

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

ETWALL

18th June 2013

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillor Mrs. Brown (Chairman) and Councillors Lemmon, Mrs. Patten, Roberts and Mrs. Plenderleith.

S. Batchelor (Director of Community & Planning), S. Cope (Economic Development) and D. Hackforth (Interim Planning Policy Manager).

Derbyshire County Council Representatives

Councillor Mrs. Patten.

G. Spencer (Improvement & Scrutiny Officer).

Parish Council / Meeting Representatives

I. Bennett, N. Ireland, B. Payton and D. Muller (Etwall Parish Council), T. Beresford and A. Holgate (Foston and Scropton Parish Council), M. Holland (Burnaston Parish Council), and S. Cooper (Hilton Parish Council)

Members of the Public

G. Wale, C. Beddows, B. Myring, R. Wherly and T. Wherly.

EA/1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from District and County Councillor Ford, District Councillor Bale, B. Cowley and M. Nesbitt.

EA/2. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

Councillor Mrs. Patten was elected Vice-Chairman of the Area Forum for the ensuing year.

EA/3. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman read a note advising those present on the activities of the Environmental Forum and a leaflet was distributed with further information. She announced that no further information was available on the Rail Hub application, other than the recent media coverage, detailing that property firm Goodman and Shepherd Group had confirmed it had entered into a partnership.

A meeting would take place the following week involving the District Council and the developer partnership. A resident requested the date of this meeting

and the Chairman responded that it was to be confirmed. A document from the Planning Inspectorate was available, which detailed the planning process for dealing with proposals for nationally significant infrastructure projects. The Chairman requested that this document be circulated to parish councils. She confirmed that there would be the opportunity for public consultation and the District and parish councils could also respond. Residents wishing to register any concerns could email them to Kevin Exley, one of the Council's Planning Policy Officers: kevin.exley@south-derbys.gov.uk. A discussion took place on the recent press article that had quoted '6,000 jobs at rail hub'. A resident asked the source of this figure and the Chairman responded that the statement had been given by the developers, which the local press had picked up. The Chairman confirmed that no plans for the development had been viewed by the District Council. Residents were urged to engage in the planning process and to register any concerns.

A resident referred to a proposed development at a site in Castle Donington. The Interim Planning Policy Manager advised that the Planning Inspectorate had been notified of the proposal to submit a pre-application, which was likely to be in the early part of next year.

The Chairman updated on the flood alleviation scheme, which was nearing completion. The Egginton phase of the project was due to be completed on 13th August, with the Hatton section already being complete and completion of the ancillary works by November 2013. The Chairman thanked Nestlé for their generosity and support for the scheme. She also gave an update on the planning application for the proposed Foston Pig Farm.

There was a discussion about the Local Plan, which was due to be published at the end of December or early in the New Year. The District Council was working closely with Amber Valley Borough, Derby City and Derbyshire County Councils. The Director of Community & Planning responded to a question regarding whether the Plan would encompass wind turbines, advising that very large proposals were dealt with by the Planning Inspectorate and smaller proposals would be determined through the District Council's planning application process.

EA/4. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Etwall Area Forum held 30th January 2013 were noted.

EA/5. **REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING**

The Chairman referred to the report circulated with the Agenda. She highlighted the issues raised at the last Meeting and the progress made to date. A resident raised a concern about the 'gold card' renewals item that 'the most common reason that a property did not appear on the site was if it was new'. The resident responded that this could not be the reason, quoting the ages of some of the properties concerned in this case. The Chairman asked the County Council's representative to report back the point raised and give an update to the next Area Forum.

A resident commented that the Tree Officer had given a good report at the last Area Forum and asked whether the District Council had an update on the Ash dieback situation. The Director of Community & Planning agreed to report to the next Area Forum.

He also gave an update on the new kerbside recycling scheme, due to commence in the Autumn of 2013. The new service would include the collection of cardboard and plastics in addition to the glass, cans, aerosols, foil, textiles, paper and magazines that were currently collected. A number of 'road shows' would be held and a dedicated page provided on the Council's website. Temporary staff would be employed to assist in the introduction of the new recycling service, to give advice to residents, at home if required. A resident asked whether wax cartons (tetra pack) would be included in the new recycling scheme. The Chairman asked that this be clarified at the next meeting.

EA/6. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS**

A resident asked about the future of the existing recycling 'bring' sites and whether there were any plans to reduce them. Councillor Mrs. Patten answered that a review would take place 6 months after the commencement of the new scheme.

EA/7. **DISTRICT COUNCIL ISSUES**

The Director of Community & Planning informed of the official opening of the artificial turf pitch at John Port School on Monday 24th June. The new pitch was the result of a partnership between the John Port School, Active Nation, the District Council and Hilton Harriers.

He also advised that the Council's Committee process would become paperless, resulting in savings. A resident raised a query on viewing planning applications on the website, stating that access was sometimes denied and not consistent when viewing a PDF document. The Director of Community & Planning was asked to look into the issue and report back to the next meeting.

The summer activities brochure was distributed and the Director of Community & Planning asked parish council representatives to promote this locally and give feedback on staff delivery.

EA/8. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date and venue of the next Etwall Area Forum would be confirmed in due course.

MRS. L. BROWN

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 8.10 p.m.