

## **NORTH WHITELEY DEVELOPMENT FORUM**

**Wednesday, 20 February 2019**

Attendance:

Councillors

Ruffell (Chairman)

Cllr Achwal, Winchester City Council	Cllr Huxstep, Hampshire County Council
Cllr Bentote, Winchester City Council	Cllr Woodward, Hampshire County Council
Cllr McLean, Winchester City Council	Cllr Pretty, Eastleigh Borough Council
Cllr Weston, Winchester City Council	Cllr Evans, Whiteley Town Council
Cllr Butts, Fareham Borough Council	Cllr Mercer, Botley Parish Council
Cllr Evans, Fareham Borough Council	Cllr Bodger, Curdridge Parish Council

Other Councillors in attendance who addressed the meeting:

Councillors Humby and Horrill

Other Councillors in attendance who did not address the meeting:

Councillor T Evans

### 1. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON THE 30 OCTOBER 2018**

The Forum noted that Councillor Butler was in attendance as a deputy for Councillor M Evans (Whiteley Town Council) at the meeting of the 30 October 2018.

RESOLVED:

That subject to the above correction, the minutes of the previous meeting held on 30 October 2018 be approved and adopted.

### 2. **BURY FARM - A VERBAL UPDATE FROM COUNCILLOR HORRILL, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL.**

Councillor Horrill updated the Forum regarding the businesses at Bury Farm. An overview of the activity undertaken since the previous meeting was provided as summarised below:

- The Council had appointed a Bury Farm Business Support Advisor to lead on this important issue.
- A specific meeting was held in November with the Council, affected businesses and Crest.

- Of the 17 businesses impacted in Phase 1, fifteen had so far been able to successfully relocate.
- All businesses had received a letter in February 2019 from Crest with an update regarding the latest plans.
- The Council had written to all businesses with details of support available, including information regarding a grant that could assist with extraordinary relocation costs.
- There was an ongoing commitment to support the 28 remaining businesses that were due to relocate in later phases.

In responding to a number of questions from Forum Members, Councillor Horrill advised:

- that the current support arrangements were not currently time-limited.
- that the relocation grant was for up to £1,000 and that other grants were available.
- that dates for future phases were to be confirmed.

### 3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Chairman welcomed approximately 30 local residents and representatives of partner organisations to the meeting.

A number of residents addressed the Forum making a range of points, the key issues raised were:

- Concern was expressed regarding local air quality and a need for a cumulative air assessment that had regard to all development in the locality. The Forum was advised that a comprehensive Air Quality Statement did form part of the planning application in accordance with the Council's normal planning policies. Ongoing air quality monitoring would be undertaken.
- Questions were asked regarding the existing GP surgery and whether it would be able to meet future demand. The Forum was advised that this was a matter for the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) who had previously advised that the additional demand could be managed within the existing provision.
- A number of points were made regarding the proposed road layout and predicted traffic. Specific reference was also made to capacity issues at the M27 Parkway South roundabout. Officers confirmed that all of the required assessments and transport modelling had shown that the infrastructure proposals would be sufficient for the development. Modelling was undertaken and updated as and when adjacent development was brought forward.
- Clarification was sought regarding the definition of "substantially completed in 2019" in relation to Bluebell Way. Officers confirmed that it meant that it would be open to the public in 2019.
- The Forum was asked whether biodiversity improvements could be built into the development, specifically, the introduction of bird boxes, bat boxes and badger runs. The Forum was advised that as part of the

planning application a Biodiversity assessment was undertaken and a Green Infrastructure Delivery Strategy was prepared.

- Information was requested regarding the restrictions that would be in place for construction traffic. The Forum was advised that the Construction Management Plan had been recently completed and all construction traffic would be required to use Botley Road until Bluebell Way opened.

#### 4. **NORTH WHITELEY DEVELOPMENT FORUM PROGRESS REPORT AND UPDATE**

(Report NWDF 10 refers)

The Forum received and noted the report of the North Whiteley Implementation Officer which provided an update on progress with issues relating to the North Whiteley Major Development Area.

The Forum was briefed on a number of issues contained within the report, including that;

- It was anticipated that an official start date for work at Junction 9 would be September 2019, which was expected to take two years.
- Tree clearance was underway as part of the first phase to enable the extension of Bluebell way
- Tree clearance along the top section of the Botley Road had commenced which enables the provision of the Footpath/Cycleway.
- Contractors had been appointed for the Western Access junction with work starting in January 2019.
- Two of the housing developers had now submitted reserved matters applications for some parcels of land. If approved it was anticipated that this would enable construction to commence on site in April 2019.
- Hampshire County Council and Cornerstone CEA Primary School had agreed to reschedule the start of construction of the new school which was anticipated to open in September 2021.

The Forum raised a number of points concerning the detail of the report which were responded to as summarised below:

- Members raised a number of points concerning the detail of the report. In particular, questions were asked regarding the triggers required to enable the school build, the delivery of all-weather pitches and the 5-metre lighting posts along the B3051 cycleway. Regarding concerns with parking restrictions on Bluebell Way, Members were advised that this was an issue that should be raised with Transport Officers at Winchester City Council.
- Members further debated the issues concerning GP facilities and felt that an invitation should be extended to representatives of the Clinical Commissioning Group and/or the General Practice to attend a future meeting.

- Regarding the issues connected with Air Quality, it was suggested that a monitoring system was implemented to monitor compliance with the Air Quality Management Plan. The Forum was advised that the issue had already been raised with them and meetings were underway with Ward Members.
- Regarding questions over biodiversity, Members of the forum were advised that as the reserved matters applications come forward to the Planning Committee, that individuals or parish councils would be able to make representations to the committee. It was requested that an update be provided to the Forum on this issue at the next meeting.
- In response to a specific question, Councillor Humby reported that the County Council was responsible for approximately 1,500 bridges which were all regularly tested. He advised that no issues were known of in relation to the road bridges in the locality.

Finally, Officers from Hampshire County Council provided the Forum with an update of Transport Infrastructure issues, including; funding and progress at M27, Junction 9, Whiteley Way and Botley footpath and cycleway. In addition, officers updated the Forum regarding plans for R1, Whiteley Roundabout which was anticipated to commence Summer 2019 with a two year construction period. Following the awarding of this contract, a public exhibition was planned.

**RESOLVED:**

That the content of the report be noted.

The Chairman thanked those attending this meeting of the Forum.

The meeting commenced at 6.30 pm and concluded at 7.50 pm

Chairman