

WEST OF WATERLOOVILLE FORUM

1 October 2015

Attendance:

Councillors:

Winchester City Council

Read (Chairman) (P)

Cutler (P)
Pearson

Phillips

Deputy Members in attendance:

Councillor Evans (deputy member for Councillor Pearson).

Councillor Dibden (deputy member for Councillor Phillips).

Havant Borough Council

Blackett (P)
Hughes

G Shimbart (P)
Wade

Hampshire County Council

McIntosh (P)

Stallard (P)

Denmead Parish Council

Lander-Brinkley (P)

Southwick and Widely Parish Council

Watson (P)

Officers in Attendance

Mr S Tilbury - Corporate Director, Winchester City Council.

Ms J Potter - Executive Head of Planning and Built Environment, Havant Borough Council.

Mr N Green - Strategic Planner, Winchester City Council.

Mr G Lawton - Community Officer, Havant Borough Council.

Mrs J Lee – Principal Planning Officer, Winchester City Council.

Mrs E Appleby – Assistant Director (Economy and Communities), Winchester City Council.

Mr S Dunbar – Dempsey - Open Space Project Officer, Winchester City Council.

Others in Attendance:

Councillor Briggs (Hampshire County Council)

Apologies:

Apologies were received from the following:

Winchester City Council

Councillors Pearson and Phillips

Havant Borough Council

Councillor Hughes and Wade

1. **CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME**

The meeting was held at the Deverell Hall, Purbrook, and the Chairman welcomed approximately 10 members of the public, local residents, representatives of amenity groups, together with County, District and Parish Councillors. The Chairman also thanked those involved in arranging the Councillors' site visit of the Major Development Area that had taken place in the morning prior to the meeting.

2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Councillor James Watson, Southwick and Widely Parish Council, declared a personal but not prejudicial interest in respect of the meeting as his daughter had purchased a property in the Redrow development within the Major Development Area and he spoke on all items.

3. **MINUTES**

(Report WWF84 refers)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 6 July 2015, be approved and adopted.

4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

During public participation, the following members of the public raised the following points and the officers' response is set out below:

David Crichton, Chairman Waterlooville Community Forum.

(a) The non attendance of a Hampshire County Council traffic engineer at the meeting, as requested at the last meeting.

Hampshire County Council had responded that they would be unable to attend meetings of the Forum, but would respond to written letters of enquiry.

- (b) The provision of a footpath from Milton Road through to Brambles Park and the use of associated Section 106 funding, which possibly could be diverted towards the provision of a pedestrian crossing on Hambledon Road if it was not used by April 2016.

Funding was available to be spent on the pedestrian link from Milton Road to Brambles Park as and when the opportunity arose, but it was possible that such a link could never be achieved because it depends upon the consent of adjoining landowners. The officers would check the status of the Section 106 Agreement to ascertain if there was a time limit on the use of the funding to expire in April 2016 as had been mentioned. It was unlikely that the funding could be diverted to be used on an alternative pedestrian crossing.

- (c) Speeding on Hambledon Road and the possible introduction of a 30 MPH limit from the Milton Road roundabout.

This issue was being monitored by Waterlooville Police who under took regular checks through their Speed Watch Scheme and recognised the problem.

- (d) The provision of a new controlled pedestrian crossing on Hambledon Road near to the Leisure Centre.

The need for such a crossing would need to be established through formally requesting Hampshire County Council to undertake both a traffic and pedestrian survey and applying the relevant modelling. Dialogue would then need to take place with Hampshire County Council to establish whether a new controlled pedestrian crossing could be supported.

- (e) The construction of Wellington Park Link Road and the phasing of highway works.

Mr Green stated that the link road had the necessary consents and would commence in late 2015 to be completed in 2016. Highways had to be constructed to a standard that was acceptable for adoption by Hampshire County Council.

Councillor Stallard added that the absence of the link road had resulted in a long walk for children a living on the Taylor Wimpey development to go to school as it was outside of the eligibility criteria for free school transport. She enquired whether Taylor Wimpey could provide a minibus to transport children to school until the link road was completed. Mr Tilbury replied that this question would be raised with Taylor Wimpey.

