**BOROUGH OF KETTERING**

**EAST KETTERING LIAISON FORUM**

**MEETING HELD: 23rd May 2013**

**Present :**

**Core Group :** Cllr Fergus Macdonald (Burton Latimer Town Council) - Chair

Jeff Baynham (Burton Latimer Action Group), Cayti Bilski (Churches Together), Kaarin Goodburn (Poplars Farm Action Group), Councillor Jim Harker (NCC) , Stephen Pickard (Cranford Parish Council), Councillor Russell Roberts (KBC) , Bill Warden (Hallam), Toni Wilkin (Weekley Parish Council) and Alan Wordie (Alledge Brook)

**Associate Group :** Councillor Ruth Groome (Burton Latimer), Councillor David Bishop, Councillor Eileen Hales, Councillor Derek Zanger.

**KBC Officers :** Martin Hammond (DCE) Rob Harbour (Head of Development Services) , Adrian Arnold, Louise Jelley , Louise Holland, Peter Chaplin, Anne Ireson (Committee Administrator)

**NCC Officers :** None

**Members of the Press :** None

**Apologies :** Councillor Reg Barby (Barton Seagrave Parish Council) and Councillor Christopher Groome (Northamptonshire County Council).

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| **REF** | **Issue** | **Response/Action** | **Responsibility** | **Timescale** |
| **13.EKLF.01** | **ELECTION OF CHAIR**  Jeff Baynham proposed and Cayti Bilski  seconded Councillor Fergus MacDonald as Chair. | Councillor Fergus Macdonald took the Chair |  |  |
| **13.EKLF.02** | **NOTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON 29th and 31St JANUARY 3013**  The provisional notes of the meetings held on 29th and 31st January 2013 were circulated for information. It was noted that further work was required to both documents, including information on attendance. | Amend and publish on the Council's website. | Anne Ireson | Before next meeting |
| **13.EKLF.04** | **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  None. |  |  |  |
| **13.EKLF.05** | **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**   * Communication with residents was required under the Forum's Terms of Reference – it was felt that this had not happened in advance of the S106 agreement being published in its revised form at committee in March. * There was insufficient detail available on jobs, the infrastructure, layout, trees and improvements to Junction 9 of the A14 * More clarity was sought on the number of completions required before J10A was completed. * More information was requested on timing of sewage system development * More information on the target date for widening the A14 was sought. * An opinion was expressed that the A14 should be widened up to Junction 10 * Clarity was sought about the "We-Wa" bypass. | An update bulletin would be submitted to the next meeting of the Forum  The planning consent requires Junction 10a to be constructed before 1751 houses are completed.  Works are due to commence in late 2013 and last until early 2015. . | Adrian Arnold | 18th July 2013 |
| **13.EKLF.06** | **PROJECT UPDATE**  A presentation was given. Questions arising from the presentation are summarised below:-  Traffic and Highways  What were the anticipated timescales for A14 junction improvements?  The modelling of traffic flows did not show the reverse picture regarding junctions onto the A14.  Would there be a roundabout or traffic lights at the junction of Barton Road and Warkton Lane?  There have been many accidents recently at the above junction caused by speeding traffic.  When were the last traffic studies done in Warkton Lane?  There will be significant impact on the existing road network from the East Kettering development When will details of how this is be addressed be available?.  What will happen regarding site access for construction traffic? The existing road system should be used as little as possible with a 'dirt road' in place so that lorries and vans can access the site.  Environmental  There is no information on the potential arsenic in soil.  Is there any update on the sewage system?  Residents want to know what will happen when construction starts on issues such as:   * sewerage * water run off * transport accesses   Cranford Road was flooded this year. What actions are being taken regarding discharge of rainwater?  Education  If the first trigger for provision of a school is 334 houses, how will the need for school places created by 334 new homes be catered for?  Health  There are concerns and worries about Kettering General Hospital and downgrading of services at a time when with the increase in population means that services should be maintained or increased.  Parishing  Consultation and Community Engagement  The information on the S106 agreement that was considered at the meeting of the Planning Committee on 12th March was only made available to Forum members at 4.00 pm on the day of the meeting which gave no time to respond.  It would be useful if the information available from applicants was in a large enough font to be readable. Text is so small it cannot be read without a magnifying glass.  Information on the timeline is important as Parish and Town Councils are continually fielding questions. Consultation periods should be longer than three weeks. | It was hoped there would be more information available on timescales by the end of June and this would be reported to the next meeting of the Forum.  Details of traffic management in this location would be part of the conditions; no proposals had yet been submitted .  The Chair would ask the County Council to address this concern.  At the end of 2012/beginning of 2013 all site junctions were the subject of traffic studies.  Much of this work was done as part of the discharge of pre-commencement conditions between last autumn and spring this year . More information will need to be submitted by the applicants and, from that, the County Council will need to identify what, when and how it affects the wider community. We will come back on these issues - potentially in July.  Discussions have been held regularly between the Leaders of KBC and NCC who are aware of traffic issues in Warkton Lane, Deeble Road, Barton Road and at associated junctions. Work is being undertaken to ensure the right solutions are put in place at the right time.  Northamptonshire County Council indicated it would take on board the following issues:   * Bringing forward of the 'We-Wa' bypass * Traffic calming in and around the development * The protection of residential areas from unnecessary traffic   No information has yet been submitted. We are working with Alledge Brook on access for construction vehicles.  This is contained in a technical document in relation to contamination of land. Wider issues of environmental assessment have been done, including the rationale. These would be gone through separately and presented to the forum.  More information should be available at the next meeting.  The Borough and County Councils are discussing all these issues with the applicants. Information should be clearer with the submission of applications to vary existing conditions, and an update will be brought to the next meeting.  The Stage 2 Flood Risk Assessment was carried out in March this year. There is an overall drainage strategy for site.  Initial provision will be through existing schools..  Kettering Borough Council has no control over hospital services, but has been putting the case to health authorities about the impact of the growth agenda increasing demand for services in the locality.  Commitment was given to bring options on parishing to the meeting of the Forum to be held in September 2013  This was unavoidable consequence of negotiations not being finalised until that day. Information was circulated to Forum members immediately afterwards.  The Council will commit to make extra efforts in this respect. People can telephone the Council and we will send them legible documents.  The Council were working with Alledge Brook on communication and community engagement, but the Council still had to be mindful of statutory periods within which applications should be detemined. | Adrian Arnold  Chair.  KBC/  Alledge Brook  Adrian Arnold  Adrian Arnold  Cllr J Harker  Cllr J Harker/  Cllr R Roberts  KBC Planning  team  KBC planning  team | 18th July 2013  18th July 2013  18th July 2013  18th July 2013  18th July 2013 |
| **13.EKLF.07** | **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**  The next meeting would be held on 18th July 2013.. | Microphones will be provided. |  |  |

*(The meeting started at 7.00 pm and ended at 8.40 pm)*

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Chair