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**Meeting** Kings Barton Forum

**Date and Time** Tuesday, 14th March, 2023 at 6.00 pm.

**Venue** This meeting will be held virtually and Members of the public

should note that a live video feed of the meeting will be

available from the council's YouTube channel (

youtube.com/WinchesterCC)

Notes from KBRA (including notes of meeting with CALA)

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# Matters to be raised by Kings Barton Residents' Association (KBRA) at Kings Barton Forum of 14 March 2023

1. KBRA have consulted residents on several issues recently. The first was a survey of residents on Winchester Avenue. The results of the survey were published in a letter dated 12th February to the Hampshire Chronicle as below..

#### "Dear Editor,

A recent article in your paper was supportive of the campaign to Keep Andover Road Open rather than diverting its traffic through Kings Barton. But at the end of the article we read: "It has been frequently pointed out that all residents should have been aware of the diversion plans".

The Kings Barton Residents' Association Committee was unsure that this statement was correct. So we surveyed residents living on Winchester Avenue, the road onto which Andover Road traffic is planned to be diverted. We asked: "Before you moved into your home were you made aware that Andover Road would be permanently closed and its traffic diverted past your home?"

The survey showed 32 (37%) for "YES I was made aware" and 54 (63%) for "NO I was not made aware". Clearly the reality is that most residents were **not** aware of the diversion plans before they moved in and so our survey finds the statement in the article to be incorrect.

Also, several of those who said "YES I was made aware" also told us that CALA staff had informed them that the diversion "might not happen" or "was unlikely to happen."

2. The second was a survey of all residents about four issues, which were fully explained, and asked:

A.Do you agree that the bus services committed to by HCC in the Travel Plan for Kings Barton should be provided?

B. Would you like us to continue to press CALA to improve the road conditions in Kings Barton, particularly in phase 1B?

C.Do you agree that KBRA should continue to press CALA, Hampshire County Council and Winchester City Council to Keep Andover Road Open?

D.Do you agree that a Governance Review should be started in 2023 to decide on the local government representation for Kings Barton?

Residents were asked to respond YES to each of these four questions if they were important to them or NO if they were not important to them. Some 127 responses were received. The results of the survey were consistently strongly YES across all four questions.

3. We were sad to lose Naomi Arnold as our WCC Community Development/Liaison Officer and look forward to the appointment by WCC of a replacement.

- 4. We have attended CALA's exhibition for the Neighbourhood Centre and for phase 2B. KBRA Committee have submitted our views on the Neighbourhood Centre and CALA have advised us that they will be consulting with us as the plans for the Centre develop. We have encouraged residents to provide their feedback on CALA's proposals. In particular we have noted the need for the Neighbourhood Centre to be of the right shape and size for a range of activities, for safe walking and cycling to be included in the plans, for the car park entrance to be well away from the proposed pedestrian crossing and could be accessed from a side road, and for further speed-reducing measures be included on Winchester Avenue.
- 5. We support CALA's latest plan for a play park in phase 1A. There are maintenance issues that need to be resolved in existing play park in phase 1B
- 6. We have continued to liaise with CALA on a number of issues and are separately submitting the notes of a recent meeting with CALA Homes discussing a wide range of topics.
- 7. We agreed a Terms of Reference with HWPC for a Kings Barton Working Group and wish to work closely with the Parish Council on a partnership basis. Cllr Jackie Porter, Jane Rutter and Steve Cramoysan kindly set up a useful meeting for the KBRA Committee in September 2022. They referenced the North Whitely Governance Review and the published papers from that as an example to learn about how the process would work as and when it starts. The future options for Kings Barton residents might include staying as part of HWPC, becoming part of the City Council or forming a Kings Barton Community Council. We look forward to a Governance Review starting this year. The Kings Barton Residents' Association Committee request that the Review does start this year and have the support of residents (see the survey result described in paragraph 2) for this request. It is important to us as:
- Kings Barton is separated from Headbourne Worthy Village by the main railway line and there is no significant social connection between the two
- there are now significantly more residents living in Kings Barton than live in Headbourne Worthy village
- a significant number of dwellings in Kings Barton are anomalistically not in the Headbourne Worthy Parish Council area and this results in an undesirable local governmental divide

We attach below the Terms of Reference for the Development Fora which refer to establishment of appropriate local democratic structures.

