NOTE OF MEETING / ACTION POINTS

IPSWICH NORTHERN FRINGE SPD

SPATIAL PLANNING WORKING GROUP

TUESDAY 22 MAY 2012

GRAFTON HOUSE, IPSWICH

In attendance:

Steve Miller (IBC) Phil Sweet (IBC) Gail Broom (IBC) Joanne Cave (David Lock Associates) Steve Haines (David Lock associates)

1. STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

It was agreed that a single group briefing session for all interested agency stakeholders would be worthwhile.

DLA to organise subject to IBC providing an up-to-date contacts list and a room at Grafton House. (nb suitable rooms tend to heavily booked well ahead).

Agreed that contact with Network Rail be made separately in view of the particularly critical nature of their involvement.

ACTION: DLA to set up a stakeholder briefing session on receipt of contact details from IBC.

2. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

IBC confirmed that a Community Engagement Strategy was being prepared with a view to being circulated prior to the next Steering Group (SG) meeting.

IBC intend to set up a Community Liaison Group and the format of this is currently under active consideration.

The possible format of the first Community Consultation was discussed. DLA suggested that a day workshop type event for an invited group might be worth considering. This idea was well received by IBC.

ACTION: DLA to make a proposal for a suitable Community Engagement event run to be hosted at a suitable venue in the Northern Fringe area.

3. SCOPE, CONTENT AND FORMAT OF THE SPD

PS circulated a draft schedule of potential scope and contents.

JC Circulated copies of example SPDs from Wokingham. These were favourably received in general terms by IBC officers and appeared to cover most of the IBC checklist.

ACTION: DLA to prepare and circulate a suggested skeleton SPD for comment by IBC with a view to this being agreed at the next SG meeting.

4. DEVELOPMENT COMPONENTS

Schedule was circulated and its derivation explained by IBC. It was accepted that space

allocated to physical infrastructure, employment, and mixed use centres may need to be reviewed as a clearer fix on likely dwelling numbers is obtained.

The matter of a potential employment component was discussed. It was confirmed that it was envisaged that this would be provided as flexible, relatively small-scale floorspace within mixed use centres rather than in the form of an employment park.

ACTION: IBC carrying out some work on retail capacity; IBC to consult internally with Sports Development and Greenspace officers to establish any initial aspirations in respect of any formal sports provision.

4. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

ACTION: IBC to consult internally on this topic which it was agreed is important given the scale and likely long timespan of the development.

DLA advice on best practice from elsewhere requested.

5. GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

A schedule of suggested general principles and objectives was circulated by PS.

Attention was drawn to previous 2002 work on landscape strategy by the Landscape Partnership for Kesgrave Covenant and Crest Strategic which provides useful site analysis.

ACTION: DLA to continue working on options in association with developing work on the movement strategy.

IBC to consult internally on design / management issues for the country park. IBC aspirations on play, teen, and sports provision to be developed.

IBC (Denis Cooper) to check that 35dph with 10% amenity open space provides necessary potential for drainage swales if required.)

6. ENERGY

ACTION: PS to provide DLA with a link to the energy study by CAMCO prepared for IBC as evidence base for Core Strategy EIP. This highlighted the potential for an ESCO on the NF which the Borough would like to investigate further.

7. POSSIBLE VISITS TO COMPARABLE DEVELOPMENTS FOR MEMBERS (AND CHAIRS OF RESIDENTS GROUPS?)

ACTION: DLA to suggest a number of broadly comparable sites that might be worth visiting.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the meeting had been very useful and that should become a regular programmed meeting prior to each Steering Group.

Work to be circulated for comment in between times as required of course.

Suggested date for next meeting of working group Wednesday 27 June, 10 am, Grafton House (SG follows on Tuesday 3 July).

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