

MEETING NOTE

WOLVERTON AGORA REGENERATION WORKING GROUP – MEETING 7.

25th March 2019

ATTENDEES:

Cllr Rob Middleton (Chair)	Milton Keynes Council Ward Member for Wolverton
Ed Palmieri	Milton Keynes Council
Andy Forbes	Kings Church
Marie Osborne	Future Wolverton
Allan Nall	Wolverton Business Association
Hilary Saunders	Wolverton and Greenleys Town Council
David Beattie	Future Wolverton
Paula Lawson	Radcliffe School
Dave Boatwright	The New Queen Victoria
Rosaline Frost	The New Queen Victoria
Karen Parisi	CP Locks
Joan Foster	Maisies
Steve Barbie	Future Wolverton and Town Council Representative
Steven Norrish	Milton Keynes Christian Foundation
Taj Raja	Wolverton business owner and Central Mosque attendee
Jonny Anstead	TOWN
Neil Murphy	TOWN
Marketa Nosalova	TOWN

New Members

- New members of the group introduced themselves and gave an overview of their respective businesses and concerns.
- RF and DB from The New Queen Victoria pub noted that they have a license for late night activities and have events (karaoke, disco) over the weekend lasting until 4am. A concern was noted around deliveries - the pub needs a loading bay or another form of delivering goods safely and efficiently.
- Karen Parisi from Maisies also noted concerns over deliveries, especially with a one way system. It was also noted that there is no traffic warden in Wolverton and therefore any parking enforcement will not be enforced without a traffic warden.

Project Update

- NM provided a project update, including a brief overview of the stakeholder workshop which took place on 7 March 2019.
- Public consultation likely to take place end of May / June over a Friday and Saturday.
- The idea of restricted residential parking on Church Street was discussed. AF noted his first flat was on Church Road and at that point parking for residents was only outside of the hours of 8am to 6pm and the systems worked well.
- It was noted that there is concern over the ability of residents and visitors being able to park in the town centre while demolition of the Agora is taking place.
- It was noted that it would be helpful if a public toilet was provided in the town centre.
- AN shared images of the current bus stop on Church Street and a bus stop in Newport Pagnell as an aspiration for what could be achieved at Church Street.
- KP noted that the bus stop on Church Street gets busiest around the end of school at 3pm.
- It was noted that meetings between TOWN and Arriva are taking place and more are planned in order to deal with any bus issues.
- AF noted it would be helpful if members of TOWN were able to meet with working group members individually to discuss specific concerns and get feedback. TOWN is on board with this idea.
- JA noted that TOWN will be meeting with business owners individually over the next few weeks in order to introduce TOWN and the scheme to those not already familiar with it and get feedback.
- It was noted that Wolverton and Greenleys Town Council have just set up a mailing list of business owners and HS will be able to share this with TOWN.
- It was noted that it would be helpful if TOWN could send material in advance of working group meetings to allow members to better prepare. TOWN will look into the best option. It was also noted that a website for the project will be launched soon and this will have up to date information on the project.
- HS would like to know - and it was noted people should be made aware in advance - what the security measures will be during construction - there needs to be at least one route through to the square.
- It was noted that walkways around Agora should be kept open after the building is hoarded and TOWN confirmed that the walkways will be kept open and only the building itself will be secured and hoarded the building.

High Street Fund Bid

- RM gave an overview of the High Street Fund bid.
- It was noted that Paul Hammond is working on the bid.

Actions

- TOWN to look at options for sending preparation material in advance of working group meetings.
- TOWN to send a date for the next working group meeting.