

KINGS BARTON FORUM

Tuesday, 26 June 2018

Attendance:

Councillors:

Winchester City Council

Berry (Chairman)

Burns
Cunningham (P)
Godfrey (P)
Horrill (P)

Learney (P)
Prince (P)
Scott (P)
Weir(P)

Hampshire County Council

Warwick (P)

Tod

Headbourne Worthy Parish Council

C Duncan

Littleton and Harestock Parish Council

H Saunders (P)

Deputy Members in attendance:

Councillor Porter (Standing Deputy Member for Hampshire County Councillor Tod)

Officers in Attendance:

Mr S Tilbury: Strategic Director (Services), Winchester City Council
Mr C Hughes: Barton Farm Implementation Officer, Winchester City Council

Others in Attendance:

Mr R Westwood: Technical Director, Cala Homes
Mr V Hill: Planning & Design Manager, Cala Homes
Ms A Lawrence: University of Winchester
Ms C White: Children's Services, Hampshire County Council
Mr M Hallum: Architect, Children's Services Hampshire County Council

1. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR 2018/19 MUNICIPAL YEAR**

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Cunningham be appointed Vice-Chairman for the Forum for the 2018/19 Municipal Year.

1. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Forum held on 22 March 2018, be agreed as a correct record.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Weir declared a personal (but not prejudicial) interest due to her role as one of the Trustees of the Barton Farm Academy.

3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Ms Rodan, resident of Kings Barton, addressed the Forum. In summary, Ms Rodan advised that she preferred to be able to walk into Winchester as opposed to having to drive. However, footways on both sides of Andover Road North were not in an appropriate condition. They were uneven, grass was not cut and there were also nettles and brambles present. From October to March the footways were unlit. She had been in contact with both the County and City Councils with regard to these concerns and wished to understand how they were to be addressed.

Mr Hughes advised that he had recently met with Hampshire County Council officers who had undertaken to carry out some clearance and commence on an ongoing maintenance programme work to the western side of the road. Lighting would be a separate project at a later date and having regard to the new proposed layout of the road. These works were to be costed and a subject to this, improvements may be possible along both sides of the road.

Councillor Porter referred to the matters raised by Ms Rodan and advised that she had also spoken recently to County Council officers with regard to costed options for improvements to at least one side of the road.

Mr Hughes also referred to the Forum's previous resolution (at its meeting held on 22 March 2018) for Councillor Humby (County Council Executive Member for Environment and Transport) to be written to with regards to this matter and to provide an update. Mr Hughes reported that Councillor Humby had acknowledged the request and had instructed officers to investigate the matter.

Mr Tucker, resident of Kings Barton, addressed the Forum on matters with regard to cycle and pedestrian routes as summarised below:

- The Courtenay Road link was not due until 650 occupations – the same as the re-routing of the Andover Road. This was some time hence (only 100 occupations to date). What were the plans on how pedestrians and also cyclists would access the station and the city centre based on the current road layout?
- Can the route from Kings Barton to Courtenay Road and Worthy Road through the mitigation land be provided with a hard surface and ideally some low level lighting so that it can be used for utility purposes, eg. pushchairs and cyclists? This will be the main route from the development to the City Centre.
- The cycle facilities on Andover Road from the junction with Harestock Road and close to Stoney Lane where the new road would come out are all dependent upon the re-routing of the Andover Road and so if provision is being discussed for pedestrians in the interim what about cyclists, e.g. a widening of the existing footway on Andover Road so that those cyclists who do not feel comfortable on the Andover Road have an alternative for part of the way?
- Will an exit from Kings Barton be provided for cyclists onto Well House Lane to allow safe travel between Headbourne Worthy and the development? There is currently a footpath that links to Headbourne Worthy alongside the railway line.

In response to Mr Tucker, Mr Hughes advised that with regard to the route from Kings Barton to Courtenay Road and Worthy Road through the mitigation land; the County Council had been approached about this being made with a sealed surface. This had been previously discussed and requested by the Forum. With regard to lighting, as the area was an ecological reserve, this would need to be sensitive and appropriate to its location and would also need to be costed. With regard to a link to Well House Lane, this will be pedestrian friendly. The County Council would also expect appropriate cycling facilities at junctions to Andover Road including appropriate signal controls.

Mr Westwood (Cala Homes) confirmed that the Courtney Road link would be completed at 250 occupations. At the current rate of build, it was expected that this would be at approximately December 2019.

The Chairman thanked the public in attendance for their participation and were reminded that the Forum was scheduled to meet four times a year and were encouraged to attend and to engage. Residents were also able to get in touch with Mr Hughes, the Barton Farm Implementation Officer, who was employed by Winchester City Council.

4. **BARTON FARM/KINGS BARTON – IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE**
(Report KBF19 refers)

The Forum considered the Implementation and Update report which summarised the latest progress and the key issues to be addressed at the Kings Barton development.

