

BOROUGH OF KETTERING

EAST KETTERING LIAISON FORUM

MEETING HELD: 7th September 2017

Present :

Councillor Lloyd Bunday (Chair)
Councillors, Mark Rowley, John Currall, Duncan Bain, Shirley Lynch, Ruth Groome, Andrew Dutton, Clark Mitchell, Anne Lee and Phillip Hollobone (Kettering Borough Council)
Councillors Victoria Perry and Eileen Hales, MBE (Northamptonshire County Council)
Councillors Victoria Lamb (Warkton Parish Council) Fergus Macdonald (Burton Latimer Town Council), and Stephen Pickard (Cranford Parish Council)
Daniel Oladejo (Environment Agency)
Dr Tom Kelly (CPRE)
Merlyn Gray (Churches Together)

Also Present:

Fourteen members of the public.

KBC Officers:

Lisa Hyde, Louise Holland, Gavin Ferries and Pritesh Shah

Callum Galluzzo (Committee Administrator)

NCC Officers:

Kingsley Cook (Highways) and Chris Wickens (NCC Education)

Developers:

Alan Wordie (Hanwood Park)

Members of the Press:

None

Apologies:

Cllr Russell Roberts, Cllr Linda Adams, Rob Harbour, Martin Hammond, Edmund Fox (David Wilson Homes) Stephen Catchpole (South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership), Toni Wilkin (Weekley Parish Council), Chris Groome (Burton Latimer Town Council and Hilary Chipping (South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership)

REF	Item/Issue	Response/Action	Responsibility	Timescale
17.EKLF.08	<p><u>ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR</u></p> <p><u>RESOLVED</u> that Councillor Victoria Lamb be elected Deputy Chair</p>			
17.EKLF.09	<p><u>NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 22nd JUNE 2017</u></p> <p>The notes of the meeting held on 22nd June 2017 were agreed by the members of the forum as a true record of the meeting subject to the following amendments.</p>	<p>16.EKLF.23 – Councillor Groome asked for an update regarding junction d be provided at the next forum</p>		
17.EKLF.10	<p><u>ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE NOTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u></p> <p>Signs have not been replaced in Warkton that had been reported damaged in the previous forum.</p>	<p>Kingsley Cook (Highways) will check this and update at the next meeting.</p>		
17.EKLF.11	<p>The Timeline for Delivery, Action Plan and Infrastructure Updates were given verbally and in a presentation to the Forum as follows:</p> <p><u>Developer Update</u> (Alan Wordie – Hanwood Park LLP)</p> <p>Alan Wordie of Hanwood Park LLP provided an update regarding a timeline that was requested by members of the forum. Agreements had been achieved between relevant parties and the Home and Communities Agency. Terms were being signed and reports should be completed within the next 4 weeks (end of October) By the end of the year agreements should be in place regarding utilities along with other infrastructure elements</p> <p>The forum heard that a more accurate timeline for delivery will be provided at the next East Kettering Liaison Forum in December.</p>			

	<p><u>Highways Update</u></p> <p>Kingsley Cook of Northamptonshire Highways attended the forum and gave an update relating to off-site junctions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A number of topographic surveys and utility reports were needed with regards to a number of Junctions. Design work was also progressing and draft designs should be completed by the end of October 2017. - Traffic Calming around Cranford was now being consulted upon with residents and in consultation with the Parish Council, Road space bookings shall be carried out before Christmas 2017. - Design work on the Traffic Calming in Warkton lane has started along with a topographical survey. 			
	<p><u>NCC Education Update</u></p> <p>Chris Wickens of Northamptonshire County Council Education provided an update on the challenges and on-going progress in relation to the Hayfield Cross School site.</p> <p>It was heard that due to the circumstances facing the school that no permanent solution can be found until the school is connected to permanent utility facilities.</p> <p>NCC reiterated their ongoing commitment to the school and to achieving the best environment for pupils to learn in.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A new 'slave' generator is due to be installed in the next week to act as a backup power supply should the primary generator fail as has happened in the past. - The school will soon be connected to the main sewage network thanks to a temporary drainage system that will be put in place to the newly installed pipelines. The cess pit that currently facilitates the school shall remain. - Improvements have also been made to the internet connectivity to the school ensuring that there is a stable and adequate connection. - Additional parking was also being looked at with a number of possible schemes including additional parking spaces within the 			

	school grounds and off the main road.			
	<p><u>Planning Update</u> (KBC)</p> <p>Louise Holland provided an update relating to the developments across the East Kettering Site:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planning consent for the East Kettering Site included provisions for a community and leisure facility. Health services are to be determined at a later date but there was an opportunity to combine these facilities into a single building. - The Health Study is currently in final draft with the Joint Delivery Unit (JDU). - Meetings are due to take place between partner organisation including the NHS and CCG. - It was noted that there were a number of partner organisations that need to work together to ensure the best possible outcome for the development. - 81 Units are due to be built by the end of the year (2017) with 36 of these occupied. 10 of these dwellings will be classed as affordable homes. 			
	<p><u>Developer Contributions</u> (KBC)</p> <p>Louise Holland presented a report relating to the use of developer contributions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To date £928,000 had been received from David Wilson Homes, this had been provisionally allocated as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The design/construction of Junction (C) at Windmill Ave/Deeble Road £600,000 ▪ Cranford traffic calming measures £65,000 ▪ 1st repayment with regards to the loan to build the primary school at Hayfield Cross £250,000 - Since the last forum in June, a payment for Quarter 2 had been received from David Wilson Homes. - £300,000 had been paid to the County Council toward Junction (c) works and the first repayment of the school loan, £250,000 has been made to the Homes and Communities Agency. Commitments 			

