### Monday 28th January 2019

#### 5.30 – 7.00 pm

#### Hesters Way Resource Centre

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| **Present** |  |  |  |
| Charmian Sheppard | Volunteer, Chair | Mike Newby | Resident |
| Lloyd Kilford (HWP) | Resident, | T. Wheat | Resident |
| Andy Hayes, | HWP | Frank Austin | Resident |
| Georgie Austin | Volunteer | A Palat | Resident |
| Wendy Flynn (Cllr) | Resident | Colin Prottey | Resident |
| Susan Runciman | Resident | Maureen Dolan | Resident |
| Bonnie Toner | Resident | Jim Lodge | Resident |
| Anne Holderness | Volunteer | Simon Wheeler (Cllr) | Resident |

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| **Agenda Item 1 – Welcome**  Charmian welcomed everyone to the meeting. Each attendee introduced themselves to the group  **Apologies received from:** Suzanne Williams  Minutes of the previous meeting approved   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | **Actions list** |  |  | | 1 | Send any comments to AH by Thursday 7th December | All | Done | | 2 | AH to send comments to MN by Friday 7th December | AH | Done | | 3 | AH to collate responses re planning application and send to CBC | AH | No objections received | | 4 | AH to send out information re CBC CBH drop in on Dec 13th | AH | Done. The information advertised re the Cyber Hub was not included in the presentation | |  |
| **Agenda Item 1** Cyber Hub Masterplan Feedback  The aim of the today’s meeting is to offer a last opportunity for the community to express views about the draft Cyber Hub Masterplan design provided by Macdara Nidh informed initially by an analysis of the street audit conducted earlier in the year and through discussions with AECOM and community feedback on the first draft.  The following points were raised (some by letter after the meeting)  **Transport** featured heavily in the discussions;  The issue of current congestion was raised as it was regarded as unacceptable already and that the Cyber Hub development and housing at Springbank would lead to more traffic. Issues were noted particularly at the A40, Arle Court Roundabout, Telstar Way, Fiddlers Green Road. Reports show that 23,000 cars travel into Cheltenham every day  Many people were unaware of the current plans to widen roads, improve bridges, create new access for busses at the Park and Ride. SW offered information regarding plans and progress. AH to provide information and share with the group.  The issue of junction 10 of the M5 was also raised. The group felt that making the junction 4 way would reduce the cross-town traffic on all the routes mentioned earlier and PE Way. SW offered information regarding plans and progress which could be as early as 2020. AH to provide information and share with the group.  It was felt that no Cyber Hub development should start before transport infrastructure was in place.  Fiddlers Green Lane (FGL) was a particular issue on several counts;   * FGL is already overused and unfit for purpose * Suggestions in the masterplan that houses be built on FGL facing the development were not supported by residents of the homes backing onto FGL as they would overlook their properties * Widening FGL was not supported as it would entail removing the hedgerows * FGL should not be used for vehicular access to the Cyber Hub – options could be narrowing the road with traffic calming, (as in the masterplan) or making it one way.     The alternative access option presented in the masterplan via Pheasant Lane should be emphasised and encouraged as a second major access point for the Cyber Hub. This would also ensure a clearer route for traffic from Junction 10 when it is made 4 way and when the North West Cheltenham development is completed.  Building heights as described in the masterplan should be limited to 3 stories and this should be made clearer in the document. Note should also be taken of the contours of the land beyond the FGL hedgerow as it is higher than the adjacent land.  Parking issues (inconsiderate / dangerous) were discussed in relation to the streets around GCHQ . SW reported that the number of staff at GCHQ had been underestimated and that although parking is sufficient for full time staff, contractors are not accommodated and found offsite parking wherever they can. Some efforts had been made to make more car parking spaces available on Mondays and Fridays but the issue still remains.  Suggestions that a Park and Ride be set up at Staverton, and that parking be made available on the new Cyber Hub site were discussed. No unanimous decision was reached in relation to a solution to the parking issue.  It was agreed that in order to present a strong case for a new access road and reduced use of FGL, evidence would have to be gathered for the current congestion and pollution levels. AH to investigate the possibility of technical support from Locality to that end.  The masterplan document to be strengthened in respect of the traffic / transport points made (above).  Consideration of a separate transport section be added to the Neighbourhood Plan to take account of the whole area.  **Environment / Wildlife / Trees**  Largely the group supported the rest of the masterplan and felt that the drawings and overall concept were interesting and that the development looked like pleasant place to work and for leisure. There were suggestions that the sports pitches if floodlit might be an issue and that the water features may be relocated but that these were not major concerns.  It was felt important that trees and wildlife be protected as much as possible and that information be gathered to ensure we know what currently exists ad also how to best protect it. AH to investigate the possibility of technical support from Locality to that end or to establish if JCS or Cheltenham Borough Council reports already existed.  **Agenda Item 2 Green Space Audit**  Insufficient time was available to conduct the desktop study of green spaces, but attendees took away maps and would mark up at home ready for the next meeting.  **Agenda Item 3 Aims and Objectives Review**  Insufficient time was available to review the aims and objectives, but attendees took away paperwork and prepare comments ready for the next meeting.  **AOB**  **NOT MENTIONED;** There will be an opportunity to see plans for flats proposed by Cheltenham Borough Homes on the site of Monkscroft Villas on PW Way at Hester’s Way Community Resource Centre from 3.30-6.30pm on February 6th.. All welcome  **The meeting closed at 7.50 pm**  Next meeting: Monday 25th February 2019 5.30pm – 7pm  **Hesters Way Community Resource Centre**  Signed…………………………………………………………………………………………………  Name…………………………………………………………………………………………………..  Dated…………………………………………………………………………………………………..  **Actions**   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | **Actions list** |  | | 1 | AH to provide information and share with the group re A40 and Junction 10 developments. | AH | | 2 | AH to investigate the possibility of technical support from Locality re traffic numbers and pollution | AH | | 3 | The masterplan document to be strengthened in respect of the traffic / transport points made | AH | | 4 | Consideration of a separate transport section be added to the Neighbourhood Plan to take account of the whole area | Steering group | | 5 | AH to investigate existing reports / possible measures re current trees and wildlife status with a view to ensuring future protection | AH | | 6 | All attendees to do desktop / site study of green spaces near their homes ready for the next meeting | ALL | | 7 | Attendees to review aims and objectives paperwork at home ready for the next meeting. | ALL | | 8 | Attend Cheltenham Borough Homes drop in re Monkscroft Villas flats on PW Way at Hester’s Way Community Resource Centre from 3.30-6.30pm on February 6th. | All welcome | | 9 | Future meetings  5.30pm on Monday 25th March, Hesters Way Community Centre  5.30pm on Monday 23rd April, Hesters Way Community Centre | ALL | | **AH**  **AH**  **AH**  **AH**  **Steering Group**  **AH**  **ALL**  **ALL**  **ALL** |