



BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

PUBLIC INSPECTION OF PLANS AND PARTICIPATION

1. The Planning Applications can be inspected at the offices of Blaby District Council to whom representations should be made and they are also available Blaby District Council's website at www.blaby.gov.uk under Planning Application Search
2. A list of the applications to be considered by the Town Council's Planning & Environment Committee are listed on the Town Council's website www.braunstonetowncouncil.org.uk
3. The applications will be considered by the Braunstone Town Council's Planning and Environment Committee, which may make its own observations and forward them to the relevant Planning Authority.
4. Braunstone Town Council and Blaby District Council have introduced procedures to enable applicants, objectors and supporters to speak on applications brought before their relevant Committees.

3rd February 2021

To: Councillor Robert Waterton (Chair), Phil Moitt (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Anthea Ambrose, Sohan Johal, Leanne Lee, Dipen Nathwani, Satindra Sangha, Darshan Singh, Christiane Startin-Lorent and Marion Waterton and Mr John Dodd (Ex-Officio).

Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the **PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** to be held by Zoom Video Conferencing (details below) on **Thursday 11th February 2021** commencing at **7.00pm**, for the transaction of the business as set out below.

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If any Town Councillor wishes to attend in person, please contact the Town Clerk's Office on 0116 289 9270 or executiveofficer@braunstonetowncouncil.org.uk no later than Tuesday 8th December 2020.

Yours sincerely,



Executive Officer & Town Clerk

AGENDA

1. **Apologies**
To receive apologies for absence.
2. **Disclosures of Interest**
To receive disclosures of Interest in respect of items on this agenda:
 - a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests,
 - b) Other Interests (Non-Pecuniary).
3. **Public Participation**
Members of the public may make representations, give evidence or answer questions in respect of any item of business included on the agenda. At the discretion of the Chairperson the meeting may be adjourned to give members of the public present an opportunity to raise other matters of public interest.
4. **Minutes of the Meeting held 10th December 2020**
To confirm the accuracy of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th December 2020 to be signed by the Chairperson (**Enclosed**).
5. **Planning and Licensing Applications dealt with under Delegated Authority**
To receive and note responses to planning and licensing applications taken under Delegated Authority (**Enclosed**).

6. **Planning and Licensing Applications**

To agree observations on planning and licensing applications received (Enclosed).

7. **Additional Planning and Licensing Applications**

To agree observations on planning and licensing applications received since the publication of the agenda (if any).

8. **Neighbourhood Planning**

To review the position concerning whether the Town should be designated as a Neighbourhood for the purposes of undertaking a Neighbourhood Plan (Enclosed).

9. **Lubbesthorpe**

To receive feedback from a meeting held on 27th January 2021 relating to the impact of the New Lubbesthorpe development on the wider area, and to identify any issues for discussion at the next meeting scheduled for 10th March 2021 (Enclosed).

Next Scheduled Meeting: Thursday 11th March 2021.



NOTE:

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

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- 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 favourable treatment on the basis of race, disability, sex, gender re-assignment, sexual orientation, age, religion or belief, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy or maternity.

BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

HELD USING ZOOM VIDEO AND WEB CONFERENCING SOFTWARE

THURSDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2020

PRESENT: Councillor Robert Waterton (Chair), Councillor Phil Moitt (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Anthea Ambrose, Sam Fox-Kennedy (substituting for Councillor Satindra Sangha), Paul Kennedy (substituting for Councillor Leanne Lee), Sohan Johal, Dipen Nathwani, Darshan Singh, Christiane Startin-Lorent and Marion Waterton.

Officers in attendance: Darren Tilley, Executive Officer & Town Clerk.

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

165. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Satindra Sangha and Leanne Lee.

166. Disclosures of Interest

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

167. Public Participation

In accordance with Standing Order 3.6, members of the public may attend the meeting for the purpose of making representations, giving evidence or answering questions in respect of any item of business included on the agenda.

There were no members of the public present.

168. Minutes of the Meeting held 29th October 2020

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 29th October 2020 were circulated (item 4 on the agenda).

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 29th October 2020 be approved and signed by the Chairperson as a correct record.

169. Planning and Licensing Applications dealt with under Delegated Authority

The Committee noted there were no planning and licensing applications taken under Delegated Authority.

170. Planning Applications and Licensing Applications

The Committee received details of a planning application to be considered by Blaby District Council (item 6 on the agenda). The Committee noted that there were no licensing applications.

