

# Minutes



**INNER EAST PLANNING SUB GROUP**  
**DATE/ TIME: 11<sup>th</sup> July 2013; Civic Hall (Room A)**  
**CHAIR: Cllr Asghar Khan**

**Present:** Councillor Brian Selby (Cllr BS – K&S), Councillor Asghar Khan (CllrAK – B&RH), Andrew Birkbeck (AB - Area Officer, LCC), Andrew Crates (AC – Principal Planner, LCC), Alice Winter (AW – Head of Employment Leeds, LCC), Heather Suggate (HS – Neighbourhood Planner, LCC) and John Hall (JH – Planner, LCC)

**Apologies:** Councillor Arif Hussain

ITEM DISCUSSED	ACTION
<b>1.0</b> <b><u>Minutes and matters arising</u></b>	
1.1	The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as an accurate record.
1.2	In relation to 2.3, AB gave an update regarding the land adjacent to Burmantofts Health Centre known as the former Burmantofts Boxing Club. AB reported that he had requested this site had been added to the derelict sites list and that at a recent DS working group meeting it was proposed that a small Groundwork scheme be undertaken to tidy up the site and create a recreation area for the local community until its developed.
	In relation to 3.5, AC explained the shop frontages policy to CllrAK as agreed at the last meeting.
<b>2.0</b> <b><u>Employment and Skills Opportunities</u></b>	
2.1	AW explained her role and highlighted that last year there was a scrutiny investigation into how to maximise employment and skills opportunities in Leeds: <a href="http://www.leeds.gov.uk/docs/Emp%20and%20Skills%20powers%20inquiry%20report.pdf">http://www.leeds.gov.uk/docs/Emp%20and%20Skills%20powers%20inquiry%20report.pdf</a> . A number of recommendations came out of this report including that the Director of City Development sets the following threshold to trigger S106 Employment and Skills obligations - Retail Developments of over 2000m <sup>2</sup> , Residential developments of over 100units, all developments over 10,000m <sup>2</sup> . The recommendations contained within this report were being monitored and progress reported back to scrutiny at regular intervals.
2.2	AW said in terms of forthcoming developments in Inner East Leeds, AW had discussions regarding Thorpe Park and Victoria Gate (aka Hammerson's John Lewis) as well as holding talks with Persimmon Homes.
2.3	AW said whilst developers are encouraged to talk to the Employment and Skills team as a planning condition, this is not obligatory – neither is the provision of job opportunities as a result of new development.
2.4	AW said she is currently involved in a project relating to the Energy from Residual Waste site in Cross Green (Newmarket Lane). AW said there was to

	be a two-fold Job Fair happening in early August (5 <sup>th</sup> – tbc); the morning session for local trades people and suppliers and the afternoon session for local people regarding potential employment opportunities. Members enquired how opportunities would be advertised and AW responded this would be done via a number of means facilitated by Job Centre Plus.	
2.5	CllrBS asked whether skilled, middle-aged+ people were being specifically targeted for any new job opportunities that may arise. AW said this wasn't a specifically targeted demographic but this is something that will be explored	<b>AW</b>
2.6	CllrAK said the employment opportunities arising from the Trinity development for residents in Inner East Leeds had been extremely disappointing. CllrBS said the same could be said of the new Direct Line Arena development. AW said she had taken these comments on board and would provide the current number of potential retail-related job opportunities in Inner East Leeds to Elected Members as they become available	<b>AW</b>
2.7	CllrAK stated that job fairs/shops need better coordinating as one afternoon in his Ward three sessions took place in different venues but at the same time. AW indicated she was not aware of the sessions referred to and would feed this back.	<b>AW</b>
2.8	Members requested the latest unemployment figures for Inner East Leeds – AW said she would supply these to Area Committee members via AB.	<b>AW &amp; AB</b>
2.9	AW said she would supply more detail on the work carried out by Job Centre Plus and Hammersons with regards to job opportunities provided by forthcoming Victoria Gate development as the plans are outlined .	<b>AW</b>
<b>3.0</b>	<b><u>Site Allocations Update</u></b>	
3.1	HS gave a brief overview of the site allocations process in the context of the existing Unitary Development Plan (UDP) as well as the emerging Core Strategy: <a href="http://www.leeds.gov.uk/council/Pages/Core-Strategy-Introduction-Page.aspx">http://www.leeds.gov.uk/council/Pages/Core-Strategy-Introduction-Page.aspx</a> .	
3.2	Consultation on the site allocations process is currently on-going but concludes on 29 <sup>th</sup> July 2013: <a href="http://www.leeds.gov.uk/council/Pages/Site-Allocations-Plan-%e2%80%93-Issues-and-Options.aspx">http://www.leeds.gov.uk/council/Pages/Site-Allocations-Plan-%e2%80%93-Issues-and-Options.aspx</a> . HS did caveat this information that this date was not fixed and representations could be received – either written or via email – at any time : <a href="http://www.leeds.gov.uk/council/Pages/Site-Allocations-Plan-%e2%80%93-Issues-and-Options.aspx">http://www.leeds.gov.uk/council/Pages/Site-Allocations-Plan-%e2%80%93-Issues-and-Options.aspx</a>	
3.3	HS distributed three booklets relating to the site allocations consultation that detailed the Issues and Options for both Inner Leeds and East Leeds. HS took Members through the format of the booklets, including the RAG (Red, Amber, and Green) rating of sites.	
3.4	CllrBS drew attention to the scope for brownfield land to be contaminated in the Inner East area. JH said whilst initial site assessments had been carried out it was clear that further tests would need to be done should a site go forward for development.	
3.5	CllrAK and CllrBS expressed concern that there had not been enough consultation in the Inner East area on the site allocations process. Members suggested that officers from planning attend future Community Leadership Team (CLT) meetings in order to engage with local residents – AB to supply details to HS.	<b>AB &amp; HS</b>
<b>4.0</b>	<b><u>Significant development updates</u></b>	
4.1	AC informed the meeting that the planning application for the proposed Clean Power site on Bridgewater Road was still invalid. AC will provide further details when available.	<b>AC</b>

4.2	Discussions with Highways were still on-going regarding the new mixed-use proposal at Thorpe Arch. AC to update at a future meeting.	<b>AC</b>
4.3	York Road Library is still currently being looked at by Phil Ward of the council's Conservation Team. CllrBS asked if legal action could be explored – AC said he would investigate this option and report back to Elected Members.	<b>AC</b>
4.4	In relation to the Killingbeck Fire Station site, AC reported that the council and WYFA had come to an agreement and that money for Greenspace improvements would be forthcoming.	
<b>5.0</b>	<b><u>Any other business</u></b>	
5.1	None.	
<b>6.0</b>	<b><u>Time and date of next meeting</u></b>	
6.1	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September at 11.30am – AB to book venue	<b>AB</b>