Minutes of the 35th meeting on 15/01/2018 of the WNDP Forum CG– West Room 7.30p.m.

Present: Gill Bindoff (Facilitator) Norman Perry, Pauline Harvey, Keith Jackson, Peter Richardson, Pepita Bianchi, David Cotterell.

1. Apologies for absence: Tony Powell
2. Declarations of Interest: None
3. Minutes of the meeting on 31/10/2017.
These had been approved via email and have been published on the website
4. Update on WNDP
(i) SODC Consultation
This is now underway and closes on 28th January 2018 . Forum members are urged to respond.
(ii) Andrew Ashcroft has been appointed as the examiner by SODC.
It has been decided to collate records of contacts with neighbouring Parishes (eg Cuxham, Pyrton) into separate files in order to be able to provide evidence of engagement with them if the Examiner asks for it.
(iii) Referendum
 SODC have confirmed that the earliest we can expect to be able to hold a referendum is 22nd March. More likely to be the middle/end of April or possibly May.
(iv) Leaflet Distribution and Christmas Fair.
The leaflet about WNDP progress and publicising the Traffic Drop In was handed out by the NP stand at the Christmas Fair. The leaflet has subsequently been delivered to all households. It was thought copies of the leaflet could be made available at public locations to remind people of the traffic drop in event [ PR to distribute to these].
5. Traffic drop in Event 3rd February
Display boards will reflect the summary of the Watlington TMP produced by Mode in December 2017
Mode will not attend the drop-in but are happy to review the content of the display boards as part of the package for producing the TMP.
The display boards will also feature maps showing the locations of the various proposed traffic management measures so that residents can evaluate how they might be impacted.
A list of FAQs will be produced for helpers to use at the event when engaging residents.
We will need to emphasise that a vote in favour of the WNDP at the Referendum does not imply a vote in favour of the Watlington TMP.
We will need to provide an explanation of the Micro Modelling that is referred to in the TMP and on the boards and how input from residents could influence the type of modelling that is done and the priority of the traffic management measures.
It was proposed that Forum members agree the content of the display boards and the FAQs by a combination of emails and, if necessary a short meeting, during the week leading up to the event.
It is intended to publicise the event in the Town Centre during Saturday mornings prior to 3rd February .

It is hoped that John Howell MP and Steve Harrod (OCC councillor for Watlington) will be able to attend the event.
[Action: PR to discuss board content with DC]
6. Edge Street Update
(i) There was a meeting of stakeholders in the delivery of the realigned route on 28th November. All key participants from Homes England (formerly HCA), various developers of the areas that include the safeguarded land, and local authorities attended.
The notes of the meeting which was generally positive are now available.
Two further meetings were agreed:
(a) Landowners of the safeguarded land and their representatives to discuss coordination for the delivery of the route. This meeting took place before Christmas.
(b) Meeting of technical representatives of developers and local authorities to agree technical specification of the road along the realigned route ; to be hosted by Jason Sherwood (OCC) and Chris Carter AECOM. [Friday 19th January]

It is hoped that the outcomes of these meetings can be reported at the traffic drop in.

(ii) Meeting with John Howell MP (5th January 2018)
JH confirmed that Homes England are currently in a position to fund the road along the re-aligned road in advance of any building works in the corridor of the route.
There are other funding streams that could be made available in the event that Homes England were unable to maintain this commitment. JH to raise the matter with the Transport Secretary.
7. Development proposals
(i) Chalgrove Airfield
Homes England are currently attempting to resolve the leasehold issue with Martin Baker.
They expect to submit an initial planning application in May 2018 for development on the site.
(ii) Archstone/Bloor Homes – Site A off Britwell Road.
Draft details of an amended planning application will be presented at a meeting on Monday January 22nd for WNDP CG and WPC NDP SC members and members of the WPC planning committee in the West Room (7pm)
(iii) Victoria Land/Hunter Page PYR1
Planning application has been recently submitted for a care home/close care facility on the old MOD site.
(iv) Providence Land: Site PYR2 , sites B and C
The outline planning application on PYR 2 has not been determined by SODC. Details are still awaited on proposals for the other two sites from the developer
8. Continuity Group
For monitoring delivery of the WNDP. The group could consist of WPC councillors + members of the WNDP Forum. A discussion with the WPC NDP SC regarding this will take place on 5th February.
9. Other business.
GB reported that a request to view the health check report on the WNDP had been referred to the link that is available on the WNDP website.
An article for inclusion in the February edition of Watlington Times has been produced (GB).
GB met Liz Harris (Pyrton Lane) before Christmas to discuss her concerns regarding interim traffic arrangements while site A is being developed.
PR reported that Pyrton are about to submit their NDP to SODC.
10. Next meeting
Monday 12th February 2018 West Room 7.30 pm

Provisional 19th/26th February TBC