RESOLVED that the following response be forwarded to Blaby District Council:

Planning Application

1. **Application No:** 20/1159/HH
- Description:** Single storey side extension with front canopy and internal alterations
- Location:** 84 Cleveleys Avenue (Ravenhurst & Fosse Ward)
- Response:** *Braunstone Town Council does not object to the application; subject to:*
- a) *on-site parking for at least two vehicles being made available for use prior to occupation and remaining available in perpetuity; and*
 - b) *no windows or openings in the side elevation of the extension without the explicit consent of the local planning authority.*
- Reasons:** *The property was located on a street with similar side extensions; however:*
- a) *Cleveleys Avenue was a narrow street and any over parking on the highway (including footway and verge) could impact adversely on highway safety; and*
 - b) *any windows or openings in the side elevation of the extension could adversely affect the privacy of the neighbouring property.*

171. Additional Planning and Licensing Applications

The Committee received details of planning applications received since the publication of the agenda (item 7 on the agenda). The Committee noted that there were no licensing applications.

RESOLVED that the following responses be forwarded to Blaby District Council:

2. **Application No:** 20/1308/ADV
- Description:** Display of illuminated and non-illuminated advertisements to shop front.

Location: 266 Braunstone Lane (Winstanley Ward)

Response: *Braunstone Town Council does not object to the application, subject to the signs:*

- a) not presenting any danger to highway users, nor obscuring visibility or hindering surveillance;*
- b) being maintained in a good condition; and*
- c) the height, and where applicable the hours of use and maximum luminance levels, being in accordance with the District Council's Lighting Policy.*

Reasons:

- a) To avoid any adverse impact on highway users and to avoid hindrance to crime prevention measures.*
- b) To maintain the visual amenity.*
- c) To avoid adverse impact on highway users in terms of visibility and glare and unnecessary levels of light spillage.*

3. Application No: 20/1098/HH

Description: Demolish existing garden store and conservatory and erect a single storey rear extension with decking area and erection of 2.2-metre-high fence panels to boundary

Location: 21 Headley Road (Ravenhurst & Fosse Ward)

Response: *Braunstone Town Council does not object to the application; subject to:*

- a) no windows or openings in the side elevation of the extension without the explicit consent of the local planning authority; and*
- b) the 2.2 metre high fence panels to the boundary being installed prior to work commencing on the decking area and retained / maintained while the decking area remains in situ.*

Reason: *To avoid an adverse impact on the privacy enjoyed by the occupants of the neighbouring property.*

4. Application No: 20/1352/HH

Description: Convert existing garage to living space

Location: 38 Burchnall Road (Thorpe Astley Ward)

Response: *Braunstone Town Council does not object to the garage conversion; subject to the on-site parking being provided for 3 vehicles prior to the conversion and remaining permanently available.*

Reason: *The property was likely to be a four bed roomed property and the conversion would provide five bedrooms; there was already significant on-street parking on Burchnall Road and any additional parking on the highway (including the footway) would present additional highway safety concerns.*

5. Application No: 20/1197/HH

Description: Proposed two storey side and single storey rear extension

Location: 20 Tom Paine Close (Thorpe Astley Ward)

Response: *Braunstone Town Council objected to the proposals as submitted.*

Reason: *The proposed window / opening in the side elevation of the extension would adversely affect the privacy of the neighbouring property.*

172. Planning Decisions

The Committee received and noted planning decisions made by Blaby District Council (item 8 on the agenda).

RESOLVED that a meeting (potentially via Zoom) be requested with the Planning Case Officer, with the Chair, Vice-Chair and Executive Officer & Town Clerk, in respect of the decision for application 20/1002/FUL, Change of use of an existing outbuilding from ancillary residential use to that of a nail bar and beauty salon (Sui Generis class use), at 3 Shottery Avenue.

Reason for Decision

To recognise that the business environment for retail, hospitality and personal services was rapidly changing and in anticipation of similar changes of use applications in the future, to understand the relevant planning provisions which could be applied in a predominantly residential area to strike a balance between sustainable business activity and residential use.

173. Feedback on Planning Application Decisions

The Committee noted that there were no planning application decisions by Blaby District Council where the Committee had queried the decision and feedback was awaited.

174. Review of Arrangements for responding to Planning & Licensing Applications under Delegated Authority

The Committee reviewed the balance between ensuring that the Council responded to planning and licensing applications which may have a significant impact upon the surrounding area, while maintaining capacity to deliver on the Committee's non-planning and licensing application business (item 10 on the agenda).

