

WEST OF WATERLOOVILLE FORUM

17 January 2011

Attendance:

Councillors:

Winchester City Council

Achwal (P)
Clear (P)
Cooper (P)

Collin (Chairman) (P)

Evans (P)
Stallard (P)

Havant Borough Council

Farrow (P)
Hunt (P)

Guest (P)
Smallcorn (P)

Hampshire County Council

Allgood (P)

McIntosh

Deputy Member:

Councillor Beagley (Standing Deputy for Councillor McIntosh)

Others in Attendance:

Havant Borough Council: Councillor Shimbart
Winchester City Council: Councillor Tait

Officers in Attendance

Mr S Tilbury: Corporate Director (Operations), Winchester City Council
Ms J Potter: Organisational Development, Havant Borough Council
Mr S Jenkins: Highways, Hampshire County Council
Mr N Green: Strategic Planner, Winchester City Council
Mr M Maitland: Community Officer, Winchester City Council

1. **CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME**

The meeting was held in the D-Day Memorial Hall, Southwick and the Chairman welcomed approximately 30 members of the public, local residents, representatives of amenity groups, together with District and Parish Councillors.

2. **MINUTES**
 ([Report WWF58 refers](#))

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 13 September 2010, be approved and adopted.

3. **PROGRESS REPORT ON THE WEST OF WATERLOOVILLE MDA**
 (Oral Report)

During the public participation element of the meeting, the following issues were noted:

In response to concerns regarding highways issues on Stakes Road, Mr Jenkins explained that the latest proposals included a new pedestrian crossing on the A3 north of Ladybridge Roundabout and that the Stakes Road/Stakes Hill Road/Crookhorn and Purbrook Way Roundabout would be removed.

The Forum agreed that there should be a presentation on these proposals at the next meeting.

In response to a question, Mr Green explained that the financial viability of the new household waste recycling site was linked to a planning application from Sainsbury's supermarket near to the site. He considered it likely that Hampshire County Council were waiting for the Sainsbury's application to be determined before starting work on the design of the facility.

Following debate, the Forum agreed that there should be a presentation at the next meeting on the phasing and likely timescales for the household waste recycling facility.

Taylor Wimpey Site

Mr Green explained that both Councils had granted consent at a "joint" meeting of their planning committees on 15 December 2010 for the second phase of the Taylor Wimpey development. This comprised 121 dwellings, 7 live/work units and a small number of retail units.

Following a query at the previous meeting, Mr Green explained that Taylor Wimpey were currently considering their marketing strategy for the live/work units, and once finalised, this would be reported to a future meeting of the Forum. In response to concerns about noise, it was explained that the future occupants of the live/work units would, like any other resident, be subject to environmental health restrictions. Furthermore, the businesses of future occupants of live/work units would be constrained by planning use classes and any further restrictions the developer might wish to place at the point of sell.

Mr Tilbury agreed to inform the Forum, by email, the types of planning use classes the live/work units were restricted to and how the problem of deliveries to these units would be dealt with.

Mr Green also explained that the main access road was nearing completion. The main children's play area was due to be completed in advance of the agreed phasing, and will be opened within the next month. This was the first piece of social infrastructure to be provided on the scheme and Members would be advised of the opening date.

The Forum noted that both planning authorities had received two planning applications from Taylor Wimpey for a nursing care home and another for extra care accommodation on the allocated employment land. Due to minor procedural matters, these applications had not yet been validated by the planning authorities, but it was anticipated that they would be validated and put out to public consultation soon. In response to a question, Mr Green stated that he understood that the proposed facilities were to be privately run and would therefore not affect Grainger's and Hampshire County Council's proposed care home facility on their part of the MDA. The Forum noted that there had been little pre-application discussion with officers regarding these applications.

A member of the public who spoke suggested that the new facilities should provide sufficient care 24 hours a day to prevent additional pressure on local hospitals.

Grainger Site

Mr Green explained that both Councils had received an application from Grainger for circa 2,500 dwellings on the 'Newlands' part of the MDA. The application was currently out for consultation and a presentation would be given to the Havant North Community Board on 26 January and the South Community Board on 7 February 2011. It was anticipated that it would be determined by a "joint" meeting of both Council's planning committees on 21 March 2011.

During debate, it was agreed that Grainger should be invited to make a public presentation to Southwick and Widley Parish Council, in addition to the Community Boards.

