

ACCESS ADVISORY FORUM

MONDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER 2017

PRESENT: Angela Clark (Chairman), Sharon Carrigan, Tim Clare, Peter Haley, Manley, Robin Pemberton, Councillors Charles Hollingsworth and Philip Love

Also in attendance: Councillor Derek Wilson

Officers: Shilpa Manek and Gordon Oliver

CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION

The Chairman welcomed all to the Forum.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies of absence were received from Lisa Hughes.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting on 19 June 2017 were **Unanimously Agreed** after the following changes:

- Section 4.1 - Change the third paragraph to read:

'Dominic Manley advised the forum that he regularly used the facilities at the Windsor leisure centre and the Changing Places room has no toilet. Separately from that room there is a disabled toilet which has a toilet and shower but no hoist or fold down bench. Neither room has all of the facilities to satisfy the definition of a Changing Places toilet'

- Section 4.3 – There will be 80 blue badge bays.
- Section 4.8 – Councillor Wilson informed the Forum that the Supplementary Planning Document had not yet been developed and would be developed once the Local Borough Plan was in place.

The Clerk informed the Panel that the changes requested to the Terms of Reference in the constitution had been agreed at Council and the Constitution had been amended.

MATTERS ARISING

4.1 New Leisure Centre/Changing Places

Kevin Mist showed the Forum the presentation for the new Braywick leisure centre.

Kevin Mist informed the Forum that it was currently proposed that:

- The plans for the new leisure centre were to still go to the planning meeting in February 2018.
- The completion of the new leisure centre would be 2019.
- The existing Magnet would be open as normal till the new leisure centre opened.

- The golfing land would be used but the golfing facilities would still be on offer as virtual golf.
- The Braywick Heath nursery would stay as it is now. The new leisure centre has worked around the main trees.
- There would be a ten lane swimming pool with a learning pool and a splash area. The target was to offer more lessons.
- The changing place would have access from both the wet and dry areas, made with brick walls and plenty of space. There would be metal stairs going into the pool and also a wheelchair lift going into the pool.
- There would be an accessible changing room on the first floor. There would be access to the first floor via two lifts.
- The first floor would have four squash courts, two dance studios, other studios and a 200 station gym station along the front with a specially designated area of the gym for people with special needs.
- The walkway would lead from the car park at the front of the leisure centre to the country park at the rear.
- There would be a children's play area at the front of the leisure centre.
- No part of the tip land being used for the new leisure centre.
- The heat would be maintained at 16-17°C and more would be generated from people flow. There would be open ventilation through both the front and back doors.
- Key dates for the new leisure centre would be
 - Planning application prepared by end of October 2017,
 - Planning application to committee in February 2018,
 - Start work on site in spring 2018,
 - Complete work on December 2019
 - Braywick Leisure Centre operational from January 2020.
- Six months before the leisure centre opens, this forum would be consulted to show and get advice on the equipment.
- A properly defined changing places needs to be in place, considering the design, the width of the walkway and size.
- The present car park at Braywick would be staying. A few spaces would be used to achieve a drive through system.
- Negotiations would take place with the current provider.
- The accessibility to the new leisure centre – negotiations taking place currently with bus operators for commute to and from town centre. There would be a coach parking area on the site.
- The road layout into the new leisure centre still being studied as part of the transport plan.

The Chairman asked if the changing room and Windsor Leisure Centre could be changed to a changing place room, would a toilet fit into it there.

ACTION: Kevin Mist to speak to Windsor Leisure Centre and report back to Lisa Hughes.

4.2 Maidenhead Town Centre Regeneration

Councillor Wilson informed the Forum that there had been a public exhibition in the Nicholsons Centre with our Joint Venture partners, Countryside PLC, looking at West Street/York Road/Reform Road/St Cloud Way regeneration. These would be mixed use developments.

The planning applications for West Street and York Road would be submitted in spring 2018, followed by the York Road application winter 2018. A public exhibition on proposals for the St Cloud Way site is planned for summer 2018 followed by Reform Road in 2020. All plans would be subject to consultation.

Other points raised included:

- The Chairman and Vice Chairman had been set up to receive all planning applications.
- The Nicholsons car park scheme is still in the early stages at present with no planning application submitted yet. It is proposed to demolish the existing car park and build a new one with 1,500 spaces. There are currently no specifics on where the new Shopmobility will go.
- The question was asked about where ShopMobility would be located while Nicholsons Car Park was being built. The options suggested were the Magnet and the York Road car parks. Councillor Wilson would check and report back at next Forum.

ACTION: Councillor Wilson would check where ShopMobility would be located whilst Nicholsons Car Park was being built and report back at next Forum.

- Councillor Love invited the Forum to the Maidenhead Town Forum on 3 October 2017 at the Town Hall.
- The barrier at Nicholsons Car Park would now be installed on 2 October 2017.
- Lisa Hughes had submitted 22 queries to Planning and had received no response.

ACTION: Councillor Wilson would check with Planning and responses would be given.

4.3 Local Access Forum

The Chairman informed the Forum in Lisa Hughes absence that a presentation had been drafted and delivered to volunteers on rights of way and would be given at the Local Access Forum working group meeting.

4.4 St Marks/Courthouse Road junction

Councillor Love informed the Forum that two suggestions had been made – one for a roundabout with crossings on the approaches and another for a signal-controlled junction with puffin crossings.

In August 2017, the Parking Principal had met with the car garage owner to discuss parking solutions and parking restrictions around the hospital will be reviewed in October. The Ward Councillors were going to meet the residents to agree plans. A capital bid had been made for the roundabout.

ACTION: Councillor Love to report back at next Forum.

4.5 Maidenhead Station/CrossRail

Gordon Oliver gave a presentation to the Forum on the proposal for Maidenhead Station.

Points raised by the Forum:

- The crossing from the station to the town centre, four options being considered – two bridges and two on street crossings.
- Compulsory purchase costs for land to the north of the station meant that the bus interchange was not currently viable.
- Concern was expressed that there was not enough disabled parking.
- There was also concern about the proximity of the seating to the disabled parking. This will be addressed as part of the detailed design / safety audit.
- If the bridges option used then wheelchair access and the gradient of the ramps need to be considered.
- The Oxford Street style crossing would not be ideal as vehicles going too fast so it would not work.

ITEMS

5.1 Raising profile of the Access Advisory Forum

The Chairman suggested that a working group be developed to take forward ideas and complete tasks.

Councillor Wilson explained that members had so many meetings in the week that they would love to be involved but couldn't always be present.

The Chairman concluded that this was not feasible at present.

5.2 Changing name of Forum ?

The Chairman informed the Forum that the name of the Forum was very similar to the Local Access Forum. The Chairman suggested to change the name and suggested the following three names:

- Inclusive Access Forum
- Inequality Access Forum
- Disability Access Forum

The Forum discussed and asked why it needed changing. It was suggested that the Access Advisory Forum and the Local Access Forum should be one forum.

The Forum Agreed that the name of the Forum would not change.

5.3 Borough Local Plan

The Chairman informed the Forum that two representations had been made:

- Low number of housing for people with disabilities
- Infrastructure delivery plan

The Chairman thanked Lisa Hughes for undertaking all the work carried out.

Councillor Wilson informed the Forum that the closing date for the borough local plan consultation was Wednesday 27 September 2017 at 5pm. We were going to collate all responses and submit to the secretary of state in December 2017.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The dates of the next meetings are as follows:

Monday 11 December 2017

Monday 19 March 2018

The meeting, which began at 11.00 am, finished at 1.15 pm

CHAIRMAN.....

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