



Henley Ward Forum

7pm, Wednesday 28th January 2015

At Grace Academy, Wigston Road, Potters Green,
Coventry CV2 2RH

Who was at the meeting?

Residents

John George	AD Bagworth	Graham Nabb	Zoe Hobday
A Hillier	W Ruun	D Ruun	David Hobday
M Mortlock	R Mortlock	L Bewick	D Bewick
T Leather	Linda Dewis MBE	Bryan Dewis	Ivar Dewis
Michael Page	Valmari Petchley	Roger Cavadine	Mary Cavadine
Pat Seaman	David Seaman	Steve Randle	Gloria Randle
Caroline McAfee	P Sargmnon	Barbara Beclatt	Jane Foster
Gary Foster	Gary Yazz	Lynn Lloyd	Pat White
Trudi Juud	Glancy Schweez	Susan Field	Dean Farrelly
K Bayliss	Tom Terrence	Mr Plumb	Mrs Plumb
Edna Lucas	David McClean	Tracey Griffin	Mrs Gilman
Mr S Sian	Mrs M Pidge	Mrs M Frost	Mr E Frost
Mrs L Kinsella	Miss M Gee	Mrs E Mewell	Mrs B Hancox
Mrs K White	Mr M White	Mrs A Pointon	Kevin Humphrey
Mr P Howells	Mr P Clay	Mrs C Clay	Julie Kenny
Deanne Markham	Alison Nicholls	Robert Nicholls	Surinder Sian
Diane Griffin	D M Whizler	Jim Bench	Gaenor Godber
Chris Godber	S Chadwick	D Sullivan	Jon Hughes
Steve Pointon	Jean Pointon	Neal Coope	Adrian Wagon
S. Waters	Les Seahoun	Val Pilgrim	Kevin Pilgrim
Kath Seaburn	Peter Cole	Janet Cole	GA Croshan
WA Moreton	CA Moreton	Manj Singh	Tony Clarke
Rose Leybourne	Alan Leybourne	Mary Groom	John Hill
B Hollaran	C Waller	P Hewitt	I Davey
L Anslow	R Wats	Ms C Went	Mrs L Bloxham
Paul Bagliste	Jonathan Passman	Cynthia Passman	Julie Humphrey
Peter Wright	Pam Randle	Graham Randle	Yvonne Howells
Roger Jones	Jean Pointon	Steve Pointon	James Horrocks
Mr Chris Beswick	Ms Geraryiwe Meega	Mr John Ementon	Mrs Julie Wood
Mrs J Edwards	Jan Addis	Anthony Addis	Jennie O Neill





Action Notes

Jared Bradshaw	Mark Taylor	Stephanie Ban	Jean Kenning
No of Residents: 124			

Officers and Partner Agencies

Name	Representing
Councillor Kevin Maton	Coventry City Council – Ward Councillor
Councillor Ed Ruane	Coventry City Council – Ward Councillor (Chair)
Sarah Elliott	Coventry City Council – Senior Support Officer
Parmi Mudhar	Coventry City Council – Support Officer
Jaskaran Bening	Sevak Trust
Tarsem Khalsa	Sevak Trust
Tarnjit Singh	Sevak Trust
Stephen Jones	Education Funding Agency
James Horrocks	Mace Consulting
Coventry City Council: 4	Partners: 5

1. Welcomes and Introductions

Councillor Ed Ruane welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance. Cllr Maton took on the role of Chair for the meeting to take residents through the main agenda item.

Apologies were noted from Cllr Lynette Kelly.

2. Actions from previous meeting

Action	Lead	Outcome
To look into the use of the Mound and what options exist for this going forward	Cllr Ruane	To be discussed on the agenda
To report back on when the work at the cemetery will be completed	Cllr Ruane to confirm	Check
Additional meeting to be arranged – Agenda items include the Seva School, Local Plan, A46 capital investments Hospital update	Parmi Mudhar/ Sarah Elliot	To be discussed on the agenda





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3. Sevak Trust Free School Update including: Planning and Proposals for Traffic Management