Other issues:

In response to a question, Mr Green explained that the Section 106 Legal Agreement had provision to fund an extension of the existing Waterloo Leisure Centre to meet the anticipated additional demand. However, if it was not possible to extend the existing Centre, the money would be spent on leisure facilities elsewhere in the immediate area.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Report be noted.
 2. That the next meeting of the Forum receive a presentation on:
 - i) The proposed highways improvements around Stakes Road;
 - ii) The phasing and timescale of the Household Waste Recycling Facility.
4. **POSSIBLE CREATION OF A PARISH COUNCIL FOR NEWLANDS, WATERLOOVILLE**
[\(Report WWF59 refers\)](#)

Mr Tilbury explained that the Report set out a possible way towards the creation of a new parish council for that part of the MDA which fell within the Winchester District. He explained that, apart from Winchester town centre, all of the Winchester District had parish councils and the MDA currently fell largely within Southwick and Widley Parish Council's area. The Report suggested that whilst existing parish councils might have a role in nurturing the community development of the new MDA, as it grew it was likely that the new occupants would wish to establish their own parish representation. He explained that, unlike parliamentary and district council boundaries, district authorities were able to establish new parish councils within their own area.

During public participation, Mr Watson (Chairman of Southwick and Widley Parish Council) and Mr Lander-Brinkley (Denmead Parish Council) both spoke in support of the Report. Mr Watson added that once the MDA had been completed, if it remained within his parish, Southwick and Widley Parish Council was likely to be dominated by the new MDA whose interests were quite different to the historic village.

During debate, several members of the Forum recounted their own experiences of helping to create a new Parish Council at Whiteley and a possible Parish Council at Knowle within the Winchester District.

Other Members questioned whether it was necessary to establish a further tier of local government with its associated costs and highlighted the success of the community boards and residents' associations, as used in Havant Borough Council. It was also highlighted that the creation of a new parish council for the MDA could threaten the new community's integration with the existing Waterlooville.

Following a debate, the Forum agreed that the decision to create a parish council would rest with the new occupants, but in the meantime, the Forum welcomed any steps taken to encourage the creation of residents' associations within the MDA.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Forum notes the formal procedures which would need to be followed for the City Council to embark upon a Community Governance Review for the possible establishment of a Parish Council for the Newlands area.

2. That initial discussions take place with the current parish councils before consideration be given as whether to take the matter further.

3. That the development of residents' associations within the new MDA be encouraged.

5. **TRAFFIC SURVEY REPORT**
(Report WWF57 refers)

Mr Jenkins introduced the Report, which was an update from Taylor Wimpey on the travel plan for their part of the site and was a requirement of the Section 106 Legal Agreement.

Mr Winmill (WSP Ltd, transport consultants for Taylor Wimpey) explained that an agreement had been reached with First Bus Company to provide new residents with free bus travel for two months, to encourage greater use of public transport. He added that the next survey would be completed by September 2011 and then produced yearly thereafter.

The Forum noted that WSP for Taylor Wimpey also provided a website for new residents and the wider community:
<http://www.travelchoicedukesmeadow.co.uk/>

In response to a Member's concern regarding the value for money of the travel plan (the legal agreement had required £500,000 be spent on plan), the Forum requested an annual report highlighting progress, how the budget was being spent, which days the services were used (with a view to providing Sunday services) and any issues raised by the new residents.

During debate, Mr Winmill agreed to combine future surveys with the Community Development Officer's residents' survey (see WWF56 below).

In addition to the above, the Forum noted that:

- a baseline for traffic movements had been recorded, against which the affect of the MDA could be compared;
- as more dwellings were completed, a greater number of bus services were likely to be provided to the MDA.

RESOLVED:

1. That the report be noted.

2. That the Forum receive an annual report updating Members on the Travel Plan, its progress, how the budget was being spent, which days the services were used and any issues raised by residents.

6. **COMMUNITY OFFICER (NEWLANDS)**
(Report WWF53 refers)

Mr Maitland highlighted the community newsletter he had helped produce for new residents and agreed to provide future copies of the newsletter electronically for the Forum.

Note, the newsletter is available electronically from the Waterlooville blog:
<http://westofwaterlooville.wordpress.com/>

He explained that discussions were on-going between Winchester and Havant Councils regarding bin collections and with Jewsons Ltd (as the owners) regarding renovating and opening access to the Billys Lake area.

He also explained that Denmead Neighbourhood Watch would be giving a presentation to the Dukes Meadows Residents' Association on 27 January 2011 and that meeting would also consider proposals for a street party in the MDA for the royal wedding and a half term activity week in May/June.

RESOLVED:

That the Report be noted.

7. **FUTURE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE FORUM**
(Oral Report)

The Chairman distributed a paper setting out the results of an informal discussion of the Forum (for Members only) on 23 November 2011.

This informal meeting had agreed to recommend to the Forum a change in its terms of reference as below.

RESOLVED:

That the Forum's terms of reference be amended to include within the current list of challenges:

"To ensure better coordination of the aims, methods and work of the developers in a way that establishes and retains the confidence of the people already living or working in the area."

The meeting commenced at 1.00pm and concluded at 2.50pm.

Chairman