



TOWN AREA COMMITTEE

PARKSIDE, STATION APPROACH, BURTON STREET, MELTON MOWBRAY

15 FEBRUARY 2016

PRESENT:-

Councillors T. Greenow (Chairman)
T.S. Bains, T. Culley, J. Douglas, A. Pearson, P.M. Posnett

Chief Executive (LA)
Head of Communications (AT)
Committee Support Clerk (DS)

T15. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Beaken, Cumbers, Glancy, Hurrell, Illingworth, Lumley, Manderson and Wyatt.

T16. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Bains and Posnett advised that they were both Members of the Planning Committee, and that if needed they would declare an interest in this item at the Planning Committee Meeting.

T17. CONSULTATION – PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Application Reference : 15/00910/OUT
Development of up to 520 No. dwellings and associated convenient shop, public open space and landscaping, with all matters reserved, except for access
Field OS 002, Leicester Road, Melton Mowbray

Members commented that the development of 520 houses for the Borough of Melton was positive and would help see new growth in the area.

Other positive comments from Members included that the new development would be built near existing facilities and that the number of houses to be built was reasonable.

Members raised concerns around aspects of the development specifically around the industrial designation of the land which in turn gave rise to three specific aspects of concern. These were firstly, that Kirby Lane was a rat run which posed a danger to pedestrians and drivers. Secondly, traffic around Leicester road and how

it would impact on the already congested traffic in to and out of Melton and finally the closeness to the countryside.

Members also commented wanting a mix of dwellings which included some provision for Affordable Housing and that the development keep in line with the character of the other housing in the town.

Finally Members raised comments that the impact on health and education be taken into consideration and numbers should be looked at in terms of Early Years and Primary School Places. Members were advised that the Local Planning Authority would be looking into the planning and provision of education services.

RESOLVED that the Committee's comments form part of the consultation on Planning Application reference 15/00910/OUT and be referred to the Head of Regulatory Services for this purpose.

The Chairman, in exercising his statutory powers, agreed that the following item be considered as a matter of urgency due to the issue being raised following despatch of the agenda.

T18. URGENT ITEM – NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Chairman brought forward an item of urgent business which proposed the development of a Neighbourhood Plan to work with local businesses and residents in the Town Centre on behalf of the Town Area Committee.

The Neighbourhood Plan would be run by the local people and any items and information raised could be brought back for discussion and understanding by the Town Area Committee.

Members commented that it would be a positive development to generate new ideas about the direction of the development and issues for local businesses and to better the relationship between the Council and local business owners.

James Beverley would be on hand to offer support and guidance and the Members will operate in a community leadership role for the group. The Community Group however would be a separate entity from the BID, the Council and/or Council Committees.

RESOLVED that the position that a Neighbourhood Plan is to be established by a Community Group be noted.

The meeting which began at 6:30 pm, closed at 7:15 pm.

Chairman