Discussion:	<p>A briefing note was circulated to residents to provide an update on the plans for Sevak Trust Free School (hereafter the Trust), which is currently operating from temporary premises. The Trust has been working with the Education Funding Agency (EFA) to find suitable premises for a permanent location from September 2015. The school will be primary through the secondary school, with 535 pupils in primary school rising to 1,450 including the secondary school.</p> <p>The preferred location for the school by the EFA and Trust is the location of Link House at Walsgrave Triangle Business Park. The planning application for Link House is due to be presented at Planning Committee on the 5th Feb, where the change of use for the building from office to a school has a deemed consent, but planning permission is required for the impact on highways including the green travel plan associated with the application, contamination and noise. A second application has also been made to request changes to the extend Link House into the green area and remove part of the mound to make space for school buildings and play areas.</p> <p>Comments from previous meetings have been taken on board and the second planning application is to be withdrawn and replaced with a further application that is being prepared that includes the acquisition of Ashford House. The school would operate from two buildings, with a small green area (not affecting the mound) being requested for play.</p> <p>Every application will be addressed on its merits, if it is a noise issue, then plans will be put forward to address this. Noise concerns were raised when Grace Academy was being constructed, so landscaping was erected to reduce the impact of this. No concerns have been raised by residents since its construction.</p> <p>The play area for the children at Link House will be in the red line boundary on the map.</p> <p>Q – Residents stated they had only heard about the plans for the school from the recent letter drop by Members and asked why this had not been discussed earlier? None of the businesses on the same site knew of the application being submitted, residents expressed concern about the lack of public consultation and that there was no demarcation to state a planning application has been submitted?</p> <p>A – The plans have been discussed at previous meetings, including the Henley Neighbourhood Forum that took place on the 3rd December 2014. A briefing note has been circulated to follow up on the discussions from the last meeting. 1000 people have signed a petition about their concern of this proposal which highlights a large number of residents are aware of the changes being proposed. Businesses on the site will be consulted as required as part of the consultation process.</p>
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Q – Why has the Council decided to support the application so it has deemed consent, without resident's consultation?

A – Central Government have provided that a free school will have deemed consent to use an office building as a school, with Council's providing consent on the wider implications of a scheme. The change in use of building does not require planning approval, however the green travel plan must demonstrate that as a result of creating the school, this would not generate more congestion or traffic issues compared to the buildings remaining as offices.

Q – Does the new third option to acquire Ashford House, mean the mound is not affected?

A – This does mean the mound would not be affected if the school acquires Ashford House and the small green area for play.

Q – Will the third option be considered at the planning committee next week?

A – The Planning Committee meeting on the 5th February will consider the application for Link House only, which has deemed consent. This will include the green travel plan.

Q – How will the Council make sure the travel plan (if approved) is implemented?

A – This will be a condition of the planning application. If there is a breach of what has been approved or the plan is not implemented as they stated, enforcement action can be taken. Any member of the public can report a breach to a planning application to the Council to investigate.

Q – How will the two sites identified, accommodate the number of pupils being considered?

A – The sites will be designed to accommodate a certain number of pupils.

Q – Has the Council agreed to sell the additional land on the map to the Trust?

A – Options are being considered, no decision has currently been made. The Council could provide the site on a long lease or sell the freehold. This would be considered through the normal Council process.

Q – Does the green travel plan address the current issues with schools in the area and congestion?

A – The Green travel plan and the proposals, will present a plan to ensure there is no more congestion in the area, than there is now if the buildings continued to be used as offices.

Q – How many people worked in the Barclays building?

A – 350 people worked in the Link House building.

Q – The traffic surveys that have been completed were done too close to Christmas and may not reflect the traffic flows in the area.

A – Traffic surveys have been underway to understand traffic movements, mainly in the areas that are affected as part of the Pinch Point works. This information would have been available for the traffic modelling for this proposal. A highways consultant will have assessed the site to understand the current traffic to the site, highways agency will require the number of pupils who will arrive by car, by coach, bus and walk



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Cllr Ruane stated he is in opposition to the plans – and he will be at Planning Committee next week speaking out about the proposals.

Q- Will the travel plan consider the impact on site for the two buildings being considered?

A - Link House application and travel plan, will only consider the pupils affected and traffic for this building only. When the planning application is subjected for Ashford House, this will be for the full 1450 pupils and the traffic implications as a result.

Q – What steps are being taken to protect the mound going forward?

A - The mound is not going to be removed, and the Council are looking at how it can be protected to prevent future works on the site. The mound is there for a purpose so options will be considered to protect it. There may be an existing planning condition in place over the reason for the mound being in place. There is work underway to look at the ecology of the site.

Q – Why does the city need another school in this area?

A - Coventry has a shortage of school places and there is no ideal site for the location of a school in the city. Seva School (Service Excellence Virtuous Association) current school is performing well.

The primary school on Tiverton Road school caused concerns when it was being considered in relation to traffic congestion. This is a primary school with reception, year 1, year 2 pupils, and the travel plan in place has been successful. Travel plan is part of the home to school agreement. Many thousands of pounds have been spent on transport (coach, 4 mini busses for the current 130 pupils) to ensure the plan operates as plans. The plans work due to the school opening earlier than other schools opening at 8.15am compared to 9am. When the children arrive and leave, the traffic has not started to build up. Drop off and pick up times are staggered, so all pupils are not all arriving at the same time. Pick up points for pupils are present across 4 points across the city. Other school are looking at the SEVA school to understand how they can incorporate such similar plans themselves.

Conclusion:

n/a

If you would like to find out the most up-to-date progress on the action notes above please call Parmi Mudhar on 024 76 83 1970 or visit <http://democraticservices.coventry.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeeld=598>

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