Development Area Project Leader, Winchester City Council

Mr N Green: Major Development Area Project Leader, Winchester City Council

Mr H Bone: Assistant City Secretary (Legal), Winchester City Council

Mr M Maitland: Community Officer, Winchester City Council

Mr D Massey: Transport Planner, Winchester City Council

Mrs J Batchelor: Head of Planning and Development Services, Havant Borough Council

Mr A MacClean: Traffic and Transportation Manager, Havant Borough Council

Mr S Jenkins: Engineer, Hampshire County Council

Mr I Lawson: Education Department, Hampshire County Council

Mrs K Taylor: Principal Planner, Hampshire County Council

1. **CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed approximately 25 members of the public, local residents and representatives of amenity groups to the meeting, which was held at the Crookhorn College of Technology, Waterlooville.

2. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Rees (Winchester City Council).

3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

During the public participation element of the meeting, the Forum noted that it was still anticipated that (without the reserve MDA of 1000 dwellings being triggered) the MDA would provide approximately 2000 dwellings. It was also noted that there were at present no proposals to re-locate the Asda Superstore on Maurepas Way.

4. **MINUTES**

(Report WWF26 refers)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the previous meeting, held 3 October 2005, be approved and adopted.

5. **GENERAL PROGRESS**

(WWF24 refers)

Mr Tilbury explained that a Steering Group of senior officers from Winchester City, Havant Borough and Hampshire County Councils continued to meet with the development interests to establish the principles of a Masterplan, prior to the determination of planning applications from the Grainger Trust and Wimpey Homes.

Subsequent to the position outlined in the Report, Mr Tilbury stated that the major development interest, Grainger Trust, had re-evaluated their approach to the MDA. This had resulted in a change of personnel that were dealing with the application and officers were hopeful that this may lead to a re-consideration of a number of issues, which had previously been a source of disagreement between the Councils and the Grainger Trust. This had included affordable housing provision, open space and transport issues.

Although this new approach was likely to lead to a delay in the submission of the Grainger Trust application of some three to five months, Mr Tilbury explained that this additional time would be constructively used "front-loading" consultation so that, once submitted, the application could be processed more quickly.

In response to questions, Mr Tilbury confirmed that there was a good working relationship between both the two development interests and the Councils, so that mutual interests could be advanced. Mrs Batchelor confirmed that the Councils would embark on an extensive consultation process with local residents once the applications were received.

During debate, the Forum noted that their comments would guide officers on the Steering Group in helping the development interests to draft a mutually acceptable

Masterplan. It was likely that, because of their technical nature, reports of the technical project groups would not be considered by future meetings of the Forum. However, it was likely that the key components of the Masterplan would be considered by a future meeting of the Forum.

At the conclusion of debate, the Forum agreed that future meetings should include update reports on progress regarding both infrastructure and community development.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted and that future meetings of the Forum receive update reports on progress regarding both infrastructure and community development.

6. TRANSPORTATION
(Report WWF27 refers)

At the invitation of the Chairman, Mrs Cooper (Purbrook and Widley Area Residents' Association) raised concerns about the width of the new roads and footpaths within the MDA. In response, it was explained that traffic modelling of the new MDA had not yet been completed, but that current Government advice was that roadways should be no wider than necessary.

The Report set out a number of draft access arrangements for the MDA which had been proposed by the development interests. Mr Green underlined that the proposals had not been endorsed by the Highways Authority nor by the effected District Councils, but that they were presented to the Forum to seek their input.

The Forum heard concerns about traffic exiting from the Brambles Industrial Estate and Mr Green explained that, there was no new vehicular access being proposed for the Brambles Estate. Other concerns were raised regarding the proximity of the proposed new access along Hambledon Road to another busy junction at Denmead, and how to best accommodate traffic turning right from London Road into Sunnymead Drive.

In considering the three designs for the main junction into the MDA at the Maurepas Way/Hambledon Road roundabout, the Forum noted officers' concerns at the large scale of the proposals and those of a Crime Reduction Officer regarding the proposed underpass. In agreeing that the developers should be asked to look again at the design of this junction, Members underlined their view that Maurepas Way should not act as a barrier between Waterlooville and the MDA.

In considering the proposal for the Southern Access Road, concerns were raised regarding residents' access to Purbrook Heath by foot and that the access would be better placed away from the front of residential properties. At the invitation of the Chairman, Mrs Cooper commented that the proposed access in the Report did not reflect the Preferred Option identified by the Forum in 2002 and that she considered this access to be too close to Rowans Hospice. Following discussion, the Forum agreed that the location of the Southern Access Road junction should be compared to a junction leading onto the Ladybridge Road roundabout.

At the conclusion of debate, the Forum also asked officers on the Steering Group to be mindful of their concerns relating to existing traffic problems of the area with a view to minimising the additional traffic likely to result from the MDA.

RESOLVED:

1. That the report be noted.

2. That, with regard to the Southern Access Road, the developer be asked to provide an analysis of the social and environmental advantages and disadvantages of a Southern Access Road junction, as set out in the Appendix of the above Report, or any other location as compared to a junction at the Ladybridge Road roundabout and that officers bring back a report with this information to assist members of the Forum in making a sustainable recommendation.

7. **STAKEHOLDER EVENT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY UPDATE**

(Report WWF25 refers)

Mr Maitland introduced the Report and requested that Members send him any comments they may have on its formatting by 22 December 2005.

During debate, the Forum discussed the capacity of education facilities in the area (in addition to a copy of a letter to Denmead Parish Council from the Children's Services Department, Hampshire County Council) and a possible name for the MDA.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Forum note the Stakeholder draft report and that the Forum provide comments to officers by 22 December 2005.

2. That the Forum agree to the distribution of the Stakeholder Report as detailed in Paragraph 2.3 of the Report.

3. That the Forum note the draft Community Development Strategy and provide comments to officers by 22 December 2005.

8. **JANE PARKER, MDA PROJECT LEADER, WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL**

The Forum noted that this was the last meeting of the Forum Ms Parker would attend before leaving the Council for a job in private practice. The Forum unanimously thanked Ms Parker for her advice and work on the MDA.

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm and concluded at 8.50pm.

Chairman