### Monday 27th January 2020

#### 5.30 – 7.00 pm

#### Hesters Way Resource Centre

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| **Present** |  |  |  |
| Charmian Sheppard | Volunteer, Chair | Wendy Flynn | Cllr / resident |
| Maureen Dolan | Resident | Trudi Wheat | Resident |
| Jim Lodge | Resident | Andy Hayes | HWP |
| Bonnie Toner (Resident) | Resident | Christine Cooper | Resident |
| Tom Burrell | Resident |  |  |

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| **Agenda Item 1 – Welcome**  CS welcomed everyone to the meeting. Each attendee introduced themselves to the group  **Apologies received from:** Lloyd Kilford (HWP / Resident), Hope Thornton (TCV), Suzanne Williams (Cllr), Anne Holderness (volunteer)   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | **Actions list** |  | | 1 | AH to continue with a draft plan document using work completed to date **ONGOING** | **AH** | | 2 | TW agreed to take the Main Modifications papers away and report back with any findings **DONE** | **TW** | | 3 | AH to tweak the design and print 2k flyers ready for 12th December **DONE** | **AH** | | 4 | AH to set up the NDP display boards in the entranceway of Oasis on 11th Dec with an email / post code collection form, and flyers for the Forum. **Did not allow us to distribute leaflets but we did put up a display** | **AH** | | 5 | **HWF meetings**  5.30pm on Monday 24th February, Hesters Way Community Centre  **Coffee morning meetings at JTs Café 10.30am;**  Wednesday 5th February, JTs, Hesters Way Community Centre  Wednesday 19th February, JTs, Hesters Way Community Centre | **ALL** | | **AH** |
| **Agenda Item 1 Strategic Planning Document** (SPD)  AH gave a brief explanation of the SPD as the draft document describing the proposed developments in the Cyber Hub and Garden Village the west of Springbank and Fiddlers Green.  The draft SPD and appendix can be found here; <https://cybercentral.commonplace.is/>  The SPD is open for consultation between January 13th and February 17th. The HWF is preparing a response but individuals are free to make their own comments  The HWF has developed a masterplan for the area which can be found here; <http://hesterswayforum.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Hesters-Way-Masterplan_FINAL_24.04.19_LR.pdf>  **Agenda Item 2 Strategic Planning Document** (SPD) Feedback  AH, JL and TW had each made comments on the SPD and had discussed these at the coffee morning on January 22nd. The agenda followed the theses that emerged from those discussions.   * **Buffer zone.** All agreed that the buffer zone of 65 metres between houses backing onto Fiddlers Green Lane, Beverley and Juniper Courts and the Cyber Hub buildings is key to the success of the project as far as local residents are concerned. This should be a landscaped area with screening trees and shrubs and include good access to the development for walking and cycling. The first buildings on the cyber site should not be visible from the residences which back onto Fiddlers Green Road and should definitely not loom over them. The references to a buffer zone in the document should include Fiddlers Green Lane as well as Henley Road and Old Gloucester Road. There is a good description of the views of the group in the HW masterplan on p24. Any careful planning of the boundary buffer zone should include the HWF * **Fiddlers Green Lane (FGL).** The traffic on FGL should be reduced to a minimum and if possible be limited to a walking and cycling route.If vehicles do access the road that should be limited by either bollards to restrict width located at the brook near to Meadow Close on FGL (as at Caernarvon Road in Hatherley) or using weight restrictions. If traffic is allowed to use the road then chicane parking as shown in the masterplan on p22 should be used. Further narrowing could be installed at the junction of Niven Courtyard with FGL allowing safer walking and cycle crossing and access to the development through the hedgerow. This exit to FGL could be designed for use by emergency vehicles * **Building heights.** Building heights should be restricted in the vicinity of the housing on FGL and Beverley and Juniper Courts and should definitely not loom over properties on these roads as may be the case with the proposed “mid density mixed use” buildings. The proposed entry to the site at the FGL, Telstar Way roundabout should abide by the proposals regarding the buffer zone presented above.Buildings on the site should gradually increase in height with distance away from FGL. Some views from FGL to the west to be retained where possible. * An explanation of the need for greater densities would be useful as would the number of taller buildings above 3 stories. * **Community facilities.