

Neighbourhood Plan – Education & Young People.

Notes of a meeting of the **Topic Group-Education & Young People** held on the **20th April 2017** at **2pm** in the Town Council Chamber: -

Present: Cllr S Matthews (Chairman) Mrs J Anscombe (Vice Chair) Mrs S Palmer, Sister Francis, Mr M Booth, Cllr P Darby.

Town Clerk: Mr R Bishop
Admin Assistant: Ms K Furnass

1. Apologies

Mr & Mrs Chittock.

2. Agree notes of previous meeting:

The meeting notes of 20th March 2017 were agreed and accepted.

3. Introduction:

The Town Clerk recaps how the meetings work: the groups need to gather information, summarise the information for the consultants who will then use the information and guide the groups into the next phase. It is already becoming clear where topic groups are converging ideas and evidence. It is important to remember that planning is the first priority, infrastructure always follows afterwards.

There are two additional communications received from residents. These and other information is available on the Town Council web site under the drop-down link of Neighbourhood Plan.

There was made available a map of the Emerging Local Plan plus transfer sheets for the group to highