

Wises Lane Monitoring & Liaison Group

REPORT TO FULL COUNCIL September 2023

The Group met on the 6th September and discussed the following:-

1. We are still waiting for the Minutes recorded by DHA Planning for the meeting in August. We have requested these again and as soon as received will be forwarded to the Clerk for uploading to BPC's website
2. The Swale Planning Officer has sent his apologies to WLMG for the meeting in September and will be missed as his input is always gratefully received. He allows the voice of BPC/WLMG on matters that are not strictly directed at them, e.g., request from DHA/BDW for Conditions to be dismissed etc.
3. Quinn Estates has emailed requesting a meeting with the WLMG, SBC and the Rugby Club to discuss the issues that were deferred in the recent Reserved Matters application. They would like this to happen at the next meeting with BDW.

The group has agreed, and advises Councillors, that the meetings with BDW are nothing to do with the Rugby Club or Quinn Estates. In the past when we have asked for an update on the rugby club and commercial unit, we are told by DHA/BDW 'it is nothing to do with them.'

It has come to our attention that the rugby club has their crest on the external wall facing westwards. There appears to be no mention of the community hub.

The group agreed that a meeting with the Rugby Club and Quinn Estates would be useful but problematic as councillors attending would not have the authority to make decisions.

In view of this, it is proposed Councillors vote on the following Resolution

The Clerk to write to Quinn Estates:-

- a. To confirm that they are not permitted to attend the BDW meeting with the WLMG. This would be fruitless as they do not have the power to agree to anything and all matters would have to be deferred back to Full Council for a decision.
 - b. To request an updated plan of the façade, showing empathy with the locality and acknowledging that the building is also a Community Hub, externally.
 - c. A reconfiguration of the toilets to accommodate the general public.
 - d. Increase substantially the number of parking spaces.
4. The Borden Directory is with the Designer to do the amendments.
 5. The skylark mitigation has now been referred to SBC's legal department.

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6. To give the Full Council more flexibility on how the S106 money for the Woodland is spent, the WLMG would like the wording 'maintenance' changed to 'maintenance and management'. If the Full Council agrees, the Clerk can then write to SBC asking for the wording to be changed and request what information they would need for the money to be released.
7. The meeting with BDW on 21st September was cancelled. There are only 3 points we wished to raise and have done this via email. One was about the lorry reported to Enforcement from a resident the other two re. Plot 22 house design and an update on the Chestnut Street roundabout that could wait until the October meeting.

Cllr George Cole