

Overview & Scrutiny Task Group

Meeting Notes



Review topic BRS Working Group	Date of Meeting 4 th Oct 2018

Attendance	Venue
Members: Cllr Marshall Cllr Strachan Cllr O'Hagan Cllr Boyle Cllr Ball Cllr Ray Cllr Warfield Apologies Cllr Smith Officers: Craig Jordan Helen Bielby Christine Lewis Advisors: Andrew Hayward – BHB Architects Andrew Buckman – Kingstons CPC David Crump – Greenwoods Projects	Committee Room

Areas Discussed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Marshall was elected Chairman and Councillor Strachan as Vice-Chairman of the group. No declarations of interest were received. • The scope of the working group and terms of reference were approved • Update on current position with the site was discussed and noted that now the Police Station was owned by the Council, the whole site belonged to LDC. Noted that the bus station was still in use and in need of maintenance to ensure it was fit for purpose in the short to medium term. Also reported and noted that areas of the site including kiosks and Police Station required works to make safe and prevent squatters. Multi-storey car park is checked every 3 months and last report did not flag significant concern. Tempest Ford site

has contaminated land and shafts from tanks which were uncovered during demolition but site has been made safe but remediation works will be required.

- Short-Medium term proposals were discussed. There was some support for the principles behind this approach however members raised the issue of costs. It was agreed by some of the group that if progressed these proposals should be seen as a Phase 1 and should incorporate remediation of land in preparation for longer term re-development plans. Group wished for new toilets along with a food/drink stall and cultural offering using reusable and sustainable materials that can could still be used elsewhere in the district at events once a permanent development of the site had occurred.
- Key issues and next steps – it was agreed that there was an opportunity with the Birmingham Road site to review the whole city centre and as part of this look at all development sites in the area as a whole and not in isolation. This would assist in determining what role the Birmingham Road site could play going forward in providing for suitable uses. This should be the focus of the next meeting of the Task Group.
- In respect of other key issues, members identified a remaining desire for a leisure offering including a cinema as it was noted that residents had indicated to Members their wish for one in the City. The group also agreed that there could be scope for mixed architecture on the Birmingham Road site that could aid tourism.

Outcomes

It was agreed that stage 1 should consist of temporary development and remediation works at the same time. This should include illustrated hoardings around the Tempest Ford site that could possibly be designed by local community groups and schools.

Details of potential temporary development proposals have been requested for the next meeting.

Further Work Required/Next Steps:

The group asked for a city wide plan to be prepared for its next meeting to help understand the relationship between the Birmingham Road site and other plans/policies for the broader area.

The next meeting will look at the plans and policies that inform development across the city centre including the Local Plan, Lichfield Neighbourhood Plan and City Centre Development Strategy.

The group will meet again on the 25th October 2018.

