

**WEST OF WATERLOOVILLE FORUM****22 March 2013****Attendance:****Councillors:****Winchester City Council**

Read (Chairman) (P)

Bodtger  
Coates  
Cutler (P)Evans (P)  
Phillips (P)**Havant Borough Council**Hilton  
HuntG Shimbart  
Smallcorn (P)**Hampshire County Council**

McIntosh (P)

Stallard (P)

**Officers in Attendance**

Mr S Tilbury: Corporate Director (Operations), Winchester City Council

Mr N Green: Strategic Planner, Winchester City Council

Mrs J Bridges: Community Officer, Havant Borough Council

Mr S Lincoln: Community Planning Manager, Winchester City Council

Mrs E Appleby: Assistant Director (Economic Prosperity) Winchester City Council

Mrs J Wilson: West of Waterlooville Implementation Officer, Winchester City Council

Mr S Dunbar-Dempsey: Open Space Officer, Winchester City Council

Mrs J Potter: Executive Head of Planning and Built Environment, Havant Borough Council

Ms. M. Muteffe: Havant Borough Council engineers

Ms. L. Gilbertson: Havant Borough Council engineers

**1. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME**

The meeting was held at the D-Day Memorial Hall, Southwick and the Chairman welcomed approximately 16 members of the public, local residents, representatives of amenity groups, together with District and Parish Councillors.

**2. MINUTES**

(Report WWF74 refers)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 12 November 2012, be approved and adopted.

3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON GENERAL MATTERS**

All public participation related to specific matters already on the agenda and was therefore taken when that item was reached during the meeting.

4. **PROGRESS REPORT ON THE WEST OF WATERLOOVILLE MDA**  
(Report WWF73 refers)

The Forum noted that permission had now been granted to amend the Taylor Wimpey consent to remove the requirement for live work units in phases two, three and four, as there had been relatively little interest from prospective purchasers in this type of accommodation. As a consequence 14 additional units of affordable housing would now be provided on the site.

The Household Waste Recycling Centre was now also fully operational and the Taylor Wimpey Section 106 monies for 200 occupations would soon be triggered including contributions towards education and highway improvements.

Members of the public commented on the quality of the design of the Taylor Wimpey development fronting onto Hambledon Road. The officers responded that the designs provided a firm edge to the development and addressed the open spaces successfully and that the accompanying landscaping would be of assistance but would require 5 to 10 years to mature.

In response to further questions relating to surface water drainage, it was explained that the site was designed to retain water on the site in order that it percolated into the aquifer through providing a sustainable drainage system. These principles were also extended to flooding concerns on the river Wallington, where the watercourse was designed to retain water for slow release overtime.

Issues relating to the inadequacy of the present access road to the household waste recycling centre were also raised by members of the public.

Works had now commenced on the first phase of the Grainger site and the design code had been approved at a co-terminus meeting of Havant and Winchester Planning Committees held on 15 March 2013.

Members of the public also raised questions regarding the proposal for the cemetery. The officers explained that groundwater monitoring had indicated high water levels and that Section 106 funds would be used to continue this study. Mrs Potter added that in parallel to water level monitoring, Havant Borough Council was considering options for alternative cemetery provision from its existing cemeteries and for sites outside of the Borough. A decision would be taken before the end of 2013, but should the proposed cemetery site

be determined to be unsuitable then the land would continue to be countryside and open space and would not be developed.

Following public questions regarding school provision, it was explained that prospective operators of the school were going through the regulatory process. It was most likely that the school would be an academy.

In respect of the public arts programme, Mrs Appleby updated the meeting stating that the Wowpod's installation had been delayed by the wet weather. The first part would now be installed on 5 April 2013 and the second part two weeks later. In addition, Mr M Folds had been commissioned to design three triangular public notice boards for pre-agreed locations and the first of these will be installed on 6 April. Publicity for events surrounding the Wowpod and the notice board will be publicised in the community newsletter.

Mr Lander Brinkley (Denmead Parish Council) stated that the West of Waterlooville Advisory Group would be discussing the notice boards at its forthcoming meeting. A positive outcome was that a polling station would now be located within the new development and he added that Denmead Parish Council was providing a budget of £500 pounds for small projects.

Ms Bridges introduced herself to the meeting and stated that she had taken over from Mark Maitland as the Development Community Officer. Although new to post, she had been implementing the engagement strategy, meeting with local groups and engaging with youth groups to take matters forward. In answer to public questions, she stated that a small office for the Community Officer should be ready in the summer and it was also planned to provide a temporary community meeting place as part of the Grainger development prior to the 250 occupation, but in the meantime she would continue to arrange home visits if required.

RESOLVED:

That the Report be noted.

5. **TAYLOR WIMPEY ON WESTERN OPEN SPACE**  
(Oral Report)

Mr. Dunbar-Dempsey stated that the Taylor Wimpey site contained 39 acres of open space, of which 33 acres was within the western area comprising of informal recreational areas and woodland planting. The present boggy area would be improved to provide a sizeable kick about space and seating (provided from felled trees within the development). There would be extensive planting of native trees including alder, field maple, larch and pine.

It was agreed that copies of the drawings provided by Mr. Dunbar-Dempsey at the meeting be circulated to Forum members with the Minutes.

Arising out of consideration of this item, the Forum discussed its future role and whether its terms of reference required updating. Following debate, the Forum agreed that it could be more proactive in its consideration of items, for

example by improving the quality of information provided in advance of meetings to allow meetings to be more efficient and effective. Mr Tilbury added that Forum meetings were a means to update interested parties on works that were being carried out following decisions taken by other bodies, such as Havant Borough Council and Winchester City Council but there was merit in Members meeting together to discuss making improvements to the conduct of business of the Forum. It was also noted that there were a number of groups including the Residents' Association and the Advisory Group, which were stakeholders in the West of Waterlooville development and also of importance was engagement with members of the public that attended Forum meetings.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the Western Open Space drawings be circulated to Forum members with the Minutes.
2. That members of the Forum meet together to discuss possible improvements to the conduct of its future business.

6. **HAMBLEDON PARADE IMPROVMENTS**  
(Oral Report)

Ms Gilbertson and Ms Mutepe presented proposals for the enhancement of the physical environment in front of Hambledon Parade and to reduce vehicle conflict. Following consultation with shopkeepers and local residents, the two most favourable options had been put forward for formal consultation, which would be included within the Residents' Association magazine.

In reply to public questions, the officers explained that there was a pelican crossing between the Taylor Wimpey development and Hambledon Parade and better integration between the two sites was a desired outcome. For example, the incorporation of a line of trees on the Hambledon Parade side of the road would mark separation between the two developments and would also provide a visual marker to slow down traffic. A proposal was also included to improve demarcation of parking bays and loading bays within the Hambledon Parade shops and to introduce a one way traffic flow. The consultation process would be undertaken by Havant Borough Council.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Report be noted.

7. **NEXT MEETING**

That an officer update on Maurepas Way be considered at the next meeting of the Forum, to possibly be held in June 2013.

The meeting commenced at 10.00am and concluded at 11.55am.

Chairman