

Thorpebury Liaison Group

26th April 2023

44th meeting

Teams Meeting

Attendees

- Councillor Brenda Seaton (BS) – Charnwood Borough Council, Leicestershire County Council and Thurmaston Parish Council
- Councillor Owen Bentley (OB) – Barkby & Barkby Thorpe Parish Council and BABTAG
- Councillor Lynn Westwood (LW) - Thurmaston Parish Council
- Mark Pickrell (MP) – Charnwood Borough Council
- Geoff Mee (GM) – Leicester City Council
- Margaret Shutt (MS) – Duck Pond residents' representative
- Helen Bareford (HB) – DWH
- Joshua Dollin (JD) – DWH
- Richard Wain (RW) - Hawksmoor
- Will Martin (WM) – CEG
- Victoria Walker (VW) - CEG

Introductions and welcome

First Phase Project Update

JD explained that 30 homes on the DWH site are now occupied and occupations at William Davis are in the single figures. The infrastructure for phase one is now complete. Discussions are underway with County regarding the access to Hamilton Lane and the technical information will soon be submitted for approval. OB queried if this was one or two routes. JD explained that it mirrors the arrangement at Barkby Thorpe Road with both roads connecting to Hamilton Lane on the bend, it involves a change in priority.

The public open space is being established with tree planting underway along with the soft landscaping on the Barkby Thorpe Road side of the site.

In terms of the Road Safety Audit (RSA), the white lining to the roads is now complete so JD is liaising with County to arrange the RSA. There is one broken manhole cover and there will be a road closure on the 3rd May to rectify this. JD is hopeful that the RSA will be within the next 2 – 3 weeks, best guess by the end of May.

Barkby and Barkby Thorpe Road Mitigation Measures

WM explained that the drawings have been submitted to County. The lighting design is being undertaken by County. We are aware this is important and sensitive, and we felt it would be swifter for County to deliver this work as they will need to approve it.

The S bend calming measures (proposed cushion) has been removed. WM presented at the recent Barkby & Barkby Thorpe Parish Council and there haven't been any further changes.

He explained that the investigation works need to be done to check on deliverability but that won't delay the RSA or the consultation process. The lighting scheme should be back imminently, and we

will liaise with the group and landowners regarding this. OB queried if he should assist in liaising with LCC, but WM felt that they are being proactive, and we should hear back soon so it wouldn't be necessary just yet.

County will deliver the public event which would explain how the works will be delivered. This will enable people to ask questions. RW is to request confirmation of this process from Brookbanks.

ACTION POINT

Southern Link Road update

GM explained that Savills have shared an initial report and LCC is reviewing. CEG has responded to the queries raised. GM apologised that the planning officer hasn't progressed the detailed design yet due to time pressures.

RW explained that there had been an initial meeting to review the designs that had been approved through the initial planning permission and that the peer review by consultants was being used to ensure the design if the southern link road is robust from all sides.

MS queried the timelines and GM acknowledged the initial timelines had slipped but he would know more in the coming months. The land negotiation activity isn't holding up planning and highways and the trigger in the S106 is 575 homes.

OB queried the trigger point and asked if 603 homes could be built, RW clarified it is still 575.

Any other business

OB queried the County's response to the two Travel Plan applications. One is for the housebuilder's reserved Matters application, and one is site wide, with similar feedback. HB explained that the transport consultant is reviewing the comments and will submit further information to address the points.

It was queried if the large Davidsons sign near the duck pond area needed planning permission as it seems out of place. MP agreed to look into this.

RW thanked Cllr Seaton for the response regarding the Public Right of Way, he is content that County has agreed regarding surfacing.

Cllr Seaton highlighted the County's response to the recent Bellway scheme which highlighted that they hadn't taken into account the 4,500 home Thorpebury development and needed to go away and respond with a worst-case scenario.

MS has received a resident enquiry regarding where they can find out more information about traffic management. OB said a summary of the trigger points on the website would be useful. On the masterplan page there is some information, but it isn't comprehensive. OB agreed to send VW some thoughts on this so VW could add further information to the website where possible. **ACTION POINT**

Cllr Seaton queried if anything could be displayed, and it was agreed that VW would produce a poster explaining where more information was available so it could be put up at the Parish Council offices. VW also agreed to pick up with the web hosting company regarding the security issues some are having in accessing the website. **ACTION POINT**

Date of Next Meeting

11am on the 26th of June.