RESOLVED that the process for dealing with planning and licensing application responses under delegated authority, as set out in the report, be approved until the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2021.

Reason for Decision

To strike a balance between ensuring that the Council responded to planning and licensing applications which may have a significant impact upon the surrounding area, while maintaining capacity to deliver on the Committee's non-planning and licensing application business and recognising that the Council would continue to respond to the impact of Covid-19 through the winter and into spring 2021 in terms of delivering corporate and service responsibilities, recovery of services, health and safety requirements, priority projects and supporting the coordination and development of the Community Response.

175. Lubbesthorpe

The Committee considered progress with how Braunstone Town Council should be involved in discussions with local parishes relating to the impact of the New Lubbesthorpe development on the parish and the wider area, particularly concerning infrastructure improvements and housing and service provision.

RESOLVED that a meeting be arranged early in 2021 with local parishes, using Zoom Video Conferencing.

Reason for Decision

To receive an update on progress with the development and to address any matters relating to its impact on the parish and the wider area.

176. Planning & Environment Objectives

The Committee considered the Planning & Environment Priorities and Objectives and determine whether they were relevant to address current and emerging issues faced by the Council and the community (item 12 on the agenda).

RESOLVED THAT IT BE RECOMMENDED TO POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE that the Planning & Environment Priorities and Objectives be approved, as set out in the report; subject to the structure of Objective 5 being reformatted as follows:

5. "To work with others to minimise the impact from:
 - (a) traffic; and
 - (b) air and light pollution".

Reason for Decision

The Council's priorities continued to be the focus for delivering a vision for local services and an environment which reached the highest possible standards. The Council's objectives were relevant and reflected changing issues within the community.

177. Financial Comparisons

The Committee received Financial Comparisons for the period 1st April 2020 to 30th November 2020 (item 13 on the agenda).

RESOLVED that the report be noted

Reason for Decision

There were no issues of concern with the income and expenditure against the budget for 2021/2021.

178. Capital Plan and Budget Estimates 2021/2022

The Committee considered a Statement of Expenditure for 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020, a list of capital projects for 2021/2022 and beyond and a proposed budget for 2021/2022 for recommendation to Policy & Resources Committee (item 14 on the agenda).

RESOLVED THAT IT BE RECOMMENDED TO POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE THAT IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL

1. that the draft Estimates for the Planning and Environment Committee, as attached at Appendix 2, be included in the Budget Estimates for 2021/2022;
2. that the Capital Plan be updated to roll forward into 2021/22 "gateway signage to the Town at the Parish Boundary with Lubbesthorpe on the new road connecting Thorpe Astley with Lubbesthorpe", while the part at the entrances to Thorpe Astley estate be identified for completion by March 2021; and
3. that a new item be included on the Capital Plan from 2021/22 until 2025/26 "To provide new, improved and enhanced notice boards at key locations over 5 years".

Reason for Decision

1. *To ensure appropriate resources for Planning and Environment Services.*
2. *The Town Council was responsible for the Town's place signs. It was anticipated that the gateway signs to Thorpe Astley would be installed prior to the end of the current Capital Plan period on 31st March 2021. The new gateway sign to the Town would be installed on Meridian Way extension when this section of road was adopted by Leicestershire County Council.*
3. *Over the past few years, many notice boards had fallen into disrepair and had been removed. Some existing notice boards were in need of refurbishment and replacement. Some notice boards were located where there wasn't a high level of footfall, while some key locations did not have notice boards.*

179. 5G Mast Installations

The Committee considered a request from the Chair of the Committee to discuss the processes around 5G mast installations.

The Chair, Councillor Robert Waterton, advised that electronic networks were part of the permitted development process and he explained the system of "Prior Approval". Under this process Blaby District Council, as the Planning Authority, had recently considered two applications in the Town as follows:

- a) 20/0540/TEL: Kingsway adjacent to Narborough Road South West Service Road; and
- b) 20/0799/TEL: Meridian Way.

On 20/0799/TEL, Meridian Way, the Town Council was informally consulted by the installation company and an application to determine if Prior Approval was required was submitted in August, when the Town Council provided a formal response.

In both cases, the Planning Authority had negotiated a reduction in height of both masts to make them more compatible with the street scene.

