

**North West Outer Area Committee  
Guiseley and Rawdon Forum**

Wednesday 8th June 2011, 7pm  
Greenarce Hall, Rawdon

Chair - Cllr Graham Latty

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| <b>1 Introductions and apologies</b>   |               |
| 1.1 Councillor Latty welcomed everyone to the meeting and congratulated Cllr Wadsworth on his re-election.   |               |
| <b>2 Minutes of the previous meeting</b>   |               |
| 2.1 Minutes agreed as a true record.   |               |
| <b>3 Matters arising</b>   |               |
| 3.1 6.6 – Moor Lane Allotments - ZT to pick up.  | ZT            |
| 3.2 6.7 - Senior officers are meeting with the airport to discuss how to develop a better working relationship.  |               |
| <b>4 Police update</b>   |               |
| 4.1 Sergeant Perkis, PCSO Kersnik and PCSO Wild updated the forum on crime and policing issues in the area.  |               |
| 4.2 W/c 9 <sup>th</sup> May – 2 reported burglaries, 32 reports of vehicle number plate thefts and ASB issues on Oxford Road. There were a lot of problems with youths at the fair and a report of stolen goods in one of the caravans. A youth from Thorner was issued with a Section 59 warning for driving in an anti-social manner. If the perpetrator receives another notice, their car can be taken off them. Also, an 18yr old male was charged for theft of lead from the roof of Fieldhead School. |               |
| 4.3 W/c 16 <sup>th</sup> May – No burglaries were reported but there was 5 reports of vehicle crime and 3 men were caught fleeing from a stolen vehicle. ASB reported on Oxford Road and MacDonalds.   |               |
| 4.4 W/c 23 <sup>rd</sup> May – 1 burglary was reported. 29yr old male arrested for fighting outside the station pub and a 22yr old was charged for drink driving.  |               |
| 4.5 W/c 23 <sup>rd</sup> May – 3 reports of burglaries and a 16yr old female was arrested on Oxford Road for drunken behaviour.  |               |
| 4.6 Lead and copper theft is rife and there have been a number of thefts of Audi satellite navigation systems within the area.   |               |
| 4.7 The Police recently attended a talk by Trading Standards which they found very informative and urged residents if possible to attend one of their meetings. The Police have put forward some areas to be included in the 'No cold calling zones'. The Police reminded residents not to pay up front for work carry out by tradesmen or never sign up for direct debits to  |               |

charities at the door. Residents can contact CASAC for a list of legitimate trades people in the area. Dave Lawson invited residents to the next neighbourhood watch meeting ( 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month, LA Fitness, Yeadon) as this month speaker is from Trading Standards.

- 4.8 The Police carried out a 2 day operation carrying out vehicle checks on scrap metal vans at Harry Ramsdens which was very successful.

## **5 Changes to Planning Legislation – Kathryn Jukes**

- 5.1 Kathryn Jukes from Directions Planning Consultancy spoke to the group regarding the proposed changes in the planning system and the opportunity they present. A full copy of the presentation can be requested from Zoe Tyler on 0113 3367874.
- 5.2 The Big Society intends to give individuals greater responsibilities for themselves by removing top-down controls from the Government.
- 5.3 The provisions for changes to the planning system and the other changes involved with implementing the Big Society are been introduced through the localism bill which is currently going through parliament and secondary legislation will be published around 2012.
- 5.4 The localism bill intends to give individuals and communities the opportunity to shape development in the areas where they live and work. The bill includes a provision that requires developers to consult on all major planning applications. For applications on 200+ houses or 1000sq m<sup>2</sup>, developers must under take consultation before submitting an application and demonstrate that views have been taken in to account in the daft application.

Community Infrastructure Levy will enable local authorities to collect financial contributions from new developments to put towards the provision of new infrastructure. The bill also allows local authorities to apply a standard local tariff which will be require from all local developments and the monies has to be spent in the area they were collected.

- 5.5 Every local authority is required to have an adopted development plan which consists of two documents, the Regional Spatial Strategy and the Local Development Framework (LDF). Regional Spatial Strategies sets out targets whilst the LDF's set out proposals to deliver the targets. The localism bill will see the abolition of the Regional Spatial Strategies which will have significant implications for planning at a local authority level. This is because local authorities will be responsible for establishing the right level of development including housing, employment provision and renewable energy targets. The Government also rewards housing building schemes so local authorities receive bonus payments for 6 years, for every house that is built.
- 5.6 Neighbourhood plans give communities the opportunity to influence developments on a specific site or on certain matters, by saying on what grounds a development will be accepted.

- 5.7 Currently, the Leeds Development Plan includes the Regional Spatial Strategy for Yorkshire and Humber to 2026 and Unitary Development Plan Review to 2016. Leeds City Council (LCC) is reviewing the adopted development plan and once adopted it will be called a 'Local Development Framework' which will include a suite of documents; Core Strategy, Site Allocations and a Proposals map, it can also include Area Action Plans.
- 5.8 All the sites that have been involved in recent planning appeals have been identified in the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA).
- 5.9 Q: How can the community use the Neighbourhood Plan to constrain development?  
A: Neighbourhood Plans are intended to be positive planning tools. They set out the basis on which you are willing to accept a development and look at the opportunities rather than constraints. The Community Infrastructure Levy gives people the means of listing what infrastructure is needed to support a development. It's about finding means to facilitate developments by accommodating, managing and influencing developments in a constructive way.
- 5.10 The current appeals in Leeds have been happening with a specific time period and won't continue. LCC needs to get a development plan in place which sets the framework going forward.
- 5.11 Q: Concerns were raised over the Infrastructure Levy.  
A: The Community Infrastructure Levy will replace some of the S106 monies apart for the affordable housing requirements. LCC will need to identify what infrastructure is required and the costs of providing it. It will then be possible to work out how much should be charged per house or square metre. The local authority will work out the cost per metre.
- 5.12 Q: Are residents dependant on the frame work being set up? And, if so when will Leeds?  
A: There is nothing to stop residents setting up a neighbourhood plan now as it gives residents a negotiation tool to put to the council and the developers about what residents feel is reasonable.
- The UDP included unallocated site and residents will be able to influence the future allocation of sites. Once an application is in it's really difficult to influence it, so Neighbourhood Plans provide an opportunity to influence the planning process from the front rather than dealing with issues retrospectively.
- 5.13 A: Has the Government outlined what legal form community groups will have in order to be recognised?  
A: Neighbourhood Plans should be lead through the Town or Parish Councils. There is an opportunity to create a Neighbourhood Forum or Planning Forum and there will be legislation about the process to creating it, set out in the Localism Bill.
- 5.14 Q: Can developers automatically apply for residential development on a previously marked brown field site?

A: National guidance says there is a presumption to favour redevelopment of brown field site rather than greenfield sites. The UDP can outline that sites aren't developed.

## **6 AOB**

- 6.1 A meeting has taken place to discuss the transfer of the community asset of Rawdon Library in to the community which means more volunteers are needed to help run the library.
  - 6.2 The traffic lights at the Aireborough Leisure Centre junction with the Guiseley Gyratory are still showing a straight ahead filter light in the left turn lane which need to be removed.
  - 6.3 The pavement on Hallam St is in a very poor state. ZT to past on to Highways. ZT
  - 6.4 A resident raised the point that there are no care in the community beds this side of Leeds and wondered if there was anything that can be done? Cllr Latty to look into what prospect there will be in the future for beds in the area.
- ## **7 Next meeting**
- 7.1 Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September, 7-9pm. Community Room, Aireborough Leisure Centre.