

WEST OF WATERLOOVILLE FORUM

8 September 2016

Attendance:

Councillors:

Winchester City Council

Read (Chairman) (P)

Brook (P)
Clear (P)

Cutler (P)

Havant Borough Council

Blackett (P)
Hughes (P)

G Shimbart (P)
Wade

Hampshire County Council

McIntosh
Deputy Member Briggs (P)

Stallard

Denmead Parish Council

Lander-Brinkley
Deputy Member Hull (P)

Southwick and Widely Parish Council

Watson (P)

Officers in Attendance

Mr S Tilbury - Corporate Director, Winchester City Council.

Mr A Biltcliffe –Head of Planning, Havant Borough Council.

Mr N Green - Strategic Planner, Winchester City Council.

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

Mrs K Stickland – West of Waterlooville Implementation Officer, Winchester City Council and Havant Borough Council.

Mr S Lincoln – Community Planning Manager, Winchester City Council.

Mrs J Bridges - Community Officer, Havant Borough Council

Apologies:

Apologies were received from the following:

Hampshire County Councillors McIntosh, Stallard, Havant Borough Councillor Wade and Denmead Parish Councillor Lander-Brinkley had been unable to attend this meeting due to the rearrangement of the meeting date from 28 July

2016.

1. **CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME**

The meeting was held at the D Day Memorial Hall, Southwick, and the Chairman welcomed approximately 4 members of the public, local residents, representatives of amenity groups, together with District, County and Parish Councillors.

2. **MINUTES**

(Report WWF88 refers)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 17 March 2016, be approved and adopted.

3. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Shimbart be appointed Vice Chairman of the Forum for the 2016/17 Municipal Year.

4. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR OF THE ARTS ADVISORY PANEL**

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Brooks be appointed Chairman of the Arts Advisory Panel.

5. **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 rear car park.

In reply, Mr Biltcliffe stated that Havant Borough Council had a seven year supply of cemetery provision and had no statutory need to make further provision. He added that Havant was also reviewing the structure of maintenance of cemeteries following changes to its direct works division. Due to these factors no immediate decision would be taken, and the matter would be reviewed and taken forward.

(ii) David Crichton

Mr Crichton asked the following questions:

The future proposals for access to the recycling centre, as present arrangements were causing problems due to parked cars on access roads. He added that access problems could be made worse when the recycling centre accepted trade waste, with large lorries accessing the site, and he asked whether an alternative access could be provided through the Grainger site.

Mr Green stated that Hampshire County Council would be written to on behalf of the Forum in order to ensure that trade waste vehicles accessed the recycling centre via Maurepas Way and that the route be properly signed for this purpose. Mrs Stickland added that an alternative access route (for domestic waste users) would be provided when the link road was opened.

In addition the trade service was available only during Monday to Friday opening and could be further limited if a problem was identified. The trade service was limited to those vehicles already accepted on site, i.e. vehicles over 3.5 tonnes, trailers over 3 metres in length and horseboxes are not allowed to use the facility.

What were the future proposals for the office/industrial land allocated within the Taylor Wimpey site if it could not be used for the intended purpose for employment? There were concerns that the site could be boarded off and left, which could become unsightly. Alternative uses of the site could be housing, but he would discourage any alternative use that could detract from the open view.

Mr Tilbury replied that the land had been allocated for employment use some five to six years ago. If there was a now a case to consider an alternative use, then this could be taken forward following consultation with professional advisors and consideration through a formal process. Under planning guidance there may need to be flexibility in the approach to its future use. Mr Green added that a consideration was the high voltage power lines that crossed the site, which had led to the original choice of employment land over housing. The Chairman requested that contact be made with Taylor Wimpey on their intentions for the site and that this be a matter for consideration at the next meeting of the Forum.

Councillor Brook commented that there was considerable interest in the employment site within the Grainger development and the reasons for any change of use on the Taylor Wimpey site would need to be justified. There would also be reluctance to support the provision of housing beneath the power lines.

There were various problems on access roads, with raised iron inspection covers, lamp posts erected but not lit and problems and with block paving in Foxtail Road and Coulter Road. Some of these factors could lead to problems in the County Council adopting the highways as the roads would not be of the standard required for adoption.

Mrs Stickland commented that these matters had been mostly covered in the progress report (report WWF89 refers). The issue of the block paving had been raised with Taylor Wimpey and it was for them to make the repairs.

There were delays in opening the link road which depended on the bridge currently under construction by Taylor Wimpey.

