

Watlington Neighbourhood Plan

Meeting with Queensgate Homes Monday 20th June 10am

Present Queensgate Homes Peter Young (PY)
NP Forum Rachel Gill (RG), Gill Bindoff (G B), Terry Jackson (TJ), Matt Reid (MR),
Norman Perry (NP), Tom Bindoff (notes)

1. GB gave a description of the progress of the NP and detailed the recently completed 'Roadshows'.
2. MR outlined the target dates for the progress of the NP over the next few months culminating in a Referendum in March or April 2017 .
3. NP explained ' what Watlington wants '
4. TJ described the Site Selection Process which has been formulated to evaluate all sites on an equal basis .
5. GB explained that the NP Forum has decided to adopt a figure of 200 houses as the new development in the Plan to 2032 .
6. PY gave the history of the only site he is offering for development (WAT 34) . In 1993 Queensgate Homes prepared a plan to build 10 homes on the site and had discussions with the owner of the adjoining property on Cuxham Rd to provide access to the site but no agreement was reached and the plan lapsed . Currently the only access Queensgate have to the site is a right of way for maintenance from the Industrial Estate .
7. GB explained that the recent housing needs survey indicated a requirement for more Park Homes and asked PY whether Queensgate would consider making some of the site available for them . PY mentioned that Nathan Buckland had already been in touch enquiring about the availability of the site . PY had also asked Nathan whether he would be prepared to sell the plot on which the existing Park Homes are located .
8. GB also raised the need for Watlington to have more employment sites and wondered whether there would be scope for some small scale hi- tec units .
9. About 10 years ago Queensgate had discussions with Thames Valley Housing Association with regard to the development of the unit occupied by the kitchen manufacturer but this plan also did not progress .
10. GB explained that the NP Forum had decided to evaluate all the small sites but not to allocate them to the NP. PY therefore concluded that Queensgate could seek permission in the normal way .
11. NP raised the possibility of live/work units on the site but PY was not enthusiastic as Queensgate had not had a good experience with them .
12. It was agreed that it had been a most useful meeting and both parties were keen to keep in touch .

PY requested a copy of the notes of the meeting.
A sound recording was made of the meeting.

