

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

BARWELL & EARL SHILTON SCRUTINY GROUP

7 MARCH 2012 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: Mr K Nichols - Chairman

Mr RG Allen, Mr DM Gould, Mr MS Hulbert, Mr C Ladkin, Mrs J Richards and Mrs H Smith

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

5 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a correct record.

6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared at this stage.

7 AREA ACTION PLAN

The Scrutiny Group received a presentation on the Area Action Plan (AAP) which outlined the development of the AAP, consultation processes undertaken, content of the AAP, current status and future process. It was reported that discussions were currently underway regarding two planning applications for the SUE areas – the application for the Barwell SUE was more advanced than the one for Earl Shilton. The developers were aware that no decision on the applications would be made until the AAP had been through the inspection process. Members were assured that any applications must mitigate the identified risks.

With regard to public realm improvements, it was stated that developers couldn't be asked to put money into existing facilities, but their development would have to show the impact of the SUE on the existing realm and look at community facilities provided, drawing people to existing facilities, creating community cohesion and showing how they are supporting the aspirations in the AAP. A village fund would be used to improve the existing centres.

In response to concerns about traffic it was noted firstly that Highways would be invited to the next meeting (and their transport modelling work may have been completed by that time) and secondly that the developers of the Barwell SUE would be submitting a traffic assessment with their application, which would be undertaken independently of the County Council. Members were reassured that the Inspector would require us to demonstrate that issues raised by Members and the public had been addressed.

The need for family homes rather than flats was also discussed and officers suggested that the developers were unlikely to propose many flats as they were aware there was very little requirement for them.

8 WORK PROGRAMME

Members agreed the work programme as follows:

1. Highways (attendance by LCC & , developers, our consultant from Capita) (next meeting);
2. Infrastructure Plan (including PCT, Education);
3. Sewage works;
4. Regeneration;
5. Financing nrastructure improvements including Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL);
6. Affordable Housing;
7. Strategic Transport Assessment;
8. Employment.

9 DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

It was agreed that the next meetings would be held on 4 April and 2 May 2012.

(The Meeting closed at 7.55 pm)