

WEST OF WATERLOOVILLE FORUM

17 March 2016

Attendance:

Councillors:

Winchester City Council

Read (Chairman) (P)

Cutler (P)
Pearson (P)

Phillips (P)

Havant Borough Council

Blackett (P)
Hughes (P)

G Shimbart (P)
Wade (P)

Hampshire County Council

McIntosh

Stallard

Denmead Parish Council

Lander-Brinkley (P)

Southwick and Widely Parish Council

Watson (P)

Officers in Attendance

Mr S Tilbury - Corporate Director, Winchester City Council.

Mr A Biltcliffe – Executive Manager, Planning Services, Havant Borough Council.

Mr N Green - Strategic Planner, Winchester City Council.

Apologies:

Apologies were received from the following:

Hampshire County Council

Councillors McIntosh, Stallard and Deputy Member Briggs. All County Members had been required to attend a meeting called by Hampshire County Council at short notice.

1. **CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME**

The meeting was held at the D Day Memorial Hall, Southwick, and the Chairman welcomed approximately 6 members of the public, local residents, representatives of amenity groups, together with District and Parish Councillors.

2. **MINUTES**

(Report WWF87 refers)

In reply to a question from Mr Lander – Brinkley regarding the provision of a minibus to transport children to school until a link road was completed, Mr. Tilbury stated that he had spoken to John Beresford from Grainger Homes regarding linking the two sites. The link road on the Grainger side of development was complete, but the bridge needed to be provided from the Taylor Wimpey development. Members commented that the bridge to be provided by Taylor Wimpey was now 18 months overdue and as well as being inconsiderate to Taylor Wimpey residents, it did not provide a cohesive scheme. Mr. Tilbury stated that the latest position on the provision of the link bridge would be established.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 1 October 2015, be approved and adopted.

3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

(i) Bryan Jezeph.

Mr Jezeph enquired as to the progress of the development of the proposed cemetery adjacent to Rowans Hospice's rear car park.

In reply, Mr Biltcliffe stated that due to the ground conditions (which had a high water table), a feasibility study of the use of the site as a cemetery was being undertaken. He added that Havant Borough Council's direct works division, who would undertake the future maintenance of the cemetery, was currently being outsourced and the implications of this for the cemetery were also being considered.

Mr Green added that the provision of a cemetery was not a requirement of the development itself, but was part of the Master Plan and would be dealt with by Planning as a reserve matter. The proposals to use the site for the cemetery could be submitted to the Forum for information. Should the land not be used as a cemetery then Grainger (the site owners) would need to put forward

alternative proposals for the use of the land. These would be considered by the Joint Planning Committee when and if an application was submitted.

Mr Field

Mr Field asked a question about Redrow's Yew Garden development. He stated that from No. 4 to 10 River Street within the development, the pavement came to a halt and was replaced by a grass verge between the kerb and the boundary wall. Further along the road the hard surface pavement was reinstated. It would have been preferable for the pavement to be continued throughout the length of the street.

In reply, Mr. Tilbury that he would investigate this matter with the developer to establish if an error had been made. A reply would be sent to Mr Field and the outcome would be recorded in the minutes.

4. PROGRESS REPORT ON THE WEST OF WATERLOOVILLE MAJOR DEVELOPMENT AREA (MDA)

(Report WWF86 refers)

Mr Tilbury presented the report. He stated in response to enquiries arising at the Advisory Group, that there was not an agreed timetable for the adoption of roads and open spaces. The adoption was a matter of negotiation between Hampshire County Council and the developer, which could take time, and the frustrations that this could cause for residents of the new developments was recognised.

The Forum noted that Jacky Wilson, the West of Waterlooville Implementation Officer based with Winchester City Council and Sally Smith, Senior Planner at Havant Borough Council, had both recently retired and the Forum expressed its thanks for the work that they had both undertaken and wished them well for the future. Mr Biltcliffe stated that at Havant Borough Council, Heather Leland had been appointed to undertake detailed work in respect of the West of Waterlooville development. Mr Tilbury stated that Winchester City Council was in the process of seeking a replacement for Jacky Wilson and that in the interim, the City Council's Barton Farm Implementation Officer would also maintain an overview of the West of Waterlooville development. Mr Biltcliffe added that he had replaced Julia Potter as a senior lead officer for Havant Borough Council for the West of Waterlooville development.

Mr Biltcliffe continued that dialogue was progressing between a developer and BAE systems to provide a pedestrian link across BAE system's land and that this would be subject to a Section 106 agreement.

Arising out of consideration of the Update Report and Members' questions, Mr Green explained that the three developers on site were ahead of target for their house completions, which maintained Winchester City Council's trajectory for the five year supply of housing. The achievement of this figure was helped by the provision of 40% affordable housing within the development.

Mr Tilbury stated that the provision of an additional controlled pedestrian crossing on Hambledon Road was a matter for consideration by Hampshire County Council and that Forum members may wish to speak with their County Councillor colleagues to confirm the need for this crossing.

Mr Green commented that the northern link via Taylor Wimpey land through Brambles to the leisure centre remained on hold, but the financial contribution in the Section 106 Agreement for the proposed link would remain available for future use should this route be forthcoming.

Arising out of consideration of the Report, Mr Lander – Brinkley stated that the next newsletter should be published after the 5 May 2016 elections to include the contact details of the newly elected representatives.

Debate took place on the disappointing broadband speeds achieved on the Taylor Wimpey development, as this was a matter that had been raised by residents. Mr Tilbury and Mr Biltcliffe explained that Taylor Wimpey had met their obligation to provide broadband, but there was no national standard on the quality or speed of broadband to be provided. This was disappointing, as it would have been thought that it would be in the interest of the developer to provide the latest high speed broadband as a selling point for their properties. The issues around this subject had been raised at Ministerial level and with Hampshire County Council to ascertain whether the provision of high speed broadband could in future be covered by a planning condition.

RESOLVED:

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

5. **REPORT OF THE WEST OF WATERLOOVILLE ADVISORY GROUP**

Councillor Cutler advised that he was the chair of the Advisory Group. Meetings of the Group had been held in November and January and had been well attended. The Group was being established as a body to which resident's concerns could be taken. The principal issues raised by residents related to road adoptions, speed limits (especially near schools) and the need to improve parking restrictions on un-adopted roads. Mr. Watson added that the link bridge between the Grainger and Taylor Wimpey sites and its implications for access to schools was also an issue that had been raised.

The Forum welcomed the fact that the Advisory Group was working well.

RESOLVED:

That the report of the West of Waterlooville Advisory Group be noted.

6. **DATES OF 2016 - 2017 MEETINGS**

It was noted that the meetings of the Forum for 2016 – 17 would be held on Thursdays as follows:

28 July 2016
20 October 2016
23 March 2017

Venues to be arranged.

The meeting commenced at 10.00am and concluded at 10.55am

Chairman