

Steering Group Meeting Notes by Zoom on the 3rd Mar 2021 at 6.30pm

Present

Cllr Greenwood (Chair), Cllr Webb (V Chair), Cllr Allen-Shepherd and Cllr Redgewell

3 members of the public

Secretary

1. Apologies for absence

None

2. Declarations of interest

None

3. Questions from the Public

A question had been sent asking the following question

‘As the NP has to return to Reg 14 is the current WP going to publicise the route map options that it previously produced and seek public opinion? As far as he was aware it had not been promoted to the wider community or published for residents to comment or give a preferred choice to the Working Party.’

As this email had been received since the Agenda had been produced Secretary advised that it couldn’t be discussed but should be reviewed by councillors and referred to the next meeting as an Agenda item. Secretary to inform the resident of this, should he wish to attend the meeting.

Action Secretary

4. Approval of notes from previous meeting 3rd Feb 2021

Approved with change of word to ‘supporting’ from ‘regarding’

5. Approval of Notes from last working Group Meeting (4th March 2020).

Meeting on the 18th Mar 20 cancelled due to Covid 19

Approved – a note would be put on the website stating that the structure of the group had been changed as from the beginning of the year so there would be no more WG notes under this section but all notes would now be under Steering Group meetings

Action Secretary

6. Actions outstanding from Previous Meeting 3rd Feb 2021

Actions completed other than the call for sites advert following advice from CBC that an update was unnecessary. The Planning consultant had been asked to comment on this advice.

7. Chairman's Update

The objections to the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (CIEER) regarding the ecological appraisal at Brook Meadow is going to full council for approval on the 8th March 2021

Action Chairman

Chairman advised that he had contacted two members of the old 'Working Group' regarding joining the Steering Group due to their technical input and work throughout the process. One member had responded that he was happy to join the group and that this would be approved at the next meeting.

Advised A12 Update with Highways England week beginning 15th Mar 2021

Advised Marks Tey NP Regulation 16 had commence on the 22nd Feb 2021

8. Progress with CBC

A meeting had been arranged for the 5th March 2021 to discuss the Next steps lists that had been prepared. Chairman requested that everyone looked through this in advance of the meeting, think about what questions needed to be asked. What constitutes evidence and what financial assistance was being offered to enable further work by consultant.

Action Group to attend

9. A120 Consultation 2nd March 2021

Essex Highways had passed this over to Highways England who would be going through the assessment of the appraisal of preferred routes

10. Transport Issues Report

It was felt that this was a good report as far as it goes but not addressing some of the traffic issues

11. Agreement of letter regarding delivery of link road at Tower End

Letters had recently been sent to developers involved at Tower End asking them to confirm that they were able to deliver the NP across the site.

12. Correspondence

Emails had been received from people who had asked for an invite to last meeting explaining why they had not attended

Secretary had also been breaking down paperwork of the Old Working Group that had been sitting in the file since the last meeting back in Mar 2020. These were several letters of thanks from residents for the work involved by the Group over the years and submitting the Plan

13. Finance

No expenditure to report.

Secretary mentioned that she had not heard from Borough councillors regarding possible financial contribution to Planning Consultants Action Secretary to chase up

Secretary re-iterated that anybody wishing to attend meetings whilst being run on Zoom must contact the office for the link before the meeting and not through other members of the group

Meeting closed at 8pm – Next Meeting Wednesday 7th April 2021 6.30pm