

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

BARWELL & EARL SHILTON SCRUTINY GROUP

2 MAY 2012 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: Mr K Nichols - Chairman

Mr RG Allen, Mr DM Gould, Mrs J Richards and Mrs H Smith

Officers in attendance: Rebecca Grant, Cathy Horton and Simon Wood

15 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Mr Hulbert and Mr Ladkin.

16 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared at this stage.

18 BRIEFING ON APPLICATION RECEIVED RE BARWELL SUE

Planning officers gave a presentation on the present position of the application. The presentation also outlined the processes and timescales for the progression of the application.

The points raised are outlined below:

It was explained to Members that the document received from the developers submitting their application was presented in a technical and extensive format and a Design and Access Statement was an easier document to follow and would be a good starting point for Members and public to follow. A Planning Statement containing a technical summary is also available to consult.

The Planning Department are in the process of setting up a dedicated website which will be available via a link from the home page of the Council's website. It was suggested that the wording 'we suggest a starting point is' is used to help steer the public in the right direction. The statutory consultees' views will be available online. All documents will also be available for viewing in the Council's reception.

The consultation process will run alongside the Area Action Plan with consultations carried out in phases. As this is an extensive application it will be a more beneficial process to put together alterations/amendments and present in blocks so as not to bombard the public. The normal length of time between the end of the consultation period and being presented to committee will be extended due to the complexity of the application.

Earl Shilton SUE will hopefully come together in the summer and it is anticipated that outline planning permission for both projects will be presented to Planning Committee by the end of this year or early next.

County Council and other associated parties have fed into the process so far and will continue to work with the Council. The Model of Transport will be completed by end of July and consultants will then be invited back to report to this committee. The developers will then need to make any revisions necessary and this will then be fed back to the committee.

Carousel Park, although not part of the development, have been consulted and have no comments at the present time.

Contribution levels are yet to be agreed. S106 or SIL monies may be available but the impact on Barwell and Earl Shilton town centres will need to be demonstrated. The location of the proposed health centre could be located in the new development, in the town centre or midway between again the options will all be explored. Monies for schools/police/affordable housing etc will be available through the normal planning policy channels.

It was agreed that a disc be supplied to Members containing the Design and Access Statement.

19 WORK PROGRAMME

Members agreed the work programme as follows:

1. Briefing on the planning application received (next meeting);
2. Sewage works (Severn Trent to be invited);
3. Infrastructure Plan (including PCT, Education);
4. Regeneration;
5. Financing infrastructure improvements including Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL);
6. Affordable Housing;
7. Strategic Transport Assessment;
8. Employment.

20 DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on 30 May 2012.

(The Meeting closed at 7.35 pm)