

**Heritage Development and Housing Topic Group Minutes of Meeting
held 9 September 2014 at 7pm at 15 Gloucester Place, Windsor**

Those Present: Andrew Melville chairman
 Jane Carter
 Alison Logan
 Claire Milne
 Anne Taylor
 John Holdstock

Apologies were received from Carol Da Costa, David Eglise, Raewyn Porteous, Susie Shearer

AM welcomed JH to the meeting.

At the start of the meeting CM tabled some A3 maps provided by the Borough which showed the sub-areas which had emerged from the policy workshop discussions. These occasioned a good deal of interest. It was agreed that the main need now was to integrate the topic policies which we had been discussing with the cross cutting area assessments.

CM had circulated to topic groups a template to assist with area assessments and had herself filled in one for area 1. AL had made a start on an assessment for area 2. The vision workshop on 23 September would help to crystallise the mechanisms for putting together topical and geographic information. In the meantime JH said that he would have a go at completing forms for areas 5 and 6.

A discussion followed on a number of cross cutting issues including:

- Legoland and what the classification of the site as previously developed green belt actually meant in practice.
- The need to identify important community sites such as Tesco and in particular those which might be at risk.
- The importance of street and garden trees in the townscape and the need for replanting especially along the principal roads – Osborne, Frances and Alma.
- The different characters of the various estates in West Windsor and how to preserve or enhance them.
- The need for and potential for improvements along Dedworth Road and the possible creation of a Dedworth Villiage
- The impact of new housing outside the parish boundary on services and infrastructure within it.
- Toilets in Parks.
- Improved access, particularly cycle access, between the Great Park and the town centre.

It was decided not to look at the policy table again at present. Comments could be sent in by email and it could be revisited following the meeting on the 23rd of September.

AM would recirculate the table with GBs latest comments as some people seemed not to have seen these. AM mentioned that GB had felt that the references to the Castle and historic town centre in the introduction to the policies might be inappropriate, given that these were not in our area. The feeling was that some reference to our area forming the context and gateways to the historic core should be included but this could be looked at again.

JC was thanked for her work on parking standards and the table would be revised to incorporate her suggestions with an appendix with the detail.

We still had to complete design briefs for key sites and when drafted these should go to the land owners for their comments.

Topic groups might be coming to the end of their life but it was thought to be useful to arrange a further meeting between the AGM on the 16th and the following Forum meeting on 9th October by which time we would need to be considering the material for the public consultation.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday, 15th October – 7pm – 15 Gloucester Place.

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