

# WINDSOR 2030

Steering Group Meeting  
22 September, 5pm  
Cinnamon Cafe

**Present:** Ian Jones, Paul Roach, George Bathurst, Phil McMichael, Sally Stevens, Dermot Whelan, Claire Milne, Cllr Shelim, Sue Watts.

**Apologies:** Laura Reiter, Ian Church, Martin Miranda, Sue Kemp and Ingrid Fernandez

## 1. Welcome and introduction -

## 2. Minute of the last meetings.

- a. Amendment for the date of October forum meeting to be changed. PR
- b. SWOT Analysis mentioned in the notes are those produced by KEC.
- c. GB updated website during the meeting and 43 “likes” already received.

## 3. Matters Arising

## 4. Forum Overview

- a. Attendance for the meeting was 42 people (26 were residents and businesses inside the boundary and 16 from wider Windsor area).
- b. CM feedback
  - i. Concerned that residents not mentioned in communication.
  - ii. Presentation was good and some interesting conversation points.
  - iii. PR to send out post it notes copy to steering group.
  - iv. Alexandra Garden was a hot topic and needs further discussion and should take place.
  - v. WNP putting together a formal response from WNP. In the next 10 days.
  - vi. WLR is a big concern because of the timings and BLP and the recent Borough change in taking out WLR from the consultations
  - vii. Alexandra gardens and Goswells is of concern and end use. CM felt that more consideration for Leisure within the Plan should be considered as most of the Leisure services for WNP are within the East of Windsor.
  - viii. Good to know that something was coming and anxious that nothing was being heard from the W2030.
  - ix. Julian Davis has written a paper which has been circulated not linked to WNP but it has asked for clarification on a number of issues which the W2030 should look at.
  - x. During previous consultation for the first NP there was not universal agree about the Leonards road village idea.
  - xi. Reference with areas mentioned in W2030 that possibly fall in WNP plan. College car park or hog common. Need to ask crown estate about hog common. PR to find out.
  - xii. Views from Dedworth in to the town were important and key gateways need to be enhanced (Osborne road and Queen Anne gate cottages).
  - xiii. Like the idea old classic architecture and would like to dove tale with the WNP and how its worded needs to be considered but generally should seek to raise the quality.

- xiv. CM concerned about a number of recent residential developments i filing and the loss of car parking and or increased demand on existing parking.
- xv. CM felt that not enough reference made to residents in presentation or document.
- c. Phil thanked CM for her feedback and reiterated the group's position on no loss of amenities in Alexandra Gardens and the need for a Master Plan to be produced either by RBWM or WLR. It was not the role of the W2030 to make those decisions.
- d. Term used by the group generally for most presentation is "Users" which covers , residents, businesses and visitors.
- e. GB confirmed that the document uses the word "residents" more than "Businesses"
- f. Footage already up on the website and Facebook so partners asked to share and audio file will be updated Tuesday evening. JJ to complete and also confirmed that residents seem to come across as the main focus for the meeting.
- g. Other correspondence has been received from individuals via email and will be considered.
- h. Additional Feedback - from around the table
  - i. Focus on underground provision was key for Alexandra gardens and needs to be part of a master plan that the WLR/RBWM produce and understand.
  - ii. PM felt that comments made linked in with majority of what W2030 was looking to achieve.
  - iii. GB - Alexandra is protected but plans need to provide an explanation of this and show it it clearly
  - iv. GB to ask members to feedback on context and detail rather than process.
  - v. East Berkshire College seeking to expand college into the car park taking up 9 spaces. Group needed to take a view on this.
  - vi. GB pointing out the current W2030 seeks to tie developers to build additional space so no net loss or pressure on existing car parking spaces.
  - vii. GB thought last week was fantastic good turn out, positive and constructive comments made and good to see new faces and people. Brave decision to give people a favour of what to expect and how we are shaping up.
  - viii. Good open dialogue should be maintained and followed forward with social media.
  - ix. Note that we should not just rely on only electronic communication as there are a number of people who do not always received our invitation in that way.
  - x. Look at comments from officers as well regarding the meeting.
  - xi. Good to see slightly younger audience members which provided a wider cross section of the community.
  - xii. Noted that we do need residents in and outside the boundary to accept and support the plan and this can not be forgotten.
  - xiii. Surprised by a number of people who were being deliberately awkward, making political and procedural points and group having to continually explain its position. For future these points should be cut off quickly to avoid wasting time and losing the support of genuine residents and businesses.
  - xiv. Need to carefully manage future debate in order that others are not put off.
  - xv. Need to establish similar plan for future forum meetings.
  - xvi. Need to formally invite all local councillors - PR to extend invitation to members again.
  - xvii. Invite to the press did not go out, so need to ensure this does take place.

- xviii. Overall tone of the meeting has to be more inviting for the forum to succeed.
- xix. SS contacted press after the meeting and not heard anything left.
- xx. IJ asked to separate the audio into two, first – first two questions and second part the remaining audio on details
- xxi. Need to start the communication of the next forum has to start now!!!  
Members asked to start putting out the word. 15 October

#### 5. **Public Realm Updates**

- a. PR to forward update to PM

#### 6. **Time table and next steps**

- a. Agreed in principal on the model and waiting for Dermot to confirm.
- b. Need to be sure that there is enough money to write the policy.
- c. Designer owns the rights and licencing it to and any additional sums paid for the licence go to the designer.
- d. Need to make it clear that the model for the town is separate from 3<sup>rd</sup> party developers.
- e. Book the advisor for writing plan and technical support -IJ to speak to DW about chasing it up.
- f. IJ to look at the comparative quotes received on the modelling.
- g. PR to contact DW about the modelling and to make contact with GB.
- h. Question asked about constitution and if such a large spend needs to go through the forum. PR to check.
- i. CM indicated that WNP are going to state in their plan that they are neutral on the decision on WLR as there is not enough detail to make a decision.

#### 7. **Communications**

#### 8. **Finance**

- a. **£17k in the bank**
- b. There is additional funding available of £8k and an emergency £6k emergency funding . IJ asked to apply for the additional money to ensure that we had funds for writing policy.

#### 9. **AOB**

- a. Raised that the boundary decision change on the minutes from the council indicated that the decision was jointly agreed but it was a council decision. CM to send copy to PR to circulate.
- b. SS raised issue of loss of car park in the college due to extension.
- c. Shop front policy not received. PR to chance up again from Gill Butter.

#### 10. **Next meeting** . 6 October 6pm Cinnamon Café .

#### **Steering group meeting dates –**

October - 6 and 20

November 3 and 17

December 2 and 15

#### **Forum group meeting dates - Guildhall**

October 15

Nov 26

Dec 30 TBC