- 8. We would welcome the opportunity to join with HCC, WCC and CALA in agreeing a plan that:
- Keeps Andover Road Open to traffic and
- Makes Kings Barton a 20mph Area

KBRA believe that this is a requirement if we are to achieve a socially and environmentally attractive Kings Barton development. This requirement is completely in line with town planning and transport planning best practice. We are responding to the latest information on the County Council's website about plans for Andover Road.

- 9. KBRA Committee have commented on aspects of the draft Local Plan that affect Kings Barton. We have no objection in principle to a development at Sir John Moore Barracks but would object to that development if traffic from that development used Winchester Avenue which would be the case if the section of Andover Road adjacent to Kings Barton was closed. We are also concerned that the approved recycling site will generate heavy vehicular traffic which, as things stand, will be diverted through Kings Barton if Andover road was closed.
- 10. We have received support from Littleton and Harestock Parish Council and from Headbourne Worthy Parish Council for our campaign to Keep Andover Road Open.
- 11. We ask that the Kings Barton Forum be regularly updated on progress on S106 and S278 contributions (in line with the Development Fora Terms of Reference) including how much is now due, how much has been received by WCC and HCC from CALA and how much has been spent and how it has been spent. We are particularly concerned that there is no bus service for residents and no improvement in cycling and walking facilities for residents.

# **Development Fora – Terms of Reference**

The fora have no formal decision making powers, but can advise and make recommendations on relevant issues.

1. Meet 3 times per year. Virtual meetings will continue. Primary objectives of the fora:

Comment and advise on strategic matters related to the implementation of the MDA

Monitor and comment on progress relating to the development of the MDA including the implementation of planning conditions and requirements of planning obligations (s106 agreements) and s278 agreements (highway works)

- Monitor and comment on community development activities within the development area, and provide advice on how these should progress
- Support the establishment of appropriate local democratic structures for the emerging community
- Be wound down once governance arrangements are established

#### How this will be achieved:

- 1. Each meeting will receive the following input:
- a. Update on the physical development of the MDA (from the developer).
- Report on the community development activities and any issues arising within the MDA.
- c. Discussion on infrastructure.
- 2. Other matters will be brought to the forum as and when required. *Key stages of the fora:*

Stage 1 – Planning	Stage 2 – Emerging	Stage 3 – Establishing
Start: Initial master planning End: Outline planning consent / start on site.	Start: Start on site End: Establishment of a parish council, or other suitable democratic body as applicable.	Start: Establishment of a parish council, or other suitable democratic body as applicable. End: New governance arrangements established

Act as a sounding board where ideas, options and issues relating to the development can be considered before becoming part of the formal planning process.  Consider and advise upon the infrastructure required	<ul> <li>Receive         updates on the         progress of         development         and compliance         with relevant         planning         conditions and         S106/S278         agreements         Input into         creation of a         community         development         strategy</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Receive updates on progress in establishing the community and any emerging issues</li> <li>Consider and advise upon a strategy for the ownership and management of the social infrastructure and community assets.</li> <li>Receive updates on the progress of development and compliance with relevant planning conditions and \$106/\$278 agreements</li> </ul>
 Service Lead – nvironment	Lead: Service Lead – Built Environment	Lead: Service Lead – Community & Wellbeing



#### **Minutes**

# **CALA Homes/KBRA Meeting**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023 (MS Teams Meeting)

Attendees: KBRA: Nigel Palmer (NP), Antonio De Stefano (AdS), Paul

Carter (PC)

CALA: Viv Hill (VH), Ian Curry (IC), Paul Farrell (PF)
WCC: Awaiting appointment of new Development and

**Community Officer** 

Referenced: CALA: Adrian Lee (AL)

Rachel Slater (RS)

Apologies: KBRA: Mike Slinn (MS)

#### 1. Street Furniture

#### **1A Street Furniture**

#### CALA:

- All the outstanding street furniture is ready to be called-off as required (i.e. 1no. bin, 3no. cycle stands and 3no. benches). The play area needs to be completed first before these are installed
- Additional Dog Waste bin to be installed on the pathway to the nature reserve.
- Collection of waste from the steel bins to be undertaken by Rentokil who will be collecting from Wednesday January 19th 2023. HWPC will be responsible for these waste collections once the various parcels of land including the Swales transfer to them in Spring '23.
- An additional park bench was noted in the Swale area in 1A Ian confirmed that this as a memorial to a CALA employee

**Action: NP** (KBRA) to advise to residents of the donation in the Spring Newsletter.

**Action: NP** (KBRA) to advise to HWPC of the 'gift' of the bench for inclusion in maintenance schedule for the handed over spaces

#### **Parish Noticeboard**

**MS** (KBRA) Advised that the location had been agreed subject to Adrian (CALA) confirming land ownership. Planning regulations confirmed by Naomi (none required).

