

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

BARWELL & EARL SHILTON SCRUTINY GROUP

17 DECEMBER 2012 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: Mr K Nichols - Chairman

Mr DM Gould, Mr MS Hulbert, Mr C Ladkin and Mrs J Richards

Officers in attendance: Richard Crosthwaite, Rebecca Grant and Simon Wood

25 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Allen and Councillor Mrs Smith.

26 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 2012 were agreed.

Mr Nichols stated that he had not received the reports Severn Trent agreed to forward. Mr Wood confirmed he would look into this.

27 BARWELL SUE UPDATE

The transport assessment from LCC was circulated.

Applicants are aware of the findings of the assessment and are comfortable with the position with regards to the modelling and are continuing in discussions with HBBC and LCC. The Strategic Transport Assessment (STA) for the Area Action Plan will be presented at the January meeting of this committee and officers from LCC will be invited to attend, together with the transport consultant responsible for the preparation of the STA. It was requested that the impacts and modelling be presented in 'laymans' terms. In order for LCC Officers to attend scrutiny meetings it has been advised that permission must now be sought from the Chief Executive of LCC. A letter is to be drafted to be sent out on behalf of the Scrutiny Commission to seek permission for the attendance of relevant LCC Officers at future meetings of this Group. Mr Nichols to raise with Scrutiny Commission on Thursday 20 December.

The agents have submitted an addendum to the Environmental Statement which provides a review of the ecological implications of the revised green infrastructure proposals. The amendments include;

1. a widened landscape buffer around the Local Wildlife Site;
2. the number of footpath crossings over the River Tweed has been reduced to two; and
3. a section of land adjacent to Ashby Road that was proposed for housing has been set aside for landscaping to protect views of the Grade II listed Barwell House Farm.

An addendum to the Planning Statement and also the Design and Access Statement has also been submitted. Neighbour notification letters have been sent out to all residents surrounding the site and 20 site notices have been posted around the site, within Barwell Village Centre and within Stapleton.

A link to the documents will be circulated to Councillors.

28 EARL SHILTON SUE UPDATE

Ongoing discussions with agents. Plans are scheduled to be submitted March/April 2013. Officers chasing the waste water treatment odour report that had been expected from STW on Friday 14 December.

29 SUE INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIREMENTS UPDATE

Updates given included:

Education

Ongoing discussions with applicants, LCC and HBBC. Agreement that primary school facilities needed in SUE and contributions towards any necessary improvements to Secondary/Upper schools to accommodate additional pupil numbers.

Play & Open Space

A formula has been agreed for maintenance contributions. The applicant has suggested that they would like to put forward a proposal for a management board to facilitate this. Parish Council to be contacted re involvement in these discussions.

Affordable Housing

Discussions still ongoing. At the present time 20% has been earmarked for affordable housing in line with the adopted Core Strategy requirement.

Police and PCT

Discussions ongoing.

30 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting be held on 21 January 2013.

(The Meeting closed at 7.30 pm)