RESOLVED

1. that Blaby District Council be formally thanked for their work in getting the size of the masts reduced in the case of applications 20/0540/TEL and 20/0799/TEL;
2. that Blaby District Council be requested:
 - a) develop communication arrangements with Parishes concerning the details surrounding 5G roll-out and the approval process,
 - b) to obtain and/or share a proposals map for 5G coverage, and
 - c) comment on the known human health impact (if any) of the 5G Masts and associated equipment, and
3. that Leicestershire County Council Highways be asked to clarify their policy and approach in respect to permitting installations on highway land.

Reasons for Decision

1. *Reduction in the height of the Masts compared to the original proposals had reduced the adverse impact upon the visual amenity of the street scene.*
2. *It was important to engage local communities in the roll out of 5G infrastructure and to deal with this at a strategic level not just at an individual application level; reassurances about any potential health impacts would benefit residents, particularly where Masts were located adjacent to domestic dwellings.*
3. *To clarify the policy approach given parishes faced restrictions and charges when utilising street furniture, such as lamp posts.*

180. Approval of Accounts

The Committee considered payments between 21st October 2020 and 30th November 2020 (item 16 on the agenda).

RESOLVED that the list of Approved Expenditure Transactions for the Period 21st October 2020 until 30th November 2020 be approved.

Reason for Decision

To authorise payments in accordance with the Accounts & Audit Regulations and the Council's Financial Regulations.

181. Houses in Multiple Occupation

That in view of the special / confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it is in the public interest that the press/public be temporary excluded and they be instructed to withdraw (Standing Orders 3.5 and 3.7 apply). Reasons for exception – Personal Information and Information provided in confidence.

The Committee received an update on known and potential Houses in Multiple Occupation in Braunstone Town and setting out feedback and issues which have been identified (item 17 on the agenda).

RESOLVED

1. that clarification be sought from Blaby District Council concerning planning change of use for the following licensed Houses in Multiple Occupation:
 - (a) 19/0017/HMO, 6 Hazel Drive, licenced for 8 people and 8 households, and
 - (b) 18/0003/HMO, 17 Narborough Road South, licenced for 8 people and 1 household; and
2. that a report be submitted to the meeting of the Committee, scheduled for January 2022, providing an update on known and potential Houses in Multiple Occupation in Braunstone Town and setting out feedback and issues which had been identified.

Reasons for Decision

- 1. To monitor the growth in Houses in Multiple Occupation in order to protect amenity and ensure provision was in the most appropriate location and to an appropriate standard.*
- 2. To monitor the expansion of Houses in Multiple Occupation, to ensure that such properties were properly regulated and to ensure that communities were not adversely affected.*

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

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To ensure that no person receives less favourable 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.

These minutes are a draft and are subject to consideration for approval at the next meeting scheduled for Thursday 11th February 2021.

BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 11TH FEBRUARY 2021

Item 5 – Planning and Licensing Applications dealt with under Delegated Authority

Purpose

To receive and note responses to planning and licensing applications taken under Delegated Authority.

Planning Application

- 1. Application No:** 20/1200/HH
- Description:** Single storey side and rear extension and loft conversion, to include dormer roofs and hip to gable conversion
- Location:** 61 Radford Drive Braunstone Town Leicestershire LE3 3DR (Winstanley Ward)
- Response:**
- Braunstone Town Council does not object to the single storey side and rear extensions, subject to no windows, doors or openings at any time in the side elevation of the extension without the explicit consent of the local planning authority; and*
 - Braunstone Town Council objects to the dormer roofs and hip to gable conversion of the loft and recommends refusal.*
- Reasons:**
- The extension was single storey on a large plot and therefore was unlikely to have an adverse impact on the neighbouring properties; other than any windows, doors or openings in the side elevation would have an adverse impact upon the privacy enjoyed by the neighbouring property.*
 - The design of the dormer and hip to gable on the front of the property would be out of keeping with the character and design of the area and would introduce a discordant element to the street scene. The rear dormer and hip to gable would have an adverse impact upon the privacy enjoyed by neighbouring properties, particularly the garden of the bungalow on Beech Drive, where there would be the additional impact of overbearing effect.*

