



Meeting record

Regarding:

Magna Park Lutterworth Community Liaison Group

Date:

Tuesday 4th July 2017 6.30pm

Item	Minutes	Actions
1.	Apologies	
	Tim Ottevanger – Ashby Parva PC	
	Chris Faircliffe – Bitteswell Parish Council	
	Edmund Hunt – Cotesbach PC	
	Cllr Tony Gillias – Harborough District Councillor	
2.	Agree minutes of 16 th May 2017 meeting	
	Minutes were taken as read and will be uploaded to the website.	
3.	Introductions	
	Gwyn Stubbings – IDI Gazeley (GS)	
	Bruce Topley – IDI Gazeley (BT)	
	Keith Beard – Savills/IDI Gazeley (KB)	
	David Eden – Savills/IDI Gazeley (DE)	
	Mark Kerr – Newgate Engage (Chair) (MK)	
	 Ellie Naismith – Newgate Engage (Secretariat) (EN) 	
	Kate Durrans – Newgate Engage (Secretariat) (KD)	
	Barbara Dent – Monks Kirkby PC (BD)	
	Bill Wooliscroft – Monks Kirby PC (BW)	
	 Maggie Pankhurst – Magna Park is Big Enough (MP) 	
	Ian Bentlett – Harborough Magna PC (IB)	
	Cllr Adrian Warwick – Warwickshire County Council (AW)	
	Mike Perks – Lutterworth Town Council (MPe)	
4.	Matters arising	
	MK ran through the actions from the previous meeting, and reported on the progress made	
	with each of them.	
		KD to
	The website has now been updated and all the meetings archived and labelled	include link
	 Updates on meetings with the Warwickshire County Highways Authority have been included at Item 6 	with minutes
	 Planning related wording on lighting and responding to the application will be issued with these minutes 	
	An update on the lorry park masterplan is included in Item 7	

5. Update on Planning Applications

GS provided an overview and update of IDI Gazeley's planning applications.

KD to share report in minutes

DHL Application

GS explained that the legal challenge against Harborough District Council's (HDC) approval of the DHL application made by DB Symmetry had been withdrawn, and as IDI Gazeley were an interested party they had been required to approve the withdrawal. He followed by stating that as this judicial review had now been withdrawn, IDI Gazeley could proceed with bringing the development forward subject to discharging the pre-commencement conditions. IDI Gazeley would now seek to progress with delivering the infrastructure needed for the DHL development at the earliest opportunity, including:

- Two roundabouts
- Improvements and re-aligning part of Mere Lane

In response to BW, GS clarified that the legal challenge was brought against the decision made by HDC and was based on procedures surrounding how the decision was reached. These considerations were:

- How heritage impacts were considered in relation to the site
- If Harborough District Council had fully considered whether the DHL facility could be accommodated on the DB Symmetry site

GS went on to consider the reasons why the judicial review was withdrawn:

- HDC had made it clear that neither the Hybrid application made by IDI Gazeley nor the DB Symmetry application would be considered until the judicial review process was completed
- In January 2017, an updated report was published, the latest in a series of reports commissioned over the last two years, which considered the strategic distribution needs in the Leicestershire area.

KD to enclose this report with minutes

This report had concluded that warehousing needs should not be capped and instead the market should dictate the demand warehousing and councils should accommodate accordingly; all previous reports in the series had implied a cap. These reports were commissioned by the Leicestershire Housing, Planning and Infrastructure Group and prepared by Savills and MDS Transmodal, an independent consultant specialising in rail freight. This new report was in response to HDC asking for more information about warehousing capacity and optimum locations.

Hybrid Application

GS noted that final amends to the application were likely to be completed by the end of the week and submitted to HDC. As a result, IDI Gazeley expects the Hybrid application to come before the Planning Committee in November.

In response to IB, GS explained that although the threshold of strategic distribution floorspace has been omitted HDC have a duty to cooperate responsibility with adjoining local authorities

which means that they will need to consider proposed developments across the wider area and supporting infrastructure requirements.

AW observed that Duty to Cooperate meant that Warwickshire had taken some of Coventry's housing and employment requirements.

GS explained that as part of the Local Plan process HDC will need to formally demonstrate that they have cooperated with neighbouring local authorities.

In response to AW, GS stated there were no undeveloped plots at the existing Magna Park.

GS explained there was no further expansion allocated for Magna Park in the adopted 2011 Core Strategy. A new Local Plan is on course to be adopted in be autumn 2018 with a plan period 2032.

GS added that the IDI Gazeley's representations so far to the HDC Local Plan consultations were the same as the Hybrid Application – to grow the park by 200ha.

In response to AW, GS stated none of the Magna Park expansion would encroach on the Warwickshire Green Belt. He noted that a draft of the new Local Plan (Proposed Submission) was due to be considered at the full council meeting on 10th July 2017.

GS further observed that HDC did not have a 5 year housing land supply, and their continuation without an up-to-date Local Plan leaves them exposed to planning applications on unallocated sites as per the recent approval at appeal for 250 houses to the west of Lutterworth.

MPe noted that LTC has supported the development purely on the basis of the infrastructure improvements they would bring.

AW acknowledged that more councils should approve and condition applications rather than rejecting them only for them to be approved by an inspector.

6. Summary from IDI Gazeley with Warwickshire Highways Authority – Monday 22nd May

GS explained that he had attended a meeting with Ben Simm on 22nd May and another on 4th July at HDC with a Leicestershire County Highways Representative and a HDC planning officer to ensure cross border transport communication between all local authorities. Discussions were regarding highways and vehicle movements for the Hybrid application and for the S106 contributions or improvements to Gibbett Hill Roundabout.

