

# BRAUNSTONE PARK & ROWLEY FIELDS COMMUNITY MEETING

THURSDAY, 15 MARCH 2018

Held at: The Brite Centre, Braunstone Avenue, Leicester, LE3 1LE

## ACTION LOG

Present:  
Councillor Singh Johal (Chair)  
Councillor Corral

<b><u>NO.</u></b>	<b><u>ITEM</u></b>	<b><u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u></b>
59.	<b>INTRODUCTIONS, APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS</b>	<p>Councillor Singh-Johal, Chair for the meeting, welcomed everyone and led introductions.</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Halford.</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
60.	<b>ACTION LOG OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b>	<p>Item 53 – there was clarification that the automatic gates at Janet Setchfield Avenue had not yet been installed, but were in the process of discussion and due to be installed.</p>
61.	<b>WARD COUNCILLORS' FEEDBACK</b>	<p>Councillor Singh Johal noted that, it had been agreed with Leicester City Council (LCC) that the Sunflowers nursery in Braunstone Leisure Centre would remain in the building and would not lose its space.</p> <p>The proposal to put a gym extension in the centre would not go ahead but could probably happen elsewhere.</p>
62.	<b>EVESHAM ROAD LINK UPDATE</b>	<p>It was noted that a residents' meeting was previously held at Manor House on 31 January 2018. A written response from Council Officers was circulated at this meeting and is attached at the end of this action log.</p> <p>Grant Butterworth – Head of Planning was present at the meeting and provided information and responded to resident's queries.</p> <p>The following was noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In regards to the local plan consultation, the government required a long term look ahead regarding plans and developments within the city for the future.</li><li>• The local plan consultation whereby residents could submit their views/ opinions on potential developments and Highways plans across the city (including Evesham Road link) finished in</li></ul>

December 2017.

- Officers were currently at the stage of assembling responses from the local plan consultation.
- The next stage would be to produce a report taking into account the responses and present to the City Mayor recommendations on which sites and which infrastructure schemes should be taken forward. Following that a draft Local Plan would be developed, which would be presented for approval at a future Full Council.
- It was noted that this draft plan would be subject of a further round of consultation later in the year before being presented to the government who would then hold an Examination in Public, at which stage people could again give their views.
- There would therefore be further opportunities for residents to make their views known.

Stuart Maxwell – City Transport Director was present at the meeting and confirmed that it was very early days and this stage was to listen to people’s views and opinions and look into whether developments would be deliverable, look at the costs involved, positives/ negatives and other impacts.

Residents had a number concerns, many of which were addressed by Grant and Stuart, however most concerns were hypothetical as Officers had already confirmed that there were no definite plans as yet and this stage was to seek public opinion and gather responses.

**Residents had the following Highways concerns:**

- It was requested for the resurfacing of Evesham Road to be looked into. A resident reported that Somerville Road had grit resurfacing issues such as damaging cars, it was requested that Evesham Road was not resurfaced with the same grit.
- Braunstone Avenue - junction near KFC was reported to have pot holes.
- A 20mph zone sign was required on Collingham Road.
- Rat run problems were reported near St Mary’s Fields Primary School and Collingham Road.
- The Ward Community Engagement Officer (WCEO) would forward all the above concerns

