



Shared Housing Group Meeting

9th September 2008, 2.00pm, Civic Hall

Attendees:

Cllr Martin Hamilton (Chair)
Sarah Charlton, NW Area Management, Leeds City Council (LCC)
Jade Corcoran, Development Department, LCC
Freda Matthews, Little Woodhouse Residents Association
Scott Blakeway, Unipol
Richard Tyler, HMO Lobby
Amanda Jackson – University of Leeds
Barry Payne, HMO Lobby
Huw Jones, Re'new
Rachel Unsworth, University of Leeds
Miles Pickard, Leeds Property Association
Andy Milnes, Streetscene Services
Mike Brook, Environmental Health, LCC
Andrea Kerslake, Student Advice Centre

Apologies:

Mike Leonard, University of Leeds
Carole Munsey, West Yorkshire Police

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

2.0 Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

- 2.1 2.4 –The meeting that took place to discuss the provision of off site affordable housing focussed more on how empty properties could be brought back into use via grant funding. It was felt that the meeting did not look at the provision of off site affordable housing.
- 2.2 2.2 – Additional Licensing meeting – R Tyler noted that he did not think there was a fair representation at the meeting as there were no Headingley Councillors present or community representatives. Leeds University was represented at the meeting along with Environmental Health, Unipol, Private residential landlords association, a Weetwood Ward Councillor and Leeds University Union submitted a paper prior to the meeting.
- 2.3 4.2 – R Tyler stated that the report on the Community Rep scheme was incorrect as it documented that students had played a part in the development of the neighbourhood design statement in south Headingley and they had not.
- 2.4 5.2 – The NUS Students in the Community Conference took place successfully on 9th June in Leeds with around 90 delegates in attendance. R Tyler noted that there was no non-student residents at the conference.

- 2.5 7.5 – Manchester University have withdrawn from hosting a conference on Use Classes and HMOs due to be held in November.
- 2.6 6.1 – Huw Jones reported that he had received data from Leeds University on the distribution of students across the area but was awaiting similar information from Leeds Met. Without both sets of information any mapping would not give a clear picture
- 2.7 The minutes were agreed as an accurate record.

3.0 Update on Shared Housing Action Plan actions 2,3 and 26

Action 2:

- 3.1 Jade Corcoran presented a report on Action 2 and noted that the Cavendish Street application is going back to Plans Panel for discussion on the cumulative impact of this application.
- 3.2 R Tyler noted that it was disappointing that no specific sites in other areas have been identified by Leeds City Council and the Universities as being suitable for student accommodation.
- 3.3 Opal 3 was not listed on the table – Jade Corcoran to add this site. **JC**
- 3.4 R Unsworth asked whether a map could be produced to show the spread of student accommodation across the area. Jade Corcoran to look at whether Andrew Crates had put a map together. **JC**

Action 3:

- 3.5 Jade Corcoran presented a report on Action 3 and noted that there would be a public enquiry on the Kirkstall District Centre site in December and on the Glassworks site in October. Both applications on the Tetley Hall site will go to panel at the same time.
- 3.6 R Unsworth asked if the table could be refigured to provide more information such as applicants details and totals by category. **JC** to look at this.
- 3.7 Freda Mathews asked what protocols are in place to deal with building sites where building works have stopped – Jade Corcoran to look into this. **JC**

Action 26:

- 3.8 Jade Corcoran presented a report on Action 26.
- 3.9 A new application has been made for The Lounge for restaurant use, to retain the cinema façade and add a smoking terrace.
- 3.10 Headingley Stadium – A decision on the application has been deferred to the Chief Planning Officer.
- 3.11 Leeds Girls High School – A planning officer will take a position statement to Plans Panel in October or November. This will be an information exercise for Plans Panel and the position statement will be publicly available.
- 3.12 The Cumulative Impact Policy has been revised with tougher controls.

4.0 Report on Cleansing Activity in AOHM

- 4.1 Andy Milnes presented a report on Streetscene activity in the Area of Housing Mix.
- 4.2 There are 200 litter bins in the area and three litter pickers that work in the area Monday – Friday. In freshers week the city centre cleaning team is diverted to the Headingley area, it is not an additional resource.
- 4.3 There has been 300 tonnes less waste collected this year during the student changover period so activities that have focussed around re-using and recycling have had a significant impact.
- 4.4 Barry Payne thanked Andy Milnes and his staff for the effort that has been put into managing the student exodus.
- 4.5 A discussion was had about what difference could be made to the area with an additional £100k - Andy Milnes suggested that if such a sum was to become available a wheel in and out service would make a considerable visual improvement and would allow the mechanical sweepers to be used more effectively.
- 4.6 A green bag scheme is currently being trialled in Woodhouse.

4.0 Neighbourhood Helpline Update

- 4.1 Amanda Jackson presented a report on the Neighbourhood Helpline.
- 4.2 A discussion was had about how effective the neighbourhood helpline was and how issues are progressed. Amanda confirmed that there had only been 2 repeat complaints over the year. All complaints get followed up with either a visit or a letter depending on how serious the complaint is.

5.0 Update On Developments In Other Towns & Cities

- 5.1 The University of Brighton has held a conference on students in the community which involved the local community.
- 5.2 Hefki – a new ‘University Challenge’ consultation on proposals for new higher education centres. This consultation is about the approach that is being taken to the development of new high education centres.
- 5.3 A 1.5% increase in students choosing purpose built accommodation highlights a national trend.

6.0 2008 Work Programme

- 6.1 Next meeting Huw Jones – Housing Strategy
- 6.2 A special meeting will be set up before the November Shared Housing Group for the annual review of the Shared Housing Action Plan.

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7.0 Any Other Business

7.1 The affordable housing SPD is almost ready for consultation. The consultation period will run between 25th September and 6th November. Information is on the Leeds City Council website.

7.2 Unipol – A piece of work has been commissioned on Chestnut Avenue, 10 years on from it being named the most burgled street in the country.

8.0 **Time and date of next meeting**

8.1 18th November, 2 pm, Civic Hall