

WINDSOR 2030

Steering Group Meeting
13 October , 6pm
Cinnamon Cafe

Present: Ian Jones, Paul Roach, George Bathurst, Phil McMichael, sally Stevens, Dermot Whelan, .

Apologies: Laura Reiter, Ian Church, Martin Miranda, Sue Kemp, Cllr Shelim, Cllr Collins and Ingrid Fernandez

- 1. Welcome and introduction**
- 2. Minute of the last meetings – none recorded**
- 3. Matters Arising**
- 4. Windsor Town Forum Meeting Over view**
 - a. SS attended with GB
 - b. Reported that Chris Hilton called to report on the WLR, SS felt CH gave a fair overview of the position. He was clear that it was a private development and like any other private development council could not commit until further information was received. But like any other development they would need to look at detail first and not simply rule it out because people did not like the sound of it.
 - c. In addition advised meeting the LEP where looking at connectivity issues around the region and the WLR could possibly deliver some of the issues raised, but there needed to be due diligence applied before any further commitment could be made.
 - d. SS to forward notes from the meeting to PR.
 - e. DW did ask if the council gave its own position on WLR. Informed consultation would continue until the end of 2015 when a decision would be made.
 - f. DW concerned that there was a growing amount of negativity about WLR and its prominence in the policy framework. Also had received a number of detailed comments from other parties on the detail of the project and the appearance that W2030 was supporting it without any clear evidence of that detail and how the project was going to be delivered.
 - g. DW felt that the WLR should sit in the report but as a “preferred” option under transport section rather than as a main feature.
 - h. GB felt that the WLR was like any other scheme in the report and that it dealt with a number of the issues raised within the consultation.
 - i. Clarification made that the BLP consultation currently being undertaken does include WLR and 3 other projects. DW felt that until this was completed that the W2030 policy should not be seen to be supporting a strategic project (outside of the remit of NP) and that it should be represented elsewhere in the plan.
 - j. GB confirmed that details such as exact location of station platform had not been confirmed and felt that group was focussing on the wrong elements.
 - k. Noted that there was a conflict of interest for Cllr Raynor due to the second part of the development crossing over some of his land.
 - l. Concern that the policy framework is being viewed as a one project policy and concern that during the vote this could cause a “no” vote, overlooking all of the other elements of the project.

- m. GB pointed out to that the group should focus on the positive elements of the project and not get drawn into the negative comments made by a small group of people. In addition there was no evidence to suggest that a “no” vote would follow from the concerns of a few people.
- n. SW felt that despite the lack of evidence to suggest a “no” vote. Concern that there is a growing emotional response to WLR which no rational line of thinking will change and that it needed to be resolved.
- o. General feeling that RBWM are looking for W2030 to make their minds up for them on WLR which clearly the group can not as the scale and level of the project is one which need more strategic planning.
- p. IJ felt that he fundamentally could not give a view on supporting WLR or not as there was a lack of detail about it and so could not warrant giving it such importance in the document.
- q. All agreed that WLR should feature in the policy and that it was a significant project which if delivered could deal with a number of the issues with the town. But clearly without the detail needed to change its prominence in the policy. But every one agreed it was a project of none that should not be ignored. Similarly if a developer approached the group on one of the other sites this would not be ignored.
- r. Agreed that the policy should include line that stipulates that the WLR project is subject to RBWM approval.
- s. Agreed that the policy writer needed to be commissioned asap.
- t. Noted that WLR would require a SEA.
- u. DW to re write policy which clearly acknowledges WLR exists and the theme and concepts of it and what criteria needed to be fulfilled for this project to come for fruition.
- v. DW agreed to keep pressure on the council to come up with a decision on WLR.

5. Forum Meeting

- a. Group agreed that the meeting should not focus too much on the detail of feedback received from the Policy Framework meeting due to time and need to focus on Constitution and project plan.
- b. Acknowledge feedback on WLR and again make the point that it will be submitted into the evidence base.
- c. PR to ensure invitation goes out to businesses in St Leonards Road.
- d. Copy of constitution to be available for people to take away.
- e. Drat copy was on the website and need to be updated.
- f. Noted that a number of forum members had left or businesses closed down so agreed that constitution should be changed to reflect this, but had to be approved at forum meeting.
- g. Agreed that PMc will present changes and will arrange with PR separate meeting to highlight all changes to be made.
- h. PR to confirm when the AGM has to take place (12 – 15 months) after the first AGM.
- i. DW wanted to clarify at the meeting the attendance of Cllrs at Steering group whom have the right to attend as they are representing
- j. PR to send a list of forum members to SS.
- k. Agenda for the meeting; Welcome, Apologies, Minutes of the Meeting, Draft Policy Framework, Constitution, Programme, Budget.
- l. Agreed that the next open forum will include more details of the policy and report on the feedback in detail.

6. Communications - nothing to report.

7. Finance

- a. £17k in the bank

8. AOB

- a. GB confirmed that he had had a discussion with David Lewis regarding the historical elements of the policy to ensure that they were consistent and correct.

9. **Next meeting.** 20 October 6pm Cinnamon Café .

Steering group meeting dates –

October - 20

November 3 and 17

December 2 and 15

Forum group meeting dates - Guildhall

October 15

Nov 26

Dec 30 TBC