		<p>to the Highways team to be looked into.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A petition was available at the meeting for residents to sign.</li> <li>• The officers could be contacted by email:  Grant Butterworth – grant.butterworth@leicester.gov.uk (comments regarding local plan)  Stuart Maxwell – stuart.maxwell@leicester.gov.uk (comments regarding scheme)</li> </ul>
<p><b>63.</b></p>	<p><b>LOCAL POLICING UPDATE</b></p>	<p>Sergeant (Sgt) Wayne Chapman gave the following update at the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There were currently two Problem Solving Plans (PSPs) taking place in the ward; bikes on Braunstone Park which had reduced as some bikes were removed and section 59 served. In addition to Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) on Gaddesby Avenue which was now limited to two addresses and one perpetrator was on bail.</li> <li>• The previous issues on Pilkington Road, Police had worked with the Council and the family had now moved.</li> </ul> <p><b>Residents' concerns:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An armed robbery was reported to have taken place off Cort Crescent on Saturday. Sgt Chapman would look into this.</li> <li>• The motorbikes issue on Great Central Way was reported to still be taking place, afternoon and night times.</li> <li>• A resolution to address the current issue with the road/path in Braunstone Park was requested – it was noted that Councillor Halford had been looking into the installation of lights and a pathway on the side of the road but there was no further feedback on this as yet.</li> <li>• Residents were reminded of safety precautions such as keeping doors locked, keeping valuables out of reach and putting door chains on.</li> </ul>
<p><b>64.</b></p>	<p><b>CITY WARDEN - UPDATE</b></p>	<p>Matthew Davinson, City Warden for the ward was present at the meeting and gave a presentation on activities and enforcement taking place in the ward. The following was noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fly tipping on public highways was noted as a concern.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Four new patrolling wardens were now part of the City Warden team, dealing with certain aspects.</li> <li>• The top of Evesham Road, turning right onto Narborough Road by BT connect, there was a garden reported to not be in a good state. Matt noted that the landlord cleared this last year but he would look into it again.</li> <li>• Residents were advised to contact the City Warden if they had information regarding offences. Use of reporting offences via the Love Leicester App was encouraged.</li> <li>• Gallards Hill (Wellinger Way near the park end) someone was reported to be running a vehicle business. Various vehicles were reported to be regularly parked. Residents noted difficulties passing with mobility scooters. The WCEO would inform the Planning Team to investigate.</li> <li>• A resident had sent an email to Councillor Singh Johal regarding a concern about a specific taxi service and their operations. The Councillor would look into this and respond to the resident.</li> <li>• Residents required the Domino's pizza bins to be moved. It was noted that another City Warden had dealt with this by serving them a notice, however, Matt would follow up on this.</li> </ul>
65.	<b>WARD COMMUNITY BUDGET</b>	<p>Punum Patel – WCEO gave an update on the Ward Community Budget:</p> <p>It was noted that 13 applications had been supported since the last meeting, as follows:</p> <p><b>Applications</b>  Applicant: Park Services, Shared Waters Project  Project Name/ Summary: Shared waters  Decision: Application supported with grant of £476</p> <p>Applicant: The Broader View  Project Name/ Summary: Braunstone to Paris  Decision: Application supported with grant of £400</p> <p>Applicant: Braunstone Foundation  Project Name/ Summary: Braunstone B-inspired Community Growing Project – Orchard Development  Decision: Application supported with grant of £3,000</p> <p>Applicant: Manor House Stay and Play  Project Name/ Summary: Manor House Stay and Play</p>

		<p>Decision: Application supported with grant of £500</p> <p>Applicant: Cool Runnings Cookery School Project Name/ Summary: Cool Running Cookery Club Decision: Application supported with grant of £500</p> <p>Applicant: Angels and Monsters Project Name/ Summary: Young Parents Workshops Decision: Application supported with grant of £500</p> <p>Applicant: Polish Play and Learn Project Name/ Summary: Play and Learn Decision: Application supported with grant of £800</p> <p>Applicant: Baby Basics Project Name/ Summary: Baskets for babies Decision: Application supported with grant of £250</p> <p>Applicant: Braunstone Adventure Playground Project Name/ Summary: Grow and Grow Decision: Application supported with grant of £1,036</p> <p>Applicant: St Peters Art Group Project Name/ Summary: St Peters Art Group Decision: Application supported with grant of £500</p> <p>Applicant: Friends of Western Park Project Name/ Summary: Western Park family festival Decision: Application supported with grant of £500</p> <p>Applicant: The Braunstone History Group Project Name/ Summary: Support the 8 exhibitions for next year Decision: Application supported with grant of £500</p> <p>Applicant: Friends of Highway Spinney Project Name/ Summary: Replacing Notice Boards Decision: Application supported with grant of £436</p> <p>It was noted that the balance remaining was £3,162 and any further applications would be looked at in the new financial year.</p> <p>Punum noted that all applications must be made online and support was available if required. The Ward Community Engagement Team number was noted as 0116 454 1940.</p>
66.	<b>CLOSE OF MEETING</b>	The meeting closed at 7.40pm.



# Minute Item 62

## Leicester City Council

### Potential Future Highway Improvement Scheme - 'Evesham Road Link'

#### Summary note for Braunstone and Rowley Fields meeting concerning questions raised previously

15<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Following a number of questions raised previously on this scheme a general note has been prepared together with responses to specific questions where possible.

#### General note - March 2018

The Council is preparing a new Local Plan to guide future development proposals for the period to 2031. This could identify appropriate highway improvement schemes/lines required to protect land to carry out future transport improvement projects. As part of the recent Emerging Options stage Local Plan consultation process, comments were sought on existing and potential highway improvement schemes/Lines (See <https://consultations.leicester.gov.uk/sec/local-plan>)

The Emerging Options Local Plan document notes that the existing road network of radial and orbital routes has developed with the growth of the city over time and there remains some gaps in this network that if addressed could potentially improve the efficiency of the network as a whole. The current levels of traffic and congestion on Narborough Road/Upperton Road and at Middleton Street/Aylestone Village highlight the challenges to the road network in this part of the city. The new local plan could identify land required to be protected to construct future schemes to improve the road network.