Barton Farm Academy

Ms A Lawrence (University of Winchester), Ms C White (Children's Services, Hampshire County Council) and Mr M Hallam (Architect, Children's Services Hampshire County Council) gave a presentation to the Forum on the new Barton Farm Academy primary academy and responded to questions. In summary, the following matters were raised:

- The capital project for the new facility was the responsibility of the County Council and an architect was soon to be appointed. Works were currently programmed for spring next year with completion summer 2020. So, it was expected that the school would open for places for the 2020 academic year.
- An admissions policy was being devised accordingly to demand, but it was predicted that over time, the school would eventually increase the number of pupils on roll to 420 places with two-form intake.
- The name of the school would remain as 'Barton Farm Academy' (not 'King's Barton') and would be designed to be as sustainable as possible. The school's trustees and the involvement of the University was described. The academy's ethos was described – 'Aspirational, Inspiring, Inclusive, Sustainable, Joyful.' Its head teacher designate had now been appointed.
- Originally, a temporary school had been proposed to be located at the existing Henry Beaufort site, however this was now not required due to rate of occupations and the timetable to deliver the new facility.
- It was explained that there was to be flexibility of when year groups in the new facility actually opened – but it would need to be educationally and financially viable to do so. In the meantime it was appreciated that families moving to the site were required to send their children elsewhere. When the school was opened, those living in catchment (the area of Kings Barton) would be given priority of a place.
- The new school would develop over time its relationship with Henry Beaufort (as a feeder school) and also with any nursery facility on site.

Cala Homes Update

Mr Hill (Cala Homes) gave a presentation to the Forum on the progress of the development to date and responded to questions. In summary, the following matters were raised:

- Progress in Phase 1B of the scheme was going well and the next stage of development at Phase 1A was also reported on. There would be similarities to housing stock in Phase 1B with 200 dwellings to the southern end of the site to commence construction soon (land east of the railway line).
- Reserved matters for Phases 2b and 2a would be brought forward with pre application discussion. These would total around 300 homes. Further phases north of the ridgeline would include 200 homes and also the neighbourhood centre.
- There would be 200 homes as part Phase 1a, 74 of which were affordable. This was a similar mix to phase 1b. The Registered Social Landlord (RSL) to manage the homes had yet to be assessed.
- The Barton Farm Academy would be well connected with safe pedestrian routes separate from construction traffic.
- The existing pathway along the ridgeway was also an existing right of way. Mr Hughes advised that he would raise with the County Council as to whether it was intended that this was to be upgraded to a cycle route.
- There had always been provision within the Section 106 agreement for community development, including potentially for the employment of community development officer. Until the development progresses, a firm decision will be made as to how to utilise the funds available and to tailor to specific need as the new community evolved.
- Mr Tilbury reminded that the S106 funds each referenced occupations on site. Therefore, as the development was progressing well and homes were being sold, this would positively impact upon the chronology of the infrastructure provided. Mr Hughes drew the Forum's attention to section 11.16 of the Report which set out various trigger points. For example, a local centre would need to be available before the 1000th occupation.
- Mr Westwood reported that the footpath at the junction of Andover Road from Phase 1a was currently closed because the signals at the junction were not yet operational. Cala was currently liaising with utility companies with regard to this so that the matter could be resolved as soon as possible.

Archaeology Update

Mr Hughes reported on archaeological excavations on site as detailed at section 11.17 of the Report and responded to questions. In summary, the following matters were raised:

- Mr Hughes advised that there would be a presentation at a future Forum meeting on archaeology at the site and he reported that road names within Phase 1a were likely to be inspired by the 18th century militia camps located here and recently excavated. Other archaeological remains also found included Bronze Age burial pits including skeletal remains.

- Mr Hughes, in response to a suggestion, stated that he would ask whether it was possible to facilitate residents observing the digs taking place and also whether items found could be placed on display within the community.

Barton Meadows Update

Mr Hughes reported on archaeological excavations on site as detailed at section 11.17 of the Report and responded to questions. In summary, the following matters were raised:

- The Reserve was now establishing itself well. Hampshire and IOW Wildlife Trust was coordinating volunteer and engagement events. In response to questions, Mr Hughes advised that he had recently spoken with the Council's Landscape and Open Spaces Team about regular emptying of dog waste bins and also locating more around the site. In addition, the gate access to Worth Road would have its specification investigated as to whether its design was the most appropriate at this location. He would also work with local Councillors and the community to ensure the appropriate access to the Reserve is established.

RESOLVED:

1. That the update report and the contents of the updates provided be noted;
2. That the various points for further action outlined above be noted.

5. MEETING DATES FOR 2018/19

RESOLVED:-

That the future meetings of the Forum for 2018/19, as set out on the agenda, be noted as follows:-

- Tuesday 6 November 2018;
- Thursday 24 January 2019; and
- Monday 18 March 2019.

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm and concluded at 7.55pm.

Chairman