**Action:** NP (KBRA) to confirm location of the noticeboard with Adrian

#### 2. Sewerage Smells

#### Sewerage smells in 1B

#### CALA:

- Steven Morano from Southern Water have provided an update to CALA.
- He confirmed that there had been an odour logger in the sewer outside 3 Winchester Ave, for the past month which was removed on Monday. The levels are still showing high H2S reading (35ppm peak), however the bio-block in the pumping station wet well was refreshed this week on Tuesday 28th, The logger will be reinstalled on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March and be monitored for another month. If levels are not seen to be reducing then alternative treatment measures will be sought by Southern Water.
- 'Watching brief' to be maintained on this until end of the summer

### 3. Flooding

#### Winchester Avenue Flooding in 1A

#### CALA:

- Concrete 'Grips' now to be installed as per HCC Highway requirements
- As previously stated, the SW system was CCTV'd and found to be all okay
- Southern Water will be taking responsibility for these swales and associated drainage in Spring this year, following their final pre-adoption inspection.
- In the unlikely event that there are any future emergency drainage problems then CALA asked that Southern Water be contacted as they will have responsibility for these SW drains.

**Action: NP** (KBRA) to remind residents of Southern Water contact details in the Spring Newsletter.

#### 4. Play Parks

#### Play Park in 1B

**NA** (WCC) commented that the play area is due to handover to HWPC in Spring, however the commuted sums are still to be agreed

**NP** (KBRA) commented that HWPC is taking up discussion on the condition of the play equipment prior to handover.

#### Play Park in 1A

**IC** (CALA) advised that all equipment for the approved plan has now been procured ready to be 'called-off' for installation.

There was a general discussion over the size, location and density of equipment due to be installed in the Play park.

**IC** (CALA) presented the latest plan, which included a 'levels' cross-section, showing the position of all of the play items and advised that several of the items had been relocated 'down the hill' to make them less obtrusive.

**KIG** (Public) commented that many of the residents along Granadiers Road were concerned over the loss of view, but that the reduction back to the original planned area was positive. However, the density of equipment (no. of items in a small area) and the height of several items of equipment is still a cause for concern for a few residents adjoining the site.

**NA** (WCC) confirmed that there are no planning requirements to maintain residents sight lines given the future development already approved.

**EB** (KBRA) pointed out that even siting the taller items down the hill there were still concerns over the privacy of residents given the possibility of overlooking.

IC (CALA) suggested that additional trees could be planted to supplement those already

planned to provide more screening, but accepted that these would take some years to fully mature. He confirmed that the height of the terrain and positioning of the trees would be per the plans, as the contractors would need to adhere to these. CALA would oversee this.

**KIG** (Public) made the request of CALA to relocate the two tallest items of equipment to another play area - perhaps they could be used in 1B?

**NP** (KBRA) advised that this issue had been discussed in the recent HWPCG meeting and the general consensus reached was that relocating some equipment from the 1A to 1B play park would also address feedback from 1B residents on the lack of play equipment for older children in that area. KBRA would formally request that the option be reviewed by CALA.

**KIG** (Public) highlighted the poor maintenance of already-planted trees and asked that the trees were better maintained to help maturity. She requested that the updated cross section is to include the size of trees, which will be planted. She also raised the overall lack of landscaping maintenance. Also, due to the high footfall along Granadiers Rd and where the park entrance will be (corner of Centinal Rd), she requested 10mph signs be placed.

**NP** (KBRA) confirmed that following information provided by WCC's Landscaping, Natural Environment & Recreation Team regarding the play park and reviewing the revised plan and levels - KBRA have no objection to the latest scheme.

**IC** (CALA) confirmed that the play area plan, together with additional trees has now been submitted to WCC (as an NMA) for their formal approval, following which the play area will be implemented. It is hoped this play area would be available for use by residents by late Summer.

#### 5. MUGA

#### **MUGA Sta**tus

Residents have previously queries the overall strategy for providing play areas be provided as there is a view that there is a need for an infant's play park, a juniors play park and an area for older children to kick a football around.

