

Thorpebury Liaison Group Meeting

50th Meeting

Wednesday 3rd July 2024 at 11am

Elizabeth Park Centre, Thurmaston

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
- Joshua Dollin (JD) – DWH
- Victoria Walker (VW) - CEG

Apologies

- Tom Nightingale (TN) - DWH
- Maggie Shutt – Duck Pond Residents
- Richard Wain (RW) - Hawksmoor

1. Welcome, introductions and apologies

Victoria Walker (VW) informed the team that sadly Will Martin has just left CEG. Apologies have been received from Richard Wain and Richard has provided an update for today's meeting.

The group asked for their thanks to be passed onto Will regarding how well he has conducted the meetings which VW said she would share with Will and the team.

2. Action points arising from last meeting

There were no action points arising from the April meeting.

3. Project update

Joshua Dollin (JD) explained that there are now 135 occupations between the three developers. This is based on figures supplied in May from Davidsons and William Davis.

Owen Bentley (OB) asked if Charnwood is monitoring housing delivery numbers. Mark Pickrell (MP) explained that Charnwood is monitoring as part of the 5-year supply and housing trajectory. They are reasonably comfortable regarding how things are going at Thorpebury. Overall, numbers wise they are there or thereabouts but not a massive margin

for error. The Statement of Common Ground produced for Thorpebury earlier this year is reasonably up to date.

OB queried the latest trajectory which assumes some homes from the HA1 site, but the 5-year supply doesn't mention any of them, why is this, are you not dependent on them? MP explained that there are two parallel issues and permission required for one so that might explain any differences, as some sites are just at pre application stage. A further trajectory will be published shortly.

JD explained that the Barkbythorpe remedial works will require some road closures and highlighted that the gate welds have all been deliberately smashed which will now need new foundations as part of these closures. A temporary fix has been undertaken to the gate. Hamilton Lane and Barkbythorpe Road cannot be closed at the same time. A meeting has been arranged tomorrow morning with LCC which in theory will agree the start date for Hamilton La (speculatively we are hoping this could be 22/7/24) and Barkbythorpe Road would follow on from that, the latter just being spot repair rather than a full closure. To note: It has now been confirmed the Hamilton Lane S278 works start date is now 05.08.24.

Hamilton Lane works would be approximately three months. Cllr Seaton queried the gate design and JD explained that the design of the gate can't be amended as it needs to be opened by emergency services. He has had mobile camera units watching it in the past and by the time security is triggered the damage is done.

4. Southern Link Road update

Geoff Mee (GM) said he had a meeting with the CEG team a fortnight ago, all due diligence has been done and both positions are now being considered. Still moving but no firm updates as of yet.

OB queried the planning application for land west of Hilltop Road. It's a City application and was uploaded on the Charnwood site as CBC is a consultee on the matter but it is in pre app stage and the applicant had requested that the advice was provided from LCiC on a confidential basis at this stage. MP said that William Josey is the officer dealing with this.

5. Any other business

Bus service query – discussions are being concluded with preferred operator and more information will be available at the next meeting

Query regarding out of site planning applications in the locality - MP explained there are two applications, the Bellway application HA7 and the Taylor Wimpey application HA1, which is larger scale. VW explained that Richard Wain (RW) has provided an update as follows: The

land is allocated in the emerging plan. Representations have been made previously to ensure there is no impact on the delivery of the SUE. CEG and its team continue to monitor all pre-app and application matters and will make necessary consultation responses in due course.

6. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 4th September 2pm – Teams link to be circulated.