

## Notes from meeting with HCA 04/10/16

### Attendees

#### Watlington NP:-

Gill Bindoff (NPCoG), Ian Hill (PC), Norman Perry (NPFCG), Rachel Gill (NP Admin), Tom Bindoff (SC), Terry Jackson (SC), Peter Richardson (NP Admin), Pauline Harvey (NPFCG)

#### Icknield Community College

Mat Hunter (Headteacher), Luisa Howden (Business Manager), David Marcou (Chair of Governors), Rhian Woods (Governor)

#### HCA Team

Tim Davis (HCA), Jo Davis (GVA Bilfinger), Charlotte Taylor (GVA Bilfinger), David Taylor (Urban Engineering Studio), Paul Murain (), Chris Carter (AECOM)

#### Pyrton

Genevieve Young (Pyrton Parish Clerk), Lucy Brittain (Pyrton Parish Councillor and NP Steering Group)

#### Cuxham

Ann Voss (Cuxham Highways Representative)

#### From 12 noon

David Cotterell (NPFCG, NP Traffic Group), Jim Simmie (Watlington NP Traffic Group), Peter Canavan (SODC Planning)

### 1. HCA Team Introduction to Workshop & Chalgrove Airfield Initiative

Gill Bindoff welcomed everyone to the meeting, introductions were made.

Jo Davis (JD) gave an introduction and some background information. In summary:

- SODC have an allocation of 3,500 houses from unmet need in Oxford City.
- The Government has committed to deliver 200k houses on public sector owned land by 2020
- The potential of the airfield is being examined, i.e how can it work
- JD recognised that this could mean big changes for the communities in the area and would impact infrastructure across the area
- HCA would use an 'Enquiry by Design' approach, this is an intense 5 days of work to design a scheme which aims to meet requirement and mitigates constraints. It has been used on a number of large schemes.

The next step will be meetings with local Parish Councils on 31<sup>st</sup> October to understand the issues. More detailed design will be looked at in January.

## 2. Education.

**JD asked the representatives from Icknield Community College for their future plans for the school.**

Mat Hunter (MH) said that the current year 7 is completely full and the school had been asked to take more students. He expected the school to continue to fill up as it is increasingly the school of choice for the community. Also given more houses being built in Chinnor and Benson he expected the school to continue to be full. The school is also creating a MAT (Multi-Academy Trust).

There are no current plans for development on school land but school are keen to have a 6<sup>th</sup> form in the future. A 6<sup>th</sup> form was proposed in 2014 but did not go ahead. A new build would now be required to accommodate a 6<sup>th</sup> form.

**TD asked how many pupils would be expected in a 6<sup>th</sup> form and how much land would be needed?** MH estimated not less than 180 students, i.e around 90 students per year and a block of around 12 multi-use classrooms.

**JD asked where students currently went after leaving.** MH said around 27% Henley College and also Wallingford School and Lord Williams in Thame.

**JD asked about buses and where they came from.** MH said as far as High Wycombe but mostly from the feeder schools. There are currently around 12 buses. There are current impacts of traffic with buses delayed. There was a discussion over opportunities to access school from the rear.

**PM asked whether there were any aspirations to include people beyond school age?** MH said yes he would welcome this.

GB added that the NP feel there would be a need to make land available for school expansion or to move to.

**JD asked whether school was used outside of school hours.** MH said as much as possible. LH added that they work with a company to take bookings for sports hall, classrooms and grounds. JD asked for a schedule to assess what facilities are available.

**RW asked how much evaluation has been done as a Secondary School is listed as part of the site development but 3,500 houses should not need a secondary school?** JD stated that with the growth for all of SODC there would be a need for a new secondary school or expansion of all secondary schools. The Chalgrove site would mean a new Primary school at Chalgrove. RW felt that Watlington has the best opportunities for expansion for a Secondary school.

JD said that this is the start of the process and schools would be engaged in further meetings.

GB asked about timescales, i.e any new school would not be built straightaway. JD said the benefit of the HCA involvement is the ability to forward fund some elements that a housebuilder could not.

### 3. Update on progress of Watlington and Pyrton NPs

#### **Pyrton**

Genevieve Young (GY) gave an update on Pyrton NP. In summary:

- Surveys and questionnaires have been completed.
- Waiting on responses from a call for sites
- Just done traffic surveys
- Confirmed Pyrton not identified for any growth ( any development will be infill on small sites)
- There are 2 larger sites in the parish WAT7 and WAT8
- WAT8 has been designated to provide a green buffer, prevent coalescence and help reduce flooding
- Residents are concerned as the village has 22 listed buildings and Pyrton Manor is Grade2 listed
- Draft plan estimated to be ready February '17
- Traffic along Knightsbridge Lane has increased to around 20 units /hour at peak. This is used as a cut through from Chalgrove to the M40.

DT asked about how Pyrton residents used Watlington. There was also some discussion on how much High St trade was from locals and how much passing trade. IH stressed the importance of parking.

#### **Watlington**

Gill Bindoff (GB) gave an update on Watlington NP.

- The draft plan document is being prepared
- Aiming for November but this will likely be too close to fit in a consultation before Christmas
- Site Assessment against criteria and sustainability objectives has been completed
- Selecting preferred sites will be done next week
- Do not yet have full traffic information
- The plan should slot together quickly once the traffic modelling info is available

JD asked when the referendum is due to take place? GB said Easter '17.

#### **Cuxham**

Anne Voss (AV) emphasised the need to understand that Chalgrove impacts Cuxham. Safety is a big issue as the road is narrow with no pavements, there is no room to widen the road as there is a stream and buildings next to the road. There are 23 listed buildings and a pub. AV expressed concern that any improvement to routes around Watlington would increase traffic through Cuxham.

4. Traffic in Watlington – HCA Team

Chris Carter (AECOM) gave a presentation on the traffic modelling completed.  
The numbers are for peak flow at 8-9am and 5-6pm.

12.30 Discussion & Response Traffic Parish View

13.15 Working Lunch

14.00 Current Planning Application – Parish View

14.30 Refreshment Break

15.15 Edge streets 'v' Ring roads: A Quality Agenda – HCA Team

15.45 Traffic implications and costs –HCA Team

16.00 Open discussion – ALL

16.45 The Way forward & Scope of Strategic Corridor Event 31 October 21 - HCA

17.00 Close