Bryan Jezeph.

As a former Trustee of the Rowan's Hospice, Mr Jezeph enquired as to the progress of the development of the proposed cemetery and its access and signage in relation to the Hospice.

Ms Potter responded that Havant Borough Council had recently received the results of a two year survey of ground conditions from the Environment Agency, which would now be analysed and the results shared with the Borough's councillors before providing a response. There was a requirement to make sure that the site was sustainable in the long term.

Mr Green added that access to the cemetery would be off Milk Lane and would be separate to that of the Hospice. If a planning application was forthcoming, it would be considered by the Joint West of Waterlooville MDA Planning Committee.

Mrs Harvey.

Mrs Harvey raised questions over the timetable for construction of the Southern Access Road and also over the future of the former Tesco Express site at Purbrook.

Mr Tilbury explained that the commencement of the Southern Access Road was dependent on the number of sales of dwellings as set out in the Section 106 Agreement. It was therefore dependent on the commercial success and progress of the development as a whole.

Mr Beresford, representing Grainger, was present at the meeting and added that the trigger point was the sale of 980 dwellings of which the design of 750 had now been completed over two separate areas of development within the MDA. It was estimated that it could be 4 years before the road was designed.

A Member commented that the former Tesco Express site at Purbrook was presently on the open market for purchase.

David Heck

Mr Heck asked questions about the development on the Grainger site opposite the playground.

Mr Beresford, representing Grainger, explained that it was to provide an access to Rowans Hospice, to three properties within the MDA and a new access route to the White House.

5. **PROGRESS REPORT ON THE WEST OF WATERLOOVILLE MAJOR DEVELOPMENT AREA (MDA)**
(Report WWF85 refers)

Arising out of consideration of the Update Report, Councillor McIntosh requested that a small strip of land be preserved and protected at the skateboard park site for the Skylarks that frequented this area (paragraph 2.7 refers).

Further to paragraph 3 of the Report, Arts Advisory Panel Update, the Forum received a presentation from representatives of Wayward, a London based arts and landscaping practice.

The presentation outlined the proposals for shaped oak trees set within steel frames rings to reflect the hull of HMS Victory. A second sculpture at the Gateway would use a similar technique set around a large steel circle, representing a ship's compass. The proposals would represent the historic links between Berewood and the shipbuilding industry. The proposals would be progressed in consultation with and involving in a practical way the local community. For example, there would be boat making workshops to enable the local community to construct their own model boats. Extensive liaison with local schools was also envisaged.

Members of the Forum welcomed the proposals and asked questions over its long term maintenance and how issues such as the death of a tree within the sculpture and vandalism would be dealt with.

The officers responded that there was a maintenance budget within the Public Arts Budget which could be transferred from the developer to Winchester City Council to operate a maintenance schedule. In time, this could be further transferred to the new parish council to take over responsibility of the art as part of the open space infrastructure of the development. If the proposal by Wayward was acceptable, then the company would commission engineers and tree specialists to ensure that the integrity of the whole project was protected and that the risks were identified and managed. It was also established that the boat pond would have a low maintenance filter system and that an engineering survey was being undertaken by Grainger to establish if it could be fed from natural springs. It was also intended to illuminate the structure.

Mr Lawton provided an overview of the information contained within the Update Report on community development.

Members of the Forum commented that it would be of benefit if the community newsletter was distributed electronically to all members of the Forum; that Denmead Parish Council was consulted at an early stage so that it could make a contribution to the newsletter, and that the names of local parish, district and county councillors were included in the newsletter as points of community contact.

RESOLVED:

That the progress being made in bringing the West of Waterloo MDA forward be noted.

6. **REPORT OF THE WEST OF WATERLOOVILLE ADVISORY GROUP**
(Report WWF85 refers)

The notes of the meeting of the Advisory Group held on 26 September 2015, were circulated to members of the Forum at the meeting and are summarised below:

Overview

The Advisory Group was developing into a useful forum for residents of the MDA to air their thoughts. At the last meeting there were a total of 11 residents (5 from the Grainger side and 6 from the Taylor Wimpey side). It was hoped that this 'group' would enable the residents to have a local platform from which they could in time develop their own Parish Council.