The longstanding Evesham Road link highway improvement scheme/lines currently identify the land required for a potential future road and bridge connecting Saffron Lane/Aylestone Road and Narborough Road via Boundary Road and edge of Faircharm Industrial Estate/Evesham Road. The improvement scheme/lines are currently declared in local land charge searches for those purchasing land and property that could be affected.

There are currently no detailed road/bridge designs prepared or funding identified to deliver the scheme.

The next stage of the Local Plan is expected to be published later this year and will include draft proposals, including any highway improvement schemes/ lines that the council considers appropriate following further investigation and review. Further public consultation will be carried out at that stage. Subsequently the Local Plan will be considered by an independent Planning Inspector at an Examination in Public.

The proposed highway improvement scheme at Putney Road is a standalone project requiring its own technical justification. It is not dependant on, and would not in itself help to justify the provision of, a future road and bridge link at Evesham Road.

## Responses to specific questions

Q. The Gasometer would cost £8mill to remove. Has it been done and are there any residual matters.

A. **Gasometers already removed on National Grid site for site development**

Q. Can we get roads paperwork from 1993.

A. **Not known to be available**

Q Are original plans still in place for link road

A. **See note above**

Q. What About pollution if road goes ahead.

A. **Scheme would aim to reduce air pollution across the wider highway network**

Q. Will there be any underpasses built for cars or pedestrians anywhere?

A. **No detailed designs prepared**

Q. Are the wider city plans aims to reduce congestion across city.

A. **See note above**

Q. Will there be a Flyover or bridge across the river if road goes ahead and can alternative routes be investigated.

A. **No detailed designs prepared**

Q. What about wildlife in the area, such as deer.

A. **Would require further study/investigation**

Q. Will private homes be at risk.

A. **See note regarding road improvement lines**

Q. Will new road be a rat run.

A. **Scheme aim was to relieve congestion on other roads and potentially existing rat runs – would require further study/investigation**

Currently roads have problems with match day parking.

Q. Can we Improve public transport, especially park and ride on match days so reduce the need for a new road

A. **Public transport improvements already planned and future schemes will be considered**

Q. Residents feel vulnerable due to speeding. What about speed humps to slow current traffic down.

A. **Programme of 20mph zones and speed humps being delivered across the city**

Q. St Mary's schools have issues about traffic.

A. **Will refer for potential consideration in school run parking improvement programme**

Q. What about the Issue of potential Noise of new traffic.

A. **Would require further study/investigation**

Q. Houses were bought due to the location and its quietness.How will this new road affect residents.

A. **Would require further study/investigation – Note above refers to legal searches currently carried out during house purchases**

Q. Residents Cannot see need for another road to relieve congestion.

A. **Would require further study/investigation**

Q. Is this plan being made to relieve upperton road congestion.

A. **Would require further study/investigation**

Q. Aylestone road has congestion problems already. Directing additional traffic there will not improve situation.

A. **Would require further study/investigation**



Q. Can houses be cpo'd

A. **No current plans for CPO. CPO would require further investigation, legal justification and funding in place for the road**

Q. Will residents get full value of house. Residents moved into this area for the quietness and nice environment.

A. **See above answer**

Q. Local plan consultation ended in Nov.

A. **Responses will still be accepted on the Local Plan – See note above about next stage of local plan/consultation**

Q. Can we convey that residents are against this project completely.

A. **Through Local Plan consultation – see above**

Q. Putney road due to be opened up.how does this impact on link road proposal.

A. **See note above**

Q. Faircharm was not allowed to build houses. Will this new industrial build increase road usage there.

A. **Would require further study/investigation**

Q. Why has Faircharm Been bought.

A. **Not Known**

Q. Can grant Butterworth come to the next ward meeting.

A. **Relevant officers to attend**

Q. Who will benefit from this road, certainly not local residents.

A. **Would require further study/investigation**

Q. Health stats very poor already in our ward.

A. **Scheme would aim to reduce air pollution across the wider highway network**

Bp and rf has lots of respiratory probs. Will Health budget be increased to cope with health issues caused by new road.

Q. Will vehicles cause subsidence to properties

A. **No detailed plans prepared**

Can we campaign to quash scheme.

Q. Will council say why link rd is necessary.

A. **See note above - Would require further study/investigation**