** The role, management and objectives of the Innovation Centre should be clarified. The community facilities described in the plan are minimal; will there be a community centre building? What services will it supply and how and by whom will it be managed? The local school could be relocated to the centre of the residential area so encouraging walking and cycling rather than car use especially at the busy peak commute times. * Sports and recreational facilities seem to have been omitted from the plan and yet are included in the HW strategy drawings. Where and what will be provided? * **Public art** The Public art section should reference the CBC Public Art strategy.   <https://democracy.cheltenham.gov.uk/documents/s24385/2017_12_05_CAB_Public%20Art%20Strategy_Appendix.pdf>   * **Transport access (bus and car)** Access to the development should encourage bus and cycle usage. Routes in should be agreed in the document and not simply “potential”. Some access to the development should be via the current residential areas. Eg Henley Road and Springbank Road. Where possible M5 Jn 10 developments should be completed prior to the site development. If this isn’t possible construction traffic should have no access to FGL. Park and ride facilities should be proposed and implemented prior to the site opening.   The document describes a modal shift in transport usage, clear evidence of how this will occur should be included.   * **Multi story car park.** Whilst its accepted that decked parking needs to be provided the location of the multi-story car park adjacent to housing and assessed from a bend on FGL is not suitable or safe. This car park would better serve the area nearer the center of the cyber provision. * **Parking proposals** Further underground parking at offices and apartments will be required to ensure overspill to nearby residential streets is minimized. A better explanation should be given for the “flexible and innovative approaches to the provision of residential parking” and ‘flexible approach to the application o parking standards to ensure development promotes modal shift’ – what do these phrases mean in practice?   Considering the current parking issues would a decked car park at the current GCHQ alleviate some of the current pressure and address future concerns   * **Other issues.** Concerns were raised regarding plans to build on the wildflower meadow in the fields next to FGL. The hedgerow at the top of FGL has been removed; this may be necessary in order to create the new road and the open spaces around the entrances to the site. Where possible hedgerows should be retained and if not, new habitats created for the species affected. The SPD describes potential development at Coronation Square; what will this depend upon?   **Agenda Item 3 Closing remarks**  WF explained that the CBC cabinet will be meeting on 17th February and will be discussing the SPD. HWF can table questions for the meeting if we supply them either to WF or personally before 12th February. A written answer will be supplied prior to the meeting but questioners who attend the cabinet meeting can ask supplementary questions to clarify answers given. WF is happy to share her proposed questions prior to the meeting and to ask questions on behalf of HWF members.  AH will write up the draft HWF responses gathered today and at the coffee meetings and send out with the minutes. A final version will be supplied to the group and posted via the consultation website after the coffee meeting on February 5th. Any comments to AH prior to the 5th Feb would be appreciated.  **The meeting closed at 7.20 pm**  Next meeting: Monday 24th February 2020 5.30pm – 7pm  **Hesters Way Community Resource Centre**  Signed…………………………………………………………………………………………………  Name…………………………………………………………………………………………………..  Dated…………………………………………………………………………………………………..  **Actions**   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | **Actions list** |  | | 1 | AH to continue with a draft plan document using work completed to date | **AH** | | 2 | HWF members to send any questions for CBC cabinet meeting to WF before 12th February | **WF** | | 3 | WF to share her proposed questions prior to the meeting | **All / WFH** | | 4 | AH to prepare draft HWF response to SPD asap | **AH** | | 5 | All to comment on draft SPD response by 5th Feb | **ALL** | | 6 | AH to send HWF response via web portal before 17th Feb | **AH** | | 7 | **Future HWF meetings, Hesters Way Community Centre**  5.30pm on Monday 24th February  5.30pm on Monday 30th March,  **Coffee mornings, JTs Café HWCRC**  10.30am February 5th  10.30am February 19th | **ALL** | | **WF**  **All**  **AH** |