**VH** (CALA) advised that whilst CALA were always keen to meet residents requests where possible, there was no practical site that could safely be provided for an informal 'kick-around' in the interim before the MUGA is available.

**NP** (KBRA) Noted that some open spaces are being used as informal play areas such as the Swale in 1A and Play park in 1B and with the imminent Play area in 1A this would provide options for residents.

**NP** (KBRA) Offered support for communication on the plans for the MUGA when ready for publication / consultation, expected in the summer.

#### 6. Neighbourhood Centre

#### **Consultation Process**

**NP** (KBRA) Queried how the feedback from both consultations had been incorporated into plans by CALA and **VH** (CALA) confirmed that more information would be provided at the upcoming KB Forum

**Action:** VH (CALA) to provide update on how feedback received has been applied to the masterplan.

#### 7. Footpaths

AdS (KBRA) confirmed that the linking path between 1A and 1B had been 'dressed' and was

much improved.

**IC** (CALA) confirmed that this path is temporary and is likely to change once development of further phases starts.

**ALL** agreed that a watching brief would be kept on conditions of footpaths generally.

**NP** (KBRA) asked CALA on behalf of residents to look at providing a temporary access from phase 2A to either; the Andover Road or direct to the Ridgeway footpath to allow residents a quicker route to the Barton Farm Academy. VH (CALA) suggested that new access is coming as part of the build out of 2A.

**Action:** VH (CALA) to advise on the pedestrian access being provided as part of 2A and timescales.

#### 8. Roads

## **HCC Technical Approval**

**IC** (CALA) advised that negotiations with HCC on the technical approval for Winchester Avenue are progressing (positively), but that there are still items to be resolved.

#### Road conditions in 1B

There was a general discussion led by AdS on the conditions of the roads in 1B

**AdS** (KBRA) made an impassioned request to CALA that more than 3yrs since completion of the houses the roads in 1B need now to be completed. He provided numerous examples of conditions; such as bumps and holes in Winchester Avenue, inconsistent road levels at road junctions, crossings and turning areas and lack of wearing-course giving concerns in the recent icy weather. He also challenged that lack of Technical Approval for Winchester Avenue could not be considered a reason for not completing the estate road surfacing in 1B as this had been done in 1A. These issues have been reported to CALA by residents.

**NP** (KBRA) supported the view that the roads conditions could be expected to cause damage as observed during his frequent visits to 1B in the last few weeks.

IC (CALA) confirmed that separate approval is required for the estate roads before these can be completed and adopted (by HCC) and that approval would not be given before the Winchester Avenue (spine road) was approved. However, he would investigate why the estate roads in Phase 1A had been completed prior to approval.

**IC** (CALA) confirmed that a contractor will be visiting 1B to review conditions and advise on any remediation works. In addition, IC suggested that following the survey where possible / practical he would arrange for roads or sections of roads to have 'wearing courses' laid.

**Action:** IC (CALA) to review the status of roads (re: wearing course) and advise on the actions to be carried out for estate roads.

#### **Speed Restrictions**

**MS** (KBRA) raised the question of speed restrictions around the development, suggesting that Winchester Avenue should be designated 20mph

**VH** (CALA) confirmed that the design speed of Winchester Avenue was 20mph and that any imposed limit of 30mph would need to be the subject of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) imposed by HCC.

**ALL** discussed concerns raised by residents over the high speed of vehicles around the development. Ironically it was pointed out that due to the poor conditions of the roads in 1B this is less of an issue, but in 1A more 10mph signs would help to remind drivers.

**NP** (KBRA) explained that in other developments like KB, residents had designed and installed speed limit 'request' signage for drivers. **VH** (CALA) confirmed that CALA had no objection but explained that obviously when the roads were adopted these would be

#### removed by HCC.

**All** discussed the efficacy of speed signage across the development. **IC** (CALA) confirmed that signage would be provided as previously agreed, but that additional signage should be reviewed.

**PF** (CALA) suggested that this may be a topic for discussion with Castleford in the wider context of the 'Management Company' **See additional item – Estate Management.** 

**Action: IC** (CALA) to provide more 10mph signs to 1A (Granadiers Road and Centinel Road) and liaise with KBRA for positioning.

**Action: IC** (CALA) to provide update on the status of the Speed Limit Reminder (SLR) ground fixings that have been discussed with HWPC (yet to be agreed).

