

# WINDSOR 2030

## Notes for steering group CWNPB on 14/7/15

Windsor Royal Shopping , 6pm

**Present:** Paul Roach, Phil McMichael, Ian Jones, Dermot Whelan, , George, Sue Watts, Sally Stevens, cllr Shelim

**Apologies** Martin Miranda, Ian Church; Laura Reiter, Cllr Rankin, Cllr Collins

### **Welcome and Introduction**

#### **Matters arising**

1. DW raised concern over the recent change in government policy on development of brown field sites for housing, This could present a problem for W2030 in terms of sites being turned over for housing which group would prefer office /business development
2. PR asked to prepare an update version of office vs housing conversion in Windsor.

#### **Review of Policy**

1. BLP currently being consulted on - 4 key projects identified including WLR and 3 from Maidenhead.
2. Need to ensure that this information was being sent out to wider network of groups for response.
3. All members asked to forward to their groups.
4. GB informed group that separate paper going to the council on WLR for discussion in the wider context of transport policy and what if anything RBWM should be doing regarding its potential.
5. Discussion took place about Compulsory Purchase Orders of certain sites and areas of the tow. DW pointed out that any successful CPO needed to be based on a wider strategy for the area and not just on the basis of "we do not like the look of that area".
6. Need to consider what criteria would need to be in placed in order for a CPO to be considered. I.e. deterioration/devaluing of neighbourhood/area, major site development.
7. PR gave an update on the Transformation programme taking place at RBWM and the formation of strategy groups looking at various parts of the borough and how they can be improved. For the town centre there is a "realising Windsor's Potential" section looking at but not exclusively
  - a. York House
  - b. Alma Road
  - c. Windsor Link Railway
8. Cllr Shelim indicated that there were a number of issues facing the town centre which he and new local councillors would like to see changed including - more notice boards (preferably touch screens)

#### **Retail Study Update**

9. PM gave update to the group on the meeting held with DTZ in short
  - a. DTZ confirmed that their findings were based on methodology set by RBWM which did not fully reflect all of the businesses categories in the town centre and or visitors.
  - b. Current report indicates that we have an over supply on floor space and that there is no capacity/demand for larger retail in the town.
  - c. DTZ had agreed to adjust their figures to include a 1% increase to cover visitors.
    - i. Group felt that this still did not fully recognise the visitor's economy and the associated services in the town centre.
  - d. DW to write back officially and express the groups concerns over the flawed issues in the report and request that further adjustment should be made.

#### **Project Plan**

10. GB has started writing copy for the plan and will circulate to the group.
  - a. Focus is around 10 key policies which include, General standards, shop fronts/building frontages, Parks, Transport.
  - b. Report will need to be linked to the evidence based.
  - c. Noted that Windsor and Eton Society are currently undertaking a photographic project to record building of special interest.
  - d. DW to speak to Windsor and Eton Society about inclusion with or view of W2030 report as there are an influencing group on RBWM.

**Finance**

11. IJ requested any outstanding invoices to be forwarded so he can update the account.
12. PR had costs relating to the use of the guildhall to forward

**AOB**

**Date of next meeting** forum meeting on Thursday 28 July.