

MEETING NOTE

WOLVERTON AGORA REGENERATION WORKING GROUP – MEETING 8.

29th April 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
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
Taj Raja	Wolverton business owner and Central Mosque attendee
Neil Murphy	TOWN
Marketa Nosalova	TOWN

Project Update

- TOWN noted that the expected submission date for the planning application remains July 2019.
- Public consultation will likely take place in June from Thursday 13/6 to Saturday 15/6.
- It was noted that the stakeholder workshop report will be issued along with the launch of the Love Wolverton website.
- Changes currently being made to the scheme design include back to back distances between houses as the scheme is not policy compliant and a major change that came out of the stakeholder workshop was to open up the route between the Wesleyan Chapel and St George's Church.
- The point of retaining trees was discussed and NM noted that the most valuable trees near both near church and near square are being retained.

- NM also noted the likely option of planting more trees as they will help with overheating of the buildings which will be very well insulated and may be prone to overheating. For this reason TOWN is also looking to incorporate external blinds / shutters for the residential units.
- NM gave an overview of the planned Love Wolverton website which will include information on TOWN and Trivselhus, a mapping tool, a section for comments / questionnaire, etc. It was suggested that the launch of the website could be included in the next WGTC newsletter which will be issued in June.
- On parking, it was noted that MKC is working hard towards sorting out additional parking on St George's Way. It was also noted that TOWN can only control what is within the red ownership line and that St George's Way parking is the responsibility of MKC.
- It was noted that there should be a clear distinction between what is the responsibility of TOWN versus MKC. This will be especially relevant for the public consultation. RM suggested creating a list of items that fall under MKC's responsibility.
- Routes around the Agora were discussed and NM noted that the two existing South-North routes around the Agora will be retained.
- Public toilets were discussed. At this point TOWN does not plan to provide public toilets within the development as this causes issues with maintenance and vandalism. Other ways of providing toilet facilities in the town centre will be explored with MK and WGT councils.
- It was noted that a noise survey will be undertaken in order to understand any noise implications.
- Deliveries on and around Radcliffe Street were discussed and this is expected to need further discussion and will therefore be picked up again in the next meeting.
- NM gave an overview of meanwhile activities. TOWN has engaged Philippa Tipper of A Word in Edgeways to come up with a meanwhile programme in and around the site during the summer. This is an opportunity to engage with the local community and provide an opportunity for the community to contribute and come up with ideas.
- AF handed out a document on parking for reading and discussion during the next meeting.
- NM noted there will likely not be a separate planning application for demolition as it will be submitted together with the planning application.
- It was noted the Agora is currently being hoarded, the plant room will shortly be stripped and then demolition will take place later this year.

Group Membership

- It was agreed that Gill Barrow Jones from St George's Church would join the stakeholder group as AF is currently the only representative from faith groups.

Next Meeting

- It was agreed that the next meeting will take place on Friday 3/6 and it will start earlier than usual at 5pm as there is expected to be more material to cover prior to the public consultation in June.

- The option of a site visit to Marmalade Lane in order to introduce TOWN's completed project in Cambridge will be considered.

Actions

- TOWN to email members of the group a plan of the scheme that was discussed during the meeting.
- TOWN to send a pdf of the Architects Journal article on Marmalade Lane.
- The following items to be discussed during the next meeting: deliveries in and around Radcliffe street, bus provision and bus shelters.
- TOWN to send out information about the date of the next meeting.