	<p>at this time are a further £300,000 for Junction (c) and Cranford Village Traffic Calming (£65,000)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It was anticipated that a further £671,000 will be received in the 2017 calendar year. This money will be spent on further repayment of the primary school loan. - The primary school account at mid July 2017 stood at £5,205,024. - The Council had attracted funds from other sources, which will enable some additional works to be progressed. 			
<p>17.EKLF.12</p>	<p><u>QUESTIONS</u></p> <p>Q. What are the designs for the Traffic Calming in Cranford as there has been no consultation with the Parish Council contrary to the update.</p> <p>Q. Surely junctions C, D and E should be looked at as a matter of urgency as these are major junctions and may be quite expensive</p> <p>Q. Can you clarify what will be included with the Traffic Calming measure in Cranford? Will the scheme include physical measures?</p>	<p>A. Designers had given the impression that all parties had been consulted with and that the designs would continue as planned. NCC to investigate and feedback to residents and Cranford Parish Council.</p> <p>A. These junctions are in early stages of design and are currently being looked into. Draft design work should be available by the end of October 2017.</p> <p>A. The Traffic Calming scheme will involve moving the 30mph speed limit to other parts of the area as well as including pedestrian crossing points. This dual improvement will include physical measures.</p>	<p>Kingsley Cook (NCC)</p> <p>Kingsley Cook (NCC)</p> <p>Kingsley Cook (NCC)</p>	

	<p>Q. There is a danger that if parking is placed along Cranford Road without Traffic Calming measures in space then this will pose a possible risk to parents and to pupils.</p> <p>Q. Who is responsible for maintaining the hedge line along the Hanwood Boundary, is it the developer as this is severely overgrown and causes a problem to visibility for drivers.</p> <p>Q. Can you explain what is happening regarding the connection to the main sewer system for the Hayfield School?</p> <p>Q. Whose responsibility is it to maintain the road to the school?</p> <p>Q. Can anything be done to reduce the speed-limit along Cranford road to 20mph as this is a school area?</p>	<p>A. Solutions are currently being looked at. Plans will be brought forward.</p> <p>A. Majority of the boundary with Hanwood Park is secured via wire fencing. Although there may be a problem in places. The hedge line will be cut back.</p> <p>A. The School currently has access to a cess pit that is emptied weekly by a tanker, this is funded by NCC. Due to the completion of works by Anglian Water, we are now in a position where we can access this via a temporary line to the school.</p> <p>A. NCC currently fund the temporary fixes that help to maintain the school. The developer does maintain the temporary road.</p> <p>A. Unfortunately due to the nature of the road and the position of the access point. This would need a traffic order. One of the things the authority looks at is whether the speed is natural to drivers and it would not be a viable option to alter the speed limit along this road to 20mph.</p>	<p>Kingsley Cook (NCC)</p> <p>Alan Wordie (Hanwood)</p> <p>Kingsley Cook (NCC)</p>	
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	<p>Q. Although the road signs say 30mph, the road markings still say 40mph meaning that any speed limit restrictions are not enforceable, can something be done to correct this?</p> <p>Q. Is it possible to have adequate signage installed surrounding the entrance to the school, for example the flashing 30mph signs that can be used or something notifying drivers of that the school is there.</p> <p>Q. As Kier are responsible for maintaining and marking roads, would it be possible to invite them along to the next forum to seek clarification.</p> <p>Q. Are buildings currently being built to level 6 of the planning code?</p> <p>Q. Junction d is an important junction in Kettering, what is the progress with regards to this junction and what will the improvement work involve?</p>	<p>A. The 40mph that was displayed on the road to the east access point has now been removed and westbound access does state 30mph, Clarification needed as contradictive reports have been received.</p> <p>A. That is certainly something that can be looked into.</p> <p>A. We can certainly invite a representative from Kier to a forum meeting.</p> <p>A. We are currently discussing sustainability and accessibility with developers/housebuilders.</p> <p>A. This Junction is currently in the preliminary stages at the moment. Design work is currently ongoing and preliminary designs should be available by the end of October 2017 when we will have more knowledge of how the junction will look.</p>	<p>Kingsley Cook (NCC)</p> <p>Chris Wickens (NCC)</p> <p>Louise Holland</p>	
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17.EKLF.13	<p><u>ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education update • Junction d 			
17.EKLF.14	<p><u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>7th December 2017</p>			

(The meeting started at 6.00pm and ended at 7.05pm)

Signed

Chair