Outer East Area Committee Minutes from Halton Moor Forum 17 January 2012

Appendix 3 Present:

Cllr Katherine Mitchell (Chair), Cllr Mick Lyons, John Pearson (LCC Env Action Team) S Marsh (Resident), B Mumby (Resident), R Wheatstone (Veolia), J O'Sullivan (Veolia), Kath Daly (LCC), Diane Gill (Resident), Val Broadley (Resident), Christine Mitchell (Visitor), PC 1159 Ian Phillips (WYP) Coullin Meikle (LCC – Youth Service), Pete Mudge (LCC Area Officer, minutes),

Apologies:

Cllr Bill Hyde, Ron Bool (Leeds Tenants Federation & OTRA), Gladys Townend (Resident), Heather Sanderson (Resident).

Item	Welcome, introductions and apologies	Action
1.1	Cllr Mitchell welcomed everyone to the meeting, checked everyone had signed in and the above apologies were noted.	
2.0	PACT meeting (Police And Communities Together)	
2.1	Local priorities are Local Policing Priority, and Anti Social Behaviour with 2 ASBs from 1 – 13 Dec, 5 recorded burglaries from 1 -13 Dec 2011 and 5 to present date. These figures are roughly half of the previous years so	Police
Q)	Could the police provide figures of prosecutions rather than crime stats at future forums.	
A)	Agreed both will be provided in future.	
Q)	Apart from policing, what is happening to actually combat nuisance and crime in the area.	
A)	Many groups from the police, council and community work on joint initiatives. One example of this is tasking where all crimes are discussed to ensure proper support is provided and preventative measures are taken. Cllr Lyons stressed he is delighted at how well crime and nuisance is being reduced and reflected on how bad the estate had been in years gone by. JP said the Police greatly assisted in partnership projects with regard to environmental improvements to make the area safer.	
Q)	The traffic island before the bridge on Osmondthorpe Road is too high so when driving down from the parade side it looks as if drivers are flashing you to come over. In one week recently there were 7 bumps.	Cllr L
A)	Cllr Lyons said there will be a site visit to investigate the situation.	CIII L
3.0	Minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 2011	
3.1	AVH recorded as ENE – requires changing. Item 6.1 notes Veolia over AV Environmental.	PM
4.0	Matters arising from those minutes	
	None were raised as all points appear in the main meeting.	

5.0	10 minute open floor	
5.1	No issues were tabled or raised.	
6.0	Residual waste treatment facility – project update	
6.1	Cllr Mitchell introduced John O'Sullivan from Veolia who presented key points about the proposal by his company to build a waste treatment facility offering recycling and incineration for all Leeds waste. There would be the ability to take more waste but this would only be used for additional development in the city. The provision will be similar to the one Veolia already operates in Sheffield.	
Q)	Can inappropriate access routes be closed to ensure vehicles do not drive through residential areas.	
A)	Drivers will be clearly told which route they must use and if they do not they will be banned from the facility.	
Q)	Cllr Lyons said Veolia should have brought large maps if they are to consult with us. We won't accept this as consultation and want a further meeting which we will arrange in one month.	PM
A)	John O'Sullivan said he was happy to attend that. He also noted that Veolia was staging drop ins in Halton Moor, on Saturday as well as Halton and Osmondthorpe.	
Q)	How much will this cost taxpayers under the pfi scheme?	
A)	That is something more appropriate for LCC to answer.	
Q)	Biffa is looking to build a similar facility nearby. How much will their gate fees be? Would it be better for Leeds to be solely served by Biffa's facility.	
A)	I cannot answer for Biffa.	
Q)	In your presentation you referred to a slight reduction in air quality. This will even further reduce the quality of air in this area.	
A)	There will be an infinitesimal impact. It will be monitored by Environment Agency and planning permission will require thorough analysis in advance and ongoing monitoring.	
Q)	Could you plant trees along Newmarket Lane and something beside the railway?	
A)	This is certainly something we could potentially look at if planning permission is granted.	
7.0	Environmental issues – John Pearson	
7.1	John was warmly welcomed back after the operation on his knees. He said if he is kept informed of problems he will do his utmost to resolve them.	
	His report noted interagency co-operation to remove vegetation to open up the Nevilles. Future street tidying includes cleaning up waste	JP

	between Halton Moor and Osmondthorpe.	
Q)	A rogue artist is doing stencils on buildings in the area. The stencils often feature unsavoury matter such as guns and military items. Could all incidents be speedily reported to John.	All
A)	The shop entrance on Halton Moor Road is disgusting.	
Q)	The dishevelled planters are being removed and nearby Lakeland Court is also being done.	
	Cllr Lyons said it was disappointing non one is here from housing as areas are being litter picked and tidied up but some housing is disgusting.	
	JP said he was meeting with housing the following day to discuss the impact.	
8.0	Youth Service update - Virgil Meikle	
8.1	Council had managed to retain use of the leisure centre three evenings a week and this ensured ongoing youth provision. The Friday events are particularly popular and include partnership with NACRO to enable contact with hardest to reach groups.	
8.2	Doing work to help youth into jobs and undertaking projects with that now.	
8.3	It's proving very difficult and costly for other groups to access the leisure centre following its official closure. It is to cold for junior soccer teams to play outdoors however it has proved too expensive for them to access any space in the centre. Chair (Cllr Mitchell) said councillors are keen to see the leisure centre used and Cllr Lyons said it was better for it to be used than left empty.	
9.0	Update from East North East Homes	
9.1	No officer was present to give an update.	
10.0	Any other business and date of next meeting	
10.1	263 Osmondthorpe Road is empty yet the driveway is being used as a car park. Agreed the matter should be reported to Steve Sheriffe.	PM
10.2	For the public consultation with Veolia, it would be helpful if questions were submitted in advance via Area Management so that Veolia can prepare appropriate answers.	All
10.3	Highways should be invited to the next meeting to issues all issues particularly access routes and signage for new developments.	Chair / PM
10.4	The next forum meeting is scheduled for 03 April 2012.	