

Thorpebury Liaison Group Meeting

54th Meeting

Thursday 10 April 2025 at 2pm

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
- Councillor Lynn Westwood (LW) - Thurmaston Parish Council
- Joshua Dollin (JD) – DWH
- Ellis Mawby - DWH
- Victoria Walker (VW) - CEG

Apologies

- Mark Pickrell – Charnwood Borough Council
- Geoff Mee – Leicester City Council
- Greg Pollard – Leicester City Council
- Richard Wain (RW) – Hawksmoor
- Maggie Shutt – Duck Pond Residents

1. Welcome, introductions and apologies

2. Action points arising from last meeting

There were no actions arising from the February meeting.

3. Project update

JD explained that occupation numbers have only risen slightly since the last meeting when some circa 200 occupations had been reached.

Remediation work has continued in terms of landscaping and public open space with the tarmac being laid and new trees planted. Conversations continue with Land Trust and hopefully in July, management handover will take place.

The foundations for the community portacabins are now in. The cabins should be in situ in approximately four weeks now that planning is sorted. The team is just coordinating utility connections.

There is a meeting on 15th April with Leicestershire City Council (LCC) to finalise the start date for the works on Barkby Thorpe Road. This will include remedial works to the pinch/gate posts,

as well as delivery of speed cushions, signage and white line painting. There have also been discussions regarding the additional measures near the crest of the hill.

Once timescales are finalised JD will share the timeline so VW can circulate to liaison group members. **ACTION POINT**

Update from JD supplied below: JD confirmed he has met with both Leicestershire County and City councils yesterday, regarding road space for the remedial works on Barkbythorpe Road. Still some work to be finalised, but tentatively the school summer holidays was advised as the best timing in the council's opinion.

OB queried the 60mph gap on Hamilton Lane and if this would be reduced to 30 mph. JD advised that LCC is requesting the speed cushions are removed so it is though this might remain at 60 mph.

4. Transport

In terms of the works that need to happen on Barkby Thorpe Road, discussions continue with County regarding the legal agreement, once this is signed there will be a pre start meeting with LCC to agree the tender and construction programme. In the meantime, on site investigations including road cores and CCTV investigations are planned in the next 4 – 6 weeks. Technical approvals are likely to take 4 – 6 weeks. The tender programme for the contractor is likely to take between 8 and 12 weeks. Construction itself will take 8 weeks.

OB queried if there had been any amendments to the mitigation measures that were proposed in the consultation in both Barkby and in Barkby Thorpe. **ACTION POINT – RW to confirm.**

In terms of the bus service, legals are still be finalised and due to the tight deadlines on the timetable slots we have just missed the April date and the service target start date is now 14 July. The bus timetable, route and stops for what is to be known as service 21T are all agreed. The route the bus is planned to take from Thorpebury is Redlands Road (close to Barkby Thorpe Road junction), then via Barkby Thorpe Road, Barkby Road, Catherine Street into Leicester city centre. It will run half-hourly Monday to Saturday daytime and hourly evenings. Hourly on Sundays and it would be part of the Leicester Buses partnership

Remedial works for the new bus drop off/pick up point at the cricket pavilion car park have been instructed and there would be an automated bus gate on the entrance to the car park. VW agreed to put information to Thurmaston Times for the next edition subject to legal agreements being in place. **ACTION POINT – VW.**

6. Any other business

Cllr Seaton highlighted an email from the occupants of the bungalow next door to the Berrystead Care home. They are concerned that the route of the Southern Link Road seems to go through their property/garden. Please can the team confirm **ACTION POINT – RW.**

The timescale for delivery of the primary school was queried. VW to liaise with RW and confirm **– ACTION POINT.**

7. Date of next meeting

2pm 12th June 2025 – a Teams invitation will be circulated.