



Henley Ward Forum

Held on Tuesday, 17 March 2015

Who was at the meeting?

Residents

Susan Field	Joyce Garrett	Sue Kincaid
Peter Howells	Mary Carradine	S. Davies
Y. Howells	Roger Carradine	J. Davies
Mo Mortlock	Celia Reid	Steve Turrall
Margaret Davoll	Kay Owen	David Seaman
Lynn Lloyd	Chloe Broadley	
Lillian Lucas	Ron Hind	
Tom Terrence	Barbara Hind	
Dennis Walford	Yvonne Howells	
Sandra Watts	Rod Mortlock	
No of Residents: 25		

Officers and Partner Agencies

Name	Representin
Councillor Kevin Maton	Coventry City Council – Ward Councillor
Councillor Ed Ruane	Coventry City Council – Ward Councillor (Chair)
Councillor Lynette Kelly	Coventry City Council – Ward Councillor
Sarah Elliott	Coventry City Council – Senior Support Officer
Sgt David Langston	West Midlands Police
Rachel Brown	Coventry City Council – Project Support Officer for the Family
Ian Lewis	Coventry City Council – Senior Consultant – Transport and Highways
Christopher Berry	Coventry City Council – Planning Policy Assistant
Dave Allen	West Midlands Fire Service
James Horrocks	Mace Consultation
Pravin Palmer	Education Funding Agency
Julie Fairbrother	Coventry City Council – Places Co-ordinator Communications
Faye Cockayne	Coventry City Council - Major Projects Community Engagement Officer
Tarnjit Singh	Sevak Trust
Matthew Pennock	Willmott Dixon Group
Andrew Hassell	Glancy Nicholls Architects
Coventry City Council:	Partners:





Action Notes

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Actions from previous meeting

All actions agreed.

3. City Centre Area Action Plan- Rob Haigh

Published for consultation Friday 17th April 2015. Seeking views on all aspects of the plan.

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Q Consider elderly in Broadgate- not accessible as no buses and no easy route to walk. Consider shuttle service from bus station.

A Acknowledged- Fairfax Street- improving gateways.

Q Fairfax Street- Britannia Hotel is an eyesore. Are there any proposals for change?

A There is scope for improvement but is up to the owners of the hotel. Working closely with business owners in area.

Q Heritage- Are there any plans for The Burges?

A Is included in one of quarters. Please give suggestions through consultation.

Q Seating in Hertford Street has been removed so there is now no where to sit. Very few benches in city centre and many have bird droppings on. Need new benches and more of them. Need to think about where people can rest.

Q Corporation Street- retailers are pulling out. Is there anyone new coming in?

A Whenever possible retailers are encouraged to stay but very little can be done to encourage them. The new plan will hopefully encourage new businesses to come in.

Q Corporation Street- Allied Carpets has been empty for many years. The council has failed in the past to attract new business so what will be different now?

A Understand the business models of companies so that through the plan we can provide shops where and how they want them and offer certainty for investors to maximise their business opportunities.

Q Cathedral Lanes regeneration- are there going to be any toilet facilities. Other than Pool Meadow?

A Public toilets is an important issue. Current toilets are not easily accessible. Through plan can seek to achieve better.

Q What plans are there to stop bikes riding through city centre?

A The shared space of Broadgate Square is for all to use. Need to respect each other.

Q Other areas asking what they could do to encourage Coventry residents to visit?

A Comment on this plan.



Q Learn from past mistakes. Trinity Street. Before money is spent needs to be thought through.

A Key is to design buildings that fit in with the area. Learn from previous experiences.

Q Removal of bridge to Canal basin. Why is this being moved and creating traffic chaos?

A Funding not successful at the moment. The ringroad prevents natural growth of city centre. Thought process is to create better pedestrian access, connect areas to the city and create a natural flow.

Parking charges high

University buying all buildings- missed opportunities to expand

Broadgate windy- creating wind tunnel

No colour- everything is grey and needs cheering up

Not a pleasurable shopping experience

Pinch point scheme- Ian Lewis

Q Woodway Lane- road closures. What will be done to prevent grid lock in surrounding areas?

A Spotters on site to deal with problems as they occur. Work as quickly as possible.

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Happy to meet on site or visit site offices to discuss any issues concerning

Q Pavement between Braid Island widened- Ede Road- why was verge never replaced following works?

A Will be looked into as is easy to fix.

Q Pedestrian crossing by pub on corner- traffic going through red lights. Can something be put to warn drivers?

A Signs don't tend to help when using road often. New high intensity signals would be better- consider traffic survey undertaken, further considerations 24 hour period mean week day apply formulas otherwise upgrade current crossing with new footway.

Q Flooding between Eden Road and Braid Drive

A Kia construction working with Severn Trent undertaking investigations. Large storm water drain –something wrong.

Q Where is the new pedestrian crossing near McDonalds?

A Wigston Road near bus stop- reduce traffic risks. McDonalds and Asda 20m away.

Q Why do the lights let such few cars through by hospital?

A Don't know. When new scheme complete be much better and controllable / changeable according to ongoing issues.

Q How are road closures communicated?

A Leaflets to local area, signs, local press, social media

4. Seva School Update- Cllr Ruane

Waiting to see if another planning application will be submitted. Funding has been allocated from Department for Education for 2nd building. Further consideration to be given to protect mound / green space.



No outdoor space has been approved yet. Would need to be part of new planning application. As free school do not need outdoor space (can open without).

Q How long is it all going to take?

A As council owns land no need to sell land. Central government can force sale. No timescales available currently. Further protection through local plan possible.

Q Can people be kept updated of what is happening?

A Lots of contacts currently held. Can update as and when things are known.

If the green travel plan is not followed would be a breach of planning conditions.

Edgefield Road- entrance to site Become unofficial dropping off street. Not seen in any official document. Only one entrance used by Barclays. No new entrance on planning application.

Enforcement action can be taken to improve the situation. If do not comply are breaking the law.

Q When Ashford House planning application goes in as change of use deemed consent- subject to safety and traffic issues will everyone be notified?

A Yes everyone that objected will automatically be informed. Will be more parts to application (not just change of use)

5. Police- Sgt David Langston

Burglary- 5.8% reduction (Potters Green, Wigston Road smashing patio doors)

Criminal damage- 5.4% increase- 2 offences

Robbery- 18.8% increase- 5 offences (none in last month)

Theft from vehicles- 3.1% reduction- registration plates being stolen (don't know why)

Arson- 31.6% reduction

Antisocial behavior- Rosemans Avenue (CCTV camera fitted), Henley Green, Wood End

Patrols have new powers- dispersal orders. Can't return to area for 48 hours.

Warrants for drug offences issued- 3 planned for next week. Keep intelligence coming in.

Quadrant patrols- issued to designated high demand areas (Manor Farm, Wood end and Henley Green)

Beat surgeries in numerous areas and schools

Community events- Asda, hospital

Neighborhood Watch e-mail if interested. Henley site West Midlands Police

Q Allotments on Henley mill Lane break ins / people going in overnight. Can we borrow cameras?

A Very difficult to get hold of cameras. Give key to police, can patrol up to 1.00am.

Q Reported theft 3 weeks ago and heard nothing. Lack of customer service not right.

A Dip sample to check. Goes to appropriate team where should be contacting. Not priority offence.

