SEMK Local Stakeholder Group Meeting

17:30-19:00, Thursday 27th June 2019
Room 1.02, Civic Offices, Central Milton Keynes

MINUTES

Attendees

Lesley Sung          Walton CC
Mario Toto           Walton CC
David Hopkins        MKC Danesborough and Walton Ward
Michael Geddes       Woburn Sands TC
Sue Malleson         Representative of Bow Brickhill PC
John Baker           CBC Aspley and Woburn Ward
Julian Price         Bow Brickhill PC
Stewart Bailey       Aspley Guise PC
Andrew Turner        Senior Planning Officer MKC
Jonathan Palmer      Development Plans and Delivery Manager MKC

Item 1 – Apologies

Adam Chapman-Ballard, Walton CC
Cllr Alice Jenkins, MKC Danesborough and Walton Ward
Becky O’Rourke, Bow Brickhill Parish Council
Tony O’Rourke, Bow Brickhill Parish Council

Item 2 – Terms of Reference and Participation

Group initially invited Cllr Gowans to Chair the group but after further discussion about the constitutional status of the group decided against having a Chair and rely upon MKC officers to convene the meetings. Group decided to invite Cllr Gowans to attend the meetings as an observer. Noted that the group was part of a consultative process on the development framework, and that decision making would remain with MKC

The group discussed the pros and cons of having local interest groups and societies involved in the group. Ultimately agreed that meetings are public (with agendas/papers published on the website) but would seek to invite particular groups/societies as and when the group felt their input would be helpful. The group were clear that they did not want developers participating in the group.

Noted that Woburn Sands District Society need to be removed from the Terms of Reference, and that Sue Malleson could attend as a nominated representative of Bow Brickhill Parish Council rather than being listed as a resident within the Terms of Reference.

Future invites should be sent to the Aylesbury Vale District Council ward members.
Some members of the group requested that the developers’ pre-app proposals be brought to the group. Officers advised that MKC is not in formal pre-app with the site promoters, but have discussed concepts and layouts of the scheme with them.

Clarified that the focus of the group is South East MK, but discussions need to be cognisant of development proposals in the wider area as well as regional transport infrastructure projects.

The group was happy meetings papers (agendas, minutes, etc) to be published online at https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/south-east-milton-keynes-strategic-urban-extension

**Item 3 – Planning policy update**

MKC Officers advised the group that the Council’s position on progressing development frameworks and briefs for development sites in the area had been reconsidered and is now as follows:

- No public consultation on a draft South East MK Development Framework SPD until the Oxford to Cambridge Expressway route options are publicly consulted upon and the potential implications considered.
- The South Caldecotte Development Framework SPD will not be taken forward for adoption until the Oxford to Cambridge Expressway route options are publicly consulted upon and the potential implications considered.
- The Caldecotte Site C Development Brief will not be taken forward for adoption until the Oxford to Cambridge Expressway route options are publicly consulted upon and the potential implications considered.

Officers also advised that MKC are preparing a brief to carry out additional transport work that will inform the master planning of the three Plan:MK allocations referred to above, as well as the Council’s approach to highways and transport around the south Milton Keynes area. This work will be carried out during 2019, enabling it to take account of the Oxford to Cambridge Expressway route options, and their implications, that will be consulted upon in the autumn. The outputs of this work will inform the master planning of the three allocations and wider infrastructure planning. Officers were happy to share the draft brief with the group for their comment and input.

However, it was noted that the developers for any of the sites could submit a planning application at any stage which the Councils would have to consider based upon Plan:MK and material considerations. It was noted the promoters of South Caldecotte are likely to submit an application soon. It was noted that responses to the recent consultation on the revised draft South Caldecotte Development Framework can be taken as a material consideration when considering any such application.

**Item 4 – Future agenda items and dates of meetings**
Agreed that a draft brief for the transport study we discussed at the next week. Also agreed to carry out the discussions about concepts/layout that began at the January workshops.

**AOB** - None