Key Concerns

The Residents of both areas had some key concerns highlighted under the following headings:-

Adoption of Roads

There were developing issues on both sites relating to parking obstruction and enforcement, speeding of vehicles through the area, street signage and highway markings. It was recognised that none of these can be fully addressed or enforced until the highways became adopted by the County and Local Authority. It was asked if a transitional approach could be developed by the County and Local Authority.

Permitted Development and Covenant Enforcement

As both of the sites became more occupied and residents more settled there was a trend of 'alteration' developing. Both of the Developers were asked to clarify their method of enforcement of Covenants and would the Planning Authority issue a statement to clarify the permitted development policy?

Service Traffic & Access

In the absence of the highways being adopted by the Highways Authority, some control needed to be imposed upon 'Service' and 'Delivery' traffic moving through the residential areas to access other parts of the site. Developers were requested to meet with the residents to select agreed routes of access, implement signage and communicate these routes to visiting contractors.

PACT (Police and Communities Together)

The Residents would wish to be included with the PACT arrangements for the rest of Waterlooville. It was asked who would make this decision and could this wish be accommodated.

Anti social behaviour

Growing concern was being expressed across both sites regarding parental control of children and their anti social behaviour in public places. It was felt that much of this was due to the fact that young people had no 'space' which they regard as their own. It was asked if some work could be undertaken, in conjunction with both Developers and the Community Development Officer, to expedite the construction and opening of meeting places, together with action by other agencies to provide Community Involvement activities after school and space to play.

Christmas Tree

Those on the Taylor Wimpey site (within Denmead Parish) would like a Christmas Tree to be planted on the open space currently being landscaped.

Site Contractors

Residents had complained about early morning and late evening noise from contracted workers. Grainger and Taylor Wimpey were requested to state their policy in respect to permitted working hours and its enforcement.

Litter Bins

Residents on the Grainger site were seeking the installation of street litter bins. The Parish Council was asked to arrange for these to be made available and for them to be cleaned out regularly.

In response the points raised by the Advisory Group, the officers explained that the enforcement of obstructions caused by inconsiderate vehicular parking could only be undertaken on roads adopted by Hampshire County Council. There were delays in adoption as the County would only accept highways for adoption if they were finished by the developer to a high standard so as not to incur future maintenance costs. In the interim, the Implementation Officer would liaise with the developers to try to reduce the problem. Mr Beresford for Grainger added that the adoption of highways was covered by a Section 38 agreement which sought their adoption in a logical way on their completion.

The provision of a Christmas tree on the Western Open Space was supported. Mr Lander – Brinkley for Denmead Parish Council and Councillor Stallard stated that they would be agreeable to provide assistance towards this.

The remaining points would be addressed by the Implementation Officer.

Mr Tilbury, on behalf of the Forum, thanked Mr Watson for chairing the meeting of the Advisory Group and complimented its continued work in providing community engagement.

Arising out of consideration of this item, Mr Crichton referred to the lamp posts on the Taylor Wimpey site and enquired whether replacements would be available in the event of their failure and if they would meet the necessary standards when the roads came forward for adoption by Hampshire County Council. Mr Tilbury explained that under the Public Finance Initiative the contract would ensure that there were sufficient lights of the standard required and that these would be available at the time of completion of the project when it came forward for adoption.

Councillor Stallard raised questions regarding the future long term maintenance of the sustainable urban drainage (SUDs) provision. Mr Beresford clarified that they would be treated in the same way as areas of public open space, being maintained by the developer (including Southern Electric) in the first instance prior to being handed over to a local authority for their long term maintenance, for which a commuted sum would be available.

RESOLVED:

That the report of the West of Waterlooville Advisory Group be noted and the points raised be addressed by the Implementation Officer.

7. **NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Forum would be held at 10.00am on Thursday 17 March 2016, D Day Memorial Hall, Southwick.

The meeting commenced at 2.00pm and concluded at 3.50pm

Chairman