Mrs Stickland replied that it was originally intended that the link road and bridge would be opened by the end of September. It was scheduled to be built by the end of September and then a safety audit would be carried out by Hampshire County Council and any resultant snagging work being undertaken. A date for opening had not been fixed, but it was now expected to be in the autumn.

There was need for a link footpath to be provided through the Brambles Park, as Section 106 money was available for its provision.

Mr Green replied that Thomas Sanderson, the owner of the land, had indicated its reluctance to release the required land due to security concerns, as the footpath would not be overlooked. Additionally, the loss of car parking spaces on the site would be to the detriment to the business, as car parking spaces were already limited. Until there was a shift in position, negotiations would not reopen on this issue.

6. **PROGRESS REPORT ON THE WEST OF WATERLOOVILLE MAJOR DEVELOPMENT AREA (MDA)**
(Report WWF89 refers)

Mrs Stickland presented the report.

In reply to questions raised by Members, the officers responded that Hampshire County Council would only adopt a highway, when it was at a satisfactory standard and the length of time to adoption was a common cause of concern.

Councillor Brook made reference to the moving of a footpath bridge linking the Taylor Wimpey site to the Grainger site in the Western Open Space that had been incorrectly positioned. Taylor Wimpey had agreed to move the bridge, but this action had not been taken. The Grainger representative at the meeting (Lisa Turley) stated that she would investigate this matter further.

Councillor Briggs stated that due to the parking of cars on junctions it was difficult to read the road signs within the Old Park Farm development. Mrs Stickland stated that she would discuss this matter with the developer.

Additional points raised by Members included parking for contractor vehicles, issues over the delivery of post, bus stops being located on roundabouts that affected traffic flows, inconsiderate car parking and thefts from car ports.

In consideration of the formation of a new Parish Council for the area, Councillor Blackett commented that it would be advantageous if residents of the Stakes area of Havant were a member of that body.

RESOLVED:

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

7. REPORT OF THE WEST OF WATERLOOVILLE ADVISORY GROUP

Issues raised by the Advisory Group had been considered under other matters on the agenda.

8. PRESENTATION FROM GRAINGER – PROPOSED CHANGES TO TOWN PARK

Lisa Turley from Grainger provided an outline of Grainger's proposals to seeking a deed of variation in the Section 106 agreement on the Berewood site.

In summary, the proposal was to create a sports and community centre hub within the town park area. The centre would provide a destination and would have upgraded facilities. There would be a multi use games area (MUGA), a youth shelter for teenagers, a Local Equipped Area for Play (LEAP) for children up to 10 years old; a cricket pitch, six (two additional) tennis courts so that the facility could be part of tennis league competitions and provision for youth football.

The community hall would be large enough to have a stage and changing rooms, facilities for badminton, a small cafe and a bar, and would overlook the cricket pitch. It would also provide a space for toddlers groups, children's parties and for local musicians to perform with space for storage of equipment.

A community room facility would also be retained at the local centre.

Members raised a number of questions over the potential mix of facilities and their future maintenance. For example, to ensure that the use of the MUGA did not come into conflict with local residents and that there was adequate provision for car parking. Mr Lincoln commented that analysis should take place as to which activity will be best suited to each location.

The Forum agreed that it would be of benefit if a presentation pack of the proposals could be prepared between Grainger and Mrs Stickland. This pack should be presented to the two Parish Councils at the next Advisory Group (which would next meet on the 29 September) meeting as well as informal resident meetings in order to gauge public reaction to the proposals. Further, the proposals should be presented to the October meeting of the Forum to help inform the formal decision making process.

RESOLVED:

That the proposals be presented to the next meeting of the Forum.

9. **WEST OF WATERLOOVILLE ADVISORY GROUP'S REQUEST TO INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP THE CO-OPTED RESIDENTS OF THE WEST OF WATERLOOVILLE DEVELOPMENT SITE**

The Forum supported the proposals put forward by the Advisory Group to increase the number of non-voting co-opted residents from the West of Waterlooville development site in line with occupations on the development. It was commented that up to 7 non-voting co-opted residents would seem a sensible figure and that the Advisory Group could form the nucleus of the new Parish Council. There was also support for the Advisory Group to invite local Havant Borough Council and County Councillors to its meetings.

RESOLVED:

That the Forum is supportive of the West of Waterlooville Advisory Group's request to increase the number of non-voting co-opted residents from the West of Waterlooville development site in line with occupations on the development.

10. **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 (rearranged to 8 September 2016).
 20 October 2016 – 2:00pm, Deverell Hall, Purbrook.
 23 March 2017 – 10:00am, D Day Memorial Hall, Southwick.

The meeting commenced at 2.00pm and concluded at 3.40pm

Chairman