



Wolvercote Neighbourhood Forum

Steering Committee Meeting

Tuesday 2nd April 2019

10am. 65 Five Mile Drive

Present: John Bleach, Mary Brown, Christopher Hardman (Chairman), Katherine Kaye, Richard Lawrence-Wilson, Sadie Paige, David Stone, Cllr Liz Wade

Apologies: Cllr Paul Buckley, Cllr Steve Goddard

1. Minutes of the 1st March Steering Committee meeting were approved.

2. Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

- CH will contact Vikki Roe (CALA Homes) re publication of the minutes from their 7/2/19 meeting that will include WNF SC comments on design of the Mill Site Community Building. We understand that a name for the building is being explored.
- Street names for the Mill Site have been announced, and it was suggested that an information board explaining the origin of street names could be provided by CALA Homes.
- CH contacted Nadia Robinson (Oxford City Council) to find out what monitoring (in respect of RoSPA's safety concerns about the Mill Site) will be done to ensure that corrective action takes place. No reply yet.
- LW followed up concerns raised at 1/3/19 meeting re Planning Application 19/00488/VAR (Drewitt Court, 25 Godstow Road). City Council Officer to respond when paper documentation has been retrieved. SC's opinion is that the development should be limited to occupation by older people.

3. WNF Plan – Review of Representations.

Tom Morris (Oxford City Council) has provided access to the representations made in response to Regulation 16 consultation carried out in Oct/Nov 2018. The SC needs to provide its response to the representations to the Examiner, and agreed:

- to complete the task within four weeks
- for section owner to write response by policy
- to pair up where necessary

SP will co-ordinate responses.

4. Updates on Major Developments

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- The SC was disappointed to hear that the Planning Application was approved at the 12/3/19 West Area Planning Committee meeting – its main concern being the concentration and location of the affordable housing and air quality.

- **LW** has requested that air quality is measured near the Elsfield site, and will follow up with Michael Kemp and Allie Noel.

Wolvercote Paper Mill

The longer-term ownership and management of the Community Building was discussed:

- It is anticipated that CALA Homes will run the building for about three years after which it will need to transfer to another appropriate owner.
- It was agreed that discussions with potential future owners should start soon to allow for smooth transition, and that discussions with St Peter's Church would be a good starting point.

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- A revised Planning Application has been submitted and deadline for comments is 29th April 2019. An Environmental Statement has been uploaded to the Planning Application, and is also available from Robert Linnell at Savills.
- Our response to the previous application is available at <http://www.wolvercotenf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/181021-ref.18.02065.OUTFUL-Oxford-North-WNF.WCC-comments-1.pdf>
- It will be compared to revised application to see how/if our concerns were addressed. This analysis, together with a review of the environmental statement and any other additional documents, will inform our response.
- **CH** to request a 10-day extension to the 29/4 deadline.

Other plan related topics

- Oxford Local Plan 2036 is with the Examiner
- Oxfordshire's Joint Strategic Spatial Plan 2050 is out for consultation, but it was agreed that there is not the bandwidth to provide a Neighbourhood Forum response at this time.

5. Grant Applications

- **CH** presented a cheque from the Doris Field Charitable Trust for a £1000. The **SC** welcomed this contribution and expressed its thanks to the Trust.
- **RLW** advised that £990.01 has been received from Oxford City Council and the **SC** thanks **Cllr Steve Goddard** for this contribution from his local project fund.

6. AOB

KK: suggested that a project be set up to start monitoring air quality in the Neighbourhood Area in order to provide baseline data. The **SC** thought this was a good idea and **CH** will contact **AS** to see if Oxford Brookes students could be involved with this project.

CH: thanked **SP** for her contribution to the **SC** and advised that she will continue to be involved in a consultative role, primarily focused on the Neighbourhood Plan activities.

7. Date of next meeting: Friday 26th April, 2pm. 47 Rosamund Road. Focus on the Oxford North consultation response.

Meeting closed at 12pm. Thanks to Richard for hosting.

Sadie Paige 2/4/19