

Thorpebury Liaison Group

1st February 2024

48th meeting

Teams Meeting

Attendees

- Councillor Brenda Seaton (BS) – Charnwood Borough Council, Leicestershire County Council and Thurmaston Parish Council (part meeting)
- Councillor Owen Bentley (OB) – Barkby & Barkby Thorpe Parish Council and BABTAG
- Councillor Paul Fletcher - Barkby & Barkby Thorpe Parish Council
- Councillor Lynn Westwood (LW) - Thurmaston Parish Council
- Mark Pickrell (MP) – Charnwood Borough Council
- Joshua Dollin (JD) – DWH
- Helen Bareford (HB) – DWH
- Will Martin (WM) – CEG
- Victoria Walker (VW) - CEG

Apologies

- Geoff Mee (GM) – Leicester City Council
- Maggie Shutt – Duck Pond Residents
- Richard Wain (RW) - Hawksmoor

Introductions and welcome

Action points arising from last meeting

Project update

WM explained that there is a meeting with the City Council next week regarding the Southern Link road.

The next phase of development would be west of phase one towards the district centre.

JD confirmed that together the three housebuilders have now completed 119 homes, of which 105 are now occupied.

Hamilton Lane S278 works are projected to start on the 29th March 2024 and there is a 12 -week programme and this section of Hamilton Lane would have some temporary closures. The housebuilders continue dialogue with County and, as the process is still ongoing, there might be further changes to the programme. The exact date will be confirmed 2-weeks before and letters will go to local properties. JD will supply a copy of the letter so VW can circulate this to the liaison group. JD confirmed that he is liaising with City and County regarding which properties receive the letter.

ACTION POINT – JD/VW

JD explained that in terms of the Barkby Thorpe Road remedial measures (including replacing kerbs, signage, white line etc...) the aim is to seek to complete this either just before or just after the S278

works. He didn't anticipate this will require any road closures, however, for the safety of workers, short closures of less than 24 hours are possible if works are centred within the carriageway.

It was queried if the width restrictor – Pinch either side and grass verge – will have bollards installed on the kerb. JS explained that this needs highways approval and is still being discussed so it is not yet confirmed.

In terms of the Hamilton Lane lighting, the proposals are still being agreed with LCC, but it will be similar to the lighting scheme on Barkby Thorpe Road and is likely to run from the 90-degree bend to the existing give way feature where the speed hump is.

Transport

WM confirmed that we have agreed the plans that will go out to consultation, and these are now with County. County Council will determine when they go out to consultation and will run the consultation. CEG and its highways team from Brookbanks have agreed to attend the meeting/event once we know what date this will be held. As it is County's consultation we will need to share any feedback directly with the County Council.

It was highlighted that another car ended up in the cricket field heading down the hill towards Barkby. This issue of speeding vehicles (with it being a 60mph limit) is likely to be raised as part of the consultation). WM confirmed that CEG supports the Parish with regards to a speed reduction here, but it is for County to determine.

It was discussed if concerns such as this could delay County implementing the measures.

WM confirmed the mini roundabout and speed humps all remain within the mitigation measure proposals.

LW highlighted that there have been a couple of near misses coming towards Barkby Thorpe Road, south of the development (south of Barkby Thorpe Road) chicane. Is there anything that can be done here, such as moving it to the brow of the hill?

JD confirmed that there were restrictions, including the farm entrances, which prevented this. The Road Safety Audit is County's regulatory process and following the audit, it has been confirmed that it does conform. There will be additional signage erected here and JD will look to see if these could happen before the works at Hamilton Lane.

WM confirmed that we are in dialogue with bus provider and await their commercial terms so we can explore the detail. CEG has selected a preferred operator, and we are moving towards a commercial contract. It is a S106 requirement, and the trigger point is 175 dwellings.

The aim is for this to become a 30 min services and hourly on Sundays, subject to route and operational requirements.

We will be working through how it will operate and Health and Safety on the site, the aim is to have a service which will use the cricket pavilion/community hub area as a turning point.

It was queried if the bus route will use Hill Top Road or Barkby Thorpe Road to access the City. WM says the intention is to use Barkby Thorpe Road in the interim, but we have raised the Southern Link Road with the operator we are negotiating with.

OB queried William Davis advertisements mention driving distances and highlighted it would be helpful if this referred to sustainable travel. JD/HB agreed to feedback, albeit we cannot control their advertising. ACTION POINT – JD/HB

Sustainable travel packs will be supplied to new residents, and these include sustainable travel incentives. (This is part of the travel plan agreed as part of the planning permission).

Cllr Seaton said that she had been asked to raise Duck Pond HGVs – out of Highway Road. A sign has been erected to say left turn only as HGVs should not go right from Highways Road. It was discussed that this could be a sat nav issue from vehicles being directed from Asda island. Cllr Seaton confirmed it is being policed.

JD confirmed that all vehicles coming to the site have a routing map and details confirming which roads they are permitted to use. If there are any concerns that a supplier is not using their permitted routes then please provide license plates and the housebuilders will take action.

Any other business

Recent flooding was raised, and JD confirmed that as part of the S278 works there will be a replacement of the existing culvert which goes under the road. There will be road gulleys installed on any road where a new kerb is being installed.

WM also confirmed that in terms of surface water drainage and Melton Brook, the surface water attenuation for phase one is significant as this also takes into account the next phases. In terms of where the road as you go towards Scraftoft, we are also downstream of this.

OB also raised that Barkby Brook has also had two floods which have caused significant problems at Syston. Some of the fields included within our development were flooded. The village itself, including the Brookside pub also flooded for example. The extreme weather is getting worse, are we happy that the flood measures for the wider development are still enough.

It was explained that through subsequent Reserved Matters (detailed) planning applications these are all revisited and they have to take account of greenfield run off rates and future climate change as well when future planning applications come forwards. MP confirmed that the agreed Site Wide Drainage Strategy is revisited on a phase-by-phase basis.

LW raised the development on Barkby Thorpe Lane (Bellway applications) MP explained that these are on-going applications and there are still discussions with regards to the relationship between these applications and the northern access road. Cllr Seaton also highlighted that their Traffic Assessment hadn't included the Thorpebury development or some of the other approved/allocated developments elsewhere as well. WM confirmed that CEG has objected to the Bellway applications.

Date of Next Meeting

10am- 11am Thursday 18th April – Teams call. VW to circulate a link