GS stated that there were a number of applications which could deliver the improvements to Gibbett Hill Roundabout through S106 contributions and that whichever was approved first could either fund (in part) or deliver the improvement works. These applications were:

- Rugby Gateway
- Moto Application M6 (Junction 1)
- DIRFT Phase III
- DB Symmetry, Symmetry Park

GS noted that the DHL application would trigger an improvement to the Whittle Roundabout but a more thorough improvement would be implemented capable of accommodating the

KD to provide copy of signage audit to members with minutes Hybrid application if approved. The possibility of creating a Steering Group like at DIRFT III was also discussed, to focus on the delivery of Highways improvements and provide a mechanism to ensure problems would be solved should they arise.

MK explained that S106 was specifically limited to mitigation against the impacts of planning permission development and therefore has to be linked specifically to the development.

GS clarified that contributions must undergo a CIL 122 test to ensure they address issues related to the development as follows:

- 1. necessary to make the development acceptable in planning terms;
- 2. directly related to the development; and
- 3. fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind to the development.

In response to BW, GS noted that Highways England had not been involved in discussions and that the planning application related meetings were more related to vehicle routing rather than road infrastructure. The A5 Steering Group should provide the forum to join up strategy between County Councillors and Highways England.

BW said that he was still in discussion with Warwickshire and Leicestershire MP's to lobby for more involvement from Highways England; discussions have stepped up since the election.

GS added that discussion with Warwickshire Highways also covered cross party signage between the two authorities. Consideration was given to the idea of holding a financial bond through the S106 to invest in improved signage if needed in the future.

KD to include audit with minutes

GS explained that IDI Gazeley had carried out an extensive signage audit and provided it to Warwickshire. Further comments on the audit from CLG members should be provided to Ben Simm at Warwickshire County Council.

In response to BW, GS stated that the routing map that was provided at the last meeting had not been discussed at their meeting.

BW to report on progress

BT noted that in order for routing in head leases for Magna Park customers to be formally reviewed a letter would be needed from Warwickshire Highways Authority advocating the change.

BW will continue to the pursue this.

7. Update on Magna Park Lorry Park proposals – Friday 30th May

GS stated that plans for the Lorry Park were on-going with potential operators. The already permitted HGV parking scheme was on hold until the decision on the Hybrid application.

GS noted suppliers who were involved in the talks:

- GasRec
- Keltruck
- Scania

In response to MPe, GS stated that there would be facilities on site to accommodate driver's amenity needs, as well as a centre to HGV driver training facility and maintenance facility.

	GS added that he is also aware of the Moto application (R17/0011 Rugby Borough Council) for a new service station on Junction 1 of the M6, which appears to include a lorry park and would also help reduce the pressure on HGV parking in lay-by's in the local area and at Magna Park.	
8.	Future meeting and speaker suggestions	EN/KD to look into
	IB asked for an update on the approach to Highways England for a speaker to attend.	Midland Connect
	In response, MK stated that this was ongoing. GS agreed this was a good idea and will follow up.	Speaker.
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9.	АОВ	Share lighting
	Fireproofing buildings	document to
	Following an email from MP, and in response to the fire at Grenfell Tower, discussion was held regarding fire safety of warehouses at Magna Park.	members
	MK observed that fire requirements were much less than in residential buildings compared to commercial and hotel developments but following the incident at Grenfell this should now change.	
	BT explained, the external cladding envelope systems used on IDI Gazeley buildings at Magna Park, Lutterworth are either a composite cladding panel which consists of an insulation core, bonded to and encapsulated by metal sheets, or built up cladding which consists of two skins of metal sheet with insulation between.	
	The manufacturer of the insulated composite panels specified for the earlier units at Magna Park were Luxalon – Hunter Douglas, on more recent units composite panels manufactured by Kingspan were also approved for specification and use on units at Magna Park.	
	The cladding systems that are specified are insurance approved to the Loss Prevention Certification Board (LPCB), Loss Prevention Standards (LPS) or FM Global (FM). These are insurance certifications and covers that are recognised by the World's leading regulatory authorities, Industry and Governments to set the standards needed to ensure that fire and security products and services perform effectively. These certifications offer independent, third- party approval confirming standards have been met and continue to be met and have become Internationally recognised marks of trust'	
	This certification will mean that the Panels will not propagate, nor add to the spread of fire and in certain applications can also provide levels of fire resistance and insulation. In addition, the cladding type used has always been designed to meet the relevant Building Regulations Approved Document B. This requires that all large single storey buildings for industrial or storage use over 20,000 square metres must have sprinklers fitted, be compartmentalised or have a fire engineered solution approved by building control.	
	Furthermore, all units at Magna Park Lutterworth are connected to a central sprinkler system.	
	Therefore, the current IDI Gazeley specification is robust and designed to meet all applicable fire safety standards. In summary all buildings constructed at Magna Park will have received	

	final completion certificates by Building Control which provides formal evidence that the building works have been approved and that the works have been carried out in accordance with the Building Regulations.	
	Magna Park Newsletter	
	EN explained that an update newsletter would shortly be issued to the local community. As part of that, a section on the CLG and to report on progress. This article would be comprised two interviews, one with GS and one with another member of the CLG.	
	EN asked for members of the group who were interested to get in touch.	
10.	Date of next meeting	
	Tuesday 3 rd October 2017	
	The date was approved and the meeting closed at 19:50.	