- 2. Application No:** 20/1188/FUL
- Description:** Change of Use from Office (Class Use E) to Alternative Curriculum Training Facility (Class Use F.1) (Retrospective)
- Location:** 64 Amy Street Braunstone Town Leicestershire LE3 2FB (Ravenhurst & Fosse Ward)
- Response:** *Braunstone Town Council does not object to the Change of Use application; subject to:*
- (a) the hours of operation being restricted to 8am – 5pm on weekdays, with no hours of operation at weekends and on public holidays; and*
 - (b) the recommendations and actions set out in the Flood Risk Assessment and Flood Warning Evacuation Plan being implemented. NOTE: the applicant should obtain consent where the plans involve use of other private property; for example, the Braunstone Working Men’s Club Car Park.*
- Reasons:** *The site was already being used for non-domestic purposes and no external alterations were proposed; however:*
- (a) the hours of operation should be restricted to avoid adverse impact on the amenity enjoyed by the surrounding residential properties, in terms of noise, traffic and comings and goings; and*
 - (b) to ensure the safety of users and employees in the event of severe flooding.*
- 3. Application No:** 20/1330/HH
- Description:** Retention of outbuilding in rear garden
- Location:** 59 Watergate Lane Braunstone Town Leicestershire LE3 2XQ (Millfield Ward)
- Response:** *Braunstone Town Council recommends that the following conditions be applied to any approval of the Outbuilding:*
- a) being used for normal domestic uses related to the residential use of the dwelling;*
 - b) not being used to create a separate residential unit;*
 - c) not being separately sold, let or otherwise disposed of; and*
 - d) no windows or openings in the rear or side elevations of the outbuilding without the explicit consent of the local planning authority.*

- Reasons:**
- a) *To avoid noise and disturbance impacting on the amenity enjoyed by the neighbouring properties;*
 - b) *the outbuilding's layout would provide cramped living conditions and had no internal amenities or separate external amenity space;*
 - c) *to avoid overdevelopment of the site/tandem development; and*
 - d) *To avoid any adverse impact on the amenity enjoyed by neighbouring properties in terms of privacy and noise, given the details of the boundary treatment was unclear from the plans.*
- 4. Application No:** 20/1210/HH
- Description:** Two storey side, front and rear extensions and single storey rear extension
- Location:** 370 Braunstone Lane Braunstone Town
Leicestershire LE3 3DE (Winstanley Ward)
- Response:** *Braunstone Town Council objects to the proposed front extension because:*
- a) *the two-storey front extension protrudes slightly further forward than the adjacent front corner point on the two-storey front extension of the neighbouring property at 368 Braunstone Lane; and*
 - b) *the single-storey pitched roof porch protrudes slightly further forward than the adjacent front corner point on the front single-storey extension of the neighbouring property at 368 Braunstone Lane.*
- Reason:** *While the design of the front elevation itself would represent an improvement to the visual amenity of the street scene; permitting building further forward than neighbouring properties would set a precedent and allow the introduction of discordant elements, which would have an adverse impact on the overall visual amenity of the street scene.*
- 5. Application No:** 20/1268/HH
- Description:** Two storey rear and side extension and alterations to roof pitch
- Location:** 30 Hilcot Green Braunstone Town Leicestershire LE3 3SY (Thorpe Astley Ward)
- Response:** *Braunstone Town Council recommends that the following conditions be applied to any approval:*
- a) *on-site parking provision provided within the curtilage of the property for 3 vehicles; which must*

- be of hardbound permeable material and remain available for parking in perpetuity; and*
- b) the windows in the side elevation being of opaque glass and no additional windows or openings without the prior approval of the local planning authority.*

Reasons:

- a) The proposal was for five bedrooms and any additional off-site parking would potentially obstruct access and manoeuvrability of the turning circle and/or lead to parking on public open space, which would be detrimental to this amenity; and*
- b) to protect the amenity of the properties on the other side of the road in terms of privacy, given 30 Hilcot Green was on higher ground and overlooked these properties.*

BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 11TH FEBRUARY 2021

Item 6 – Planning and Licensing Applications

Purpose

To agree observations on planning and licensing applications received.

Planning Application

- 1. Application No:** 20/1269/FUL

Description: Change of use from C3 (dwelling) to C2 (residential institution) children's home to accommodate a maximum of 4 children aged 8-18 years old.

Location: 17 Narborough Road South Braunstone Town
Leicestershire LE3 2HA (Ravenhurst & Fosse Ward)
- 2. Application No:** 20/1275/CLP

Description: Lawful Development Certificate for a proposed single storey side extension.