#### 9. Community Meeting Space

**KBRA** will be making use of the Barton Farm Academy facilities to hold Committee meetings (and potentially other events) from now on.

#### Point to be closed.

#### 10. Community Defibrillator

**NP** (KBRA) raised a request for CALA to provide a Community Defibrillator positioned on the outside of the CALA Sales Office for the use of KB (South) residents. A similar request will be made of HWPC to provide a second for KB (North) residents with an associated discussion over the most suitable location for it.

**PF** (CALA) suggested that this may be a topic for discussion with Castleford in the wider context of the 'Management Company' **See additional item – Estate Management.** 

Action: IC (KBRA) to discuss with RS (CALA) and advise KBRA

#### 11. Estate Management

**PF** (CALA) led a discussion around Estate Management and engagement with Castleford, Vivid and HomeGroup offering to facilitate meetings with these groups.

**NP** (KBRA) agreed that a closer working relationship with all groups would obviously be beneficial, but that most queries and concerns raised by residents to date, related to Castleford services and charges prompting initial discussions with them last year.

**PF** (CALA) also raised the topic of the Kings Barton Management Company and there followed a short discussion on the setup and representation of residents on the board.

Action: PF (KBRA) to arrange follow up with KBRA / Castleford in the next few weeks

**Action: NP** (KBRA) to discuss internally with KBRA committee the appetite for closer involvement in the 'Kings Barton Management Company'

Actions		Who	Date Raised	Due Date	Status
1.	<b>KBRA</b> to advise to residents of the donation of the park bench in the Spring Newsletter.	NP	26.01.23	Qtr. 1 '23	Open
2.	<b>KBRA</b> to advise to HWPC of the 'gift' of the bench for inclusion in maintenance schedule for the handed over spaces.	NP	07.03.23	Qtr1 '23	New
3.	<b>KBRA</b> to Remind residents of the Southern Water helpline in the Spring Newsletter.	NP	26.01.23	Qtr. 1 '23	Open
4.	<b>KBRA</b> to confirm location of the noticeboard with Adrian	NP	07.03.23	Qtr1 '23	New
	CALA to respond to the issues raised and provide the latest plan, cross section and proposal for addressing the residents' concerns over privacy for play park in 1A	VH	26.01.23	Feb '23	Closed
	<b>KBRA</b> to formally request that CALA review the feasibility of relocating the two tallest items of play equipment from 1A to 1B play park.	NP	26.01.23	Feb '23	Closed
	<b>CALA</b> to review the possibility of providing an informal 'kick-around' space and advise KBRA	IC	26.01.23	Feb '23	Closed
5.	<b>CALA</b> to provide update on how feedback received has been applied to the masterplan.	VH	26.01.23	Feb '23	Open
6.	<b>CALA</b> to advise on the request for a pedestrian access being provided as part of 2A and timescales.	VH	07.03.23	Qtr1 '23	New
	<b>CALA</b> to advise on works to be carried to footpaths with expected timescales.	IC	26.01.23	Feb '23	Closed
	<b>KBRA</b> to provide photos of the pathways with issues, monitor the state of the path and advise at next meeting.	AdS	26.01.23	Done	Closed
	KBRA to provide a report of the state of the roads with specific issues/concerns.  AdS provided report acknowledged and survey	AdS	26.01.23	Done	Closed
7.	CALA to review the condition and advise on the actions to be carried out for 1B estate roads.  Ian to revert after contractors visit, likely to be in 2-3 weeks	IC	26.01.23	Feb '23	Open
8.	<b>CALA</b> to provide more 10mph signs to 1A (Granadiers Road and Centinel Road) and liaise with KBRA for positioning.	IC (AL)	26.01.23	Qtr1 '23	Open
9.	<b>CALA</b> to provide update on the status of the Speed Limit Reminder (SLR) ground fixings that have been discussed with HWPC.	IC	07.03.23	Qtr1 '23	New
10.	<b>CALA</b> to respond on request for the provision of a Community Defibrillator to the Sales Office for KB residents' emergency use.	IC (RS)	07.03.23	Qtr1 '23	New

11.	CALA to arrange follow up with KBRA / Castleford in the next few weeks	PF	07.03.23	Qtr2 '23	New
13.	KBRA to discuss internally with KBRA committee the appetite for closer involvement in the 'Kings Barton Management Company'	NP	07.03.23	Qtr2 '23	New

