

Armley Community Forum
Date: 21st September 2010
Present:

Cllr Janet Harper (Chair), Cllr Alison Lowe, D Boutle, E & B Rayworth, A Paul, E Bowes, H Shields, T Maynard, D Stead, M Stead, K Draper, B Draper, W Anderson, P Dutton, J Benson, J Brown, M Bruce, D Peck, K Lemm, E Hey, H Gardiner, JK Newsome, JP Newsome, G Litherland, M Litherland, J Ramell, F Smyth, J Gili, P Kempster, Richard Edward (LCC Planning Services), Sohail Effendi (Area Management).

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1.00	Welcome	
1.01	Cllr Janet Harper welcomed everyone for coming to the meeting.	
2.00	Apologies	
2.01	B Nelson, H Boutle, M Pugh	
3.00	Minutes of the last meeting & Matters Arising	
3.01	The Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record.	
4.00	Police Update	
4.01	<p>Inspector Mark Bownass informed the meeting of various operations and initiatives being carried out by the police in the area, including operation Achnaba and Off Road Bikes Project stating that both of these have been very successful. MB also informed the meeting that a number of engagements have been carried out with primary school children educating them about the ASB.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MB introduced Sergeant Gother as the new sergeant for the area. • PCSO's been also present and were available for a one to one advice and assistance. <p>Q & A session ensued and MB dealt with a number of questions and queries. One of the issues raised was regarding the litter from Kentucky outlet, MB informed the meeting that this was the issue for Environmental Action Team and he has seen Jamie Friel and his team dealing with the litter issue.</p> <p>Cllr Harper agreed to send a letter to owners of the Kentucky, asking them to take steps to address the littering issue relating to their outlet.</p> <p>Future Pact meeting dates 25th November 2010 6th December 2010</p>	Cllr Harper
5.00	Morbain Ltd	
5.01	<p>Graham Adams presented this item through the help of display boards and by distributing a five page document detailing the presentation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The document listed the results of public consultation carried out by the Morbaine limited at the Armely library and at the Armley Fun Day event. The results showed an overwhelming support for the proposed store. • Cllr Harper wanted to know how many people took part in the survey. GA promised to provide this information at a later date. • GA informed the meeting that the plans have been revised after discussions with planning panel and conservation panel. The changes were then explained thorough comparing the original and revised plans. 	GA

	<p>GA then addressed a number of questions raised regarding the proposal and provided the following answers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The scheme has evolved through consultation with planning officers and conservation officers. • Removing corner building is crucial to this project to manage the traffic and lengths of vehicle queues on Town Street. • Taking down the corner building also provides a visual connection to the store from Town Street. • Footpath been added to improve pedestrian access to the site. • Heavy Goods Vehicles will use Tong Road and not Armley Town Street, this. • Pedestrian link created providing access to leisure centre. • New lay by for Taxi's added to the scheme • 400 jobs will be created by the store • 506 car parking spaces will be available at the store. • All highways developments are part of the scheme. 	
5.02	<p>Cllr Lowe made a statement in favour of the store stating that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The store will be a great value to the Armley area, residents and businesses alike. Size of the store and provision of a petrol station is crucial in competing with other large stores in the area. • Cllr Lowe further stated that instead of asking the residents what they want, the planning department is telling them what they can and can't have. • Cllr Lowe asked for the issue to be voted on through show of hands 	
5.03	<p>Cllr Harper also addressed the issue and provided following comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a local councillor, I also want the best for Armley, however, being a member of the planning panel I have to adhere to planning policies and procedures. • While I am committed to achieving the best for the area, my main concern with current proposal which includes a petrol station is the impact of level of traffic on Armley Town Street. 	
5.04	<p>A huge debate ensued and a variety of views were presented for and against the part of the proposal. The main sticking point was the location of the petrol station.</p>	
5.05	<p>Voting took place by show of hands to ascertain whether residents were in favour or against the proposal on display:</p> <p>17 - in favour 01 - against 11 - abstentions (including Cllr Harper)</p>	
8.00	A.O.B	
8.01	None	
9.00	Date & Time of next meeting	
9.01	19 / 10 / 10 at Armley One Stop Centre from 7:00.p.m.	