

CWNP Business, Shopping & Tourism Topic Group Meeting Draft Minutes

Date: Thursday 28th November

Chair: Claire Milne

Attendees: Phil McMichael, David Jessey, David Malia, Marcia Malia, David Marshalsea

Apologies: Amanda Bryett, Paul Roach, Megan Quinlan, Julia White, Alison Logan

1. Introduction

- Introductions were made
- CM - Meeting is to focus on capturing the main issues of concern to residents/workers/businesses identified so far
- MM expressed concern at what we need to do to provide an evidence base

2. Reviewed Jorge Nash (planning aid) comments on the Business, Shopping & Tourism draft vision document that had been produced at the 8th October Business TG meeting.

- Jorge suggested area's that were in/out of scope
- Suggested that we review the class usage of properties
- Suggested that we focus on land use and planning
- Suggested transport issues to refer to Transport TG

3. Focused on key areas of concern from the draft document and TG members

- It was generally felt that by far the main issue for the Business, Shopping & Tourism group is parking and general accessibility to the town centre. It was felt that this would be addressed by the transport TG, but should be highlighted as the main issue from this TG.
- The remaining issues were categorised by Retail, Tourism, Business & Night time economy as follows

Retail

Declining retail mix and diversity

- Re-look at controlling planning use
- Cap on number of A3 licences (restaurants) to retain number of retailers

(Declining demand for retail units generally due to effect of the internet)

Containing retail offer

- Limiting number of roads used for retail
- Concentrate into areas to keep full, vibrant and right mix
- Encourage diversity though town centre manager

Encourage small independent, single operative retailers

Tourism

Encourage tourists to stay longer and spend more

- Encourage top end hotels and restaurants
- Promote Windsor as a prestige destination

Businesses

Need for purpose built, high tech office space within walking distance of town centre to increase non seasonal retail spend

Small businesses and start ups need facilities

- Shared usage
- Encourage entrepreneurs
- Low cost start up units

Night time economy

Impact on residents. Need to manage / control

- RBWM should enforce clubs closing times to conform to published Home Office guidelines.
- Policing
- Onsite management

4. Next steps

5. Next meeting