Location: 9 Foxon Way Thorpe Astley Braunstone Town
Leicestershire (Thorpe Astley Ward)
- 3. Application No:** 21/0072/VAR

Description: Variation of condition 2 (Approved Drawings) & 11 (parking layout) of 20/0297/FUL

Location: Land Adjacent To McDonalds Meridian East Meridian
Business Park Braunstone Town (Meridian Ward)

Licensing Application

- 1. Application:** Noorjahan's Kitchen T/A Rice & Spice

Description: Application Renewal

Location: Centurion Way Meridian Business Park

BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 11TH FEBRUARY 2021

Item 8 – Neighbourhood Planning

Purpose

To review the position concerning whether the Town should be designated as a Neighbourhood for the purposes of undertaking a Neighbourhood Plan.

Background

In November each year, Planning & Environment Committee undertake a review of the position concerning whether the Town should be designated as a Neighbourhood for the purposes of undertaking a Neighbourhood Plan.

On 10th September 2020, the Committee received details of the Planning & Environment Committee's business and determined arrangements for its prioritisation and scheduling during the Covid-19 pandemic (Minute 144).

To allow for Neighbourhood Planning to be considered in the context of the Government's response to the White Paper – Planning for the Future; the Committee agreed that the annual item on Neighbourhood Planning should be scheduled on 11th February 2021.

Planning for the Future

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government published a White Paper in August 2020 "Planning for the future" proposing an overhaul of the planning and development control system in England.

The headline proposal was that, through Local Plans, all land would fall into one of three categories: Growth areas suitable for substantial development, Renewal areas suitable for development, and areas that are Protected.

The consultation on the White Paper lasted for 12 weeks from 6th August 2020 to 29th October 2020 and on 10th September 2020, the Committee approved the Town Council's consultation response (Minute 147).

Currently the page on the Government's website says the consultation is closed and "*visit this page again soon to download the outcome to this public feedback*".

The Committee had hoped that the post consultation proposals would have been published by now in order to determine whether any changes to the planning system would result in a refocussing of the Town Council's role in responding to consultations on individual planning applications towards the policy framework and particularly through Neighbourhood Planning.

Therefore, in order to properly consider the impact of any changes to the planning system it is recommended that the scheduled review for this meeting be postponed and the matter reconsidered again by the Committee at the regular annual review in November 2021.

Recommendation

That the report be noted; and the next review of Neighbourhood Planning be scheduled for November 2021.

Reason

There was insufficient information available at the current time to determine whether the Council should reconsider its position on Neighbourhood Planning; given the UK Government had not published the consultation results nor the post consultation proposals following publication of its White Paper in August 2020: "Planning for the Future".

BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL (BTC)

LUBBESTHORPE MEETING, 27.01.2021,10.30am (held on Zoom)

Present: Cllr Bob Waterton (BTC), Cllr Anthea Ambrose (BTC), Cllr Chris Frost (Kirby Muxloe PC), Cllr Norma Beck (Kirby Muxloe PC), Cllr Malcolm Fox (Kirby Muxlow PC), Cllr David Di Palma (Leicester Forest East PC), Claire Griffin and Judith Coles (Support Workers to Cllr David Di Palma).

Matters discussed:

1. Role of Blaby District Council (BDC)

BTC had asked if BDC officers could facilitate Lubbesthorpe meetings. BDC's response was that it could not spare staff time for this purpose but was willing to supply information. As a result, BTC, through its Planning and Environment Committee, had made a number of information requests to BDC and the set of responses from BDC had been sent by email to the above Councillors by the time of this meeting (27th January).

2. Issues raised by those present

- (i) Up-to-date details of the actual and proposed phasing of construction are required.
- (ii) Information is required on the phasing and timetable proposals for and the implications of (a) an additional school and (b) a Health Centre.
- (iii) Explanations are required around (a) proposals to relieve traffic pressure on the A47 arising from the Lubbesthorpe development and (b) the proposed M69 bridge.
- (iv) What is the current situation regarding funds released (presumably Section 106) by the development and how has such funding been used so far?

3. Any other matters of concern

Participants agreed to read the responses already submitted by BDC (see 1 above) and to communicate any further issues which arise from those responses.

4. Further suggestions

(i) BDC should be asked to supply basic information (e.g. number of houses completed, numbers of two, three and four bedroom properties completed, amount of social and affordable houses completed) in tabular form for ease of reference and checking on progress.

(ii) Invitations to representatives of BDC, the developers and the Drummond Estate to attend meetings of the group should be considered.

(iii) Renewed efforts should be made to involve other Parishes, in particular Enderby and Lubbesthorpe.

5. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 10th March at 10.30am