

## **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).
  - b. 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

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>Consider and advise upon the infrastructure required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Receive updates on the progress of development and compliance with relevant planning conditions and S106/S278 agreements</li> <li>Input into creation of a community development strategy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 S106/S278 agreements</li> </ul>
<p>Lead: Service Lead – Built Environment</p>	<p>Lead: Service Lead – Built Environment</p>	<p>Lead: Service Lead – Community &amp; Wellbeing</p>