

BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

REPORT of the PLANS & ENVIRONMENT MEETING

THURSDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2014 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Mr G Sanders (In the Chair), Miss A Ambrose, Miss S Betts, Mr J Dodd, Mrs I Whailing, Mr W Wright.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mr D Tilley, Executive Officer & Town Clerk, Miss J Leech, Assistant Executive Officer (Admin)

APOLOGIES: Mr R Berrington, Mr S Maxwell, Mr D Widdowson.

1. Disclosure of Interest from Members

There were no disclosures by Members of any Disclosable Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests

2. Public Participation

In accordance with Standing Orders 16f and 70 the meeting was adjourned to give an opportunity for members of the public present to raise matters of public interest for the purpose of making representations, giving evidence or answering questions.

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

3. Report of the Meeting held on 16th October 2014

The Report of the Meeting held on 16th October 2014 was taken as read and signed by the Chairperson.

4. Planning Applications – To note the Action Taken Under Delegated Powers

RESOLVED: That the action taken under Standing Order No.71 (c) in forwarding the following observations to Blaby District Council be approved:-

14/0946/1/AY Mitchells and Butler. Harvester, Meridian Leisure. Display of 4 internally illuminated post sign and 2 non illuminated awnings (8 in total). *The height of the illuminated signs, hours of use and level of lighting should be in accordance with the District Council's Lighting Policy and restricted so as not to (a) be of nuisance to nearby residents and/or road users in terms of glare or (b) create unnecessary levels of lighting or light spillage. In respect of sign no.7, the Town Council considers the sign to be unacceptable due to considerations of detrimental impact on public safety due to possible distraction of drivers, cyclists and pedestrians, and being in a prominent and conspicuous location. The existing signage for the site is located well away from the main highway and this proposal could set a precedent from other outlets making similar applications.*

14/0960/1/PX E I Electrical Installations, Plot 4 Meridian West. Construction of a concrete base and erection of a storage building. *No observations.*

5. Planning Applications

RESOLVED That the following observations be forwarded to Blaby District Council:-

14/0968/1/NMAT Mr A Fryer, 24 Holmfield Avenue East. Application for non-material amendments to planning permission 14/0276/1/HPX. *No observations.*

14/1027/1/HPX 31 Una Avenue. First Floor side extension. *In accordance with the Local Plan Policy T7 replacement of on-site parking facilities should be provided:- dwellings with more than 4 bedrooms – 3 spaces, 3 or less bedrooms – 2 spaces, 1 bedroom flats/bedsits – 1 space. The occupiers of neighbouring properties should be fully consulted in connection with the proposals.*

6. Leicester Local Plan Issues and Options

Draft observations on the Leicester City Local Plan Issues and Options consultation document dated October 2014 were received.

RESOLVED

That the following observations be submitted to Leicester City Council in response to the consultation:-

Housing Growth

Braunstone Town Council supports Leicester City Council's existing strategy for new housing, particularly to continue with the planned housing development at Hamilton and Aston Green, and to continue to encourage a mix of uses in inner city regeneration sites.

Accessing the City

As part of its Residential Travel Plan, the developers of the Lubbethorpe Development state that the development proposal will provide opportunities to use modes other than the private car by providing regular and frequent bus services between the site and the City Centre, and in addition, cycle routes will be provided within the site, linking into the existing cycle route infrastructure. The Town Council would support any works to improve public transport links into the City along the A47 and linking into the proposed Lubbethorpe Development, in co-ordination with neighbouring partners. A co-ordinated approach to providing a linked cycleway/footpath from the development to the City would also be supported.

7. Lubbethorpe Strategic Consultative Board

Feedback from the Lubbethorpe Strategic Consultation Board Meeting held 30th October 2014 was received. The main issue covered had been the medical facilities in that NHS England was expecting the Lubbethorpe facility to only accommodate 1800 patients, which could impact further on existing neighbouring services. There had also been representatives from the Police and the Fire Brigade present. A significant concern for Braunstone Town residents would be the increase in traffic, in addition to further developments around the Fosse Park area, which could adversely affect the capacity of Junction 21 of the motorway. The Executive Officer & Town Clerk reminded members of a previous scheme proposed by the Highways Agency to create a direct link from the southbound M1 to the M69.

RESOLVED

That at the next meeting of the Lubbethorpe Strategic Consultative Board, Town Council Representatives raise whether there was any future potential for a direct link from the Southbound M1 to the M69, in an effort to reduce traffic flows around Junction 21.

and Members agreed that to raise this at the next meeting of the Lubbesthorpe Strategic Consultative Board as to whether there were any future potential for a similar scheme in an effort to reduce traffic flows around Junction 21.

8. Termination of Meeting

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

NOTE:

CRIME & DISORDER ACT 1998 (SECTION 17) – The Council has an obligation to consider Crime & Disorder implications of all its activities and to do all that it can to prevent Crime and Disorder in its area.

EQUALITIES ACT 2010

Braunstone Town Council has a duty in carrying out its functions to have due regard to:-

- eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation;
- advance equality of opportunity between different groups; and;
- foster good relations between different groups

To ensure that no person receives less favorable treatment on the basis of race, disability, sex, gender re-assignment, sexual orientation, age, religion or belief, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy or maternity.

These issues were considered in connection with each of the above decisions. Unless otherwise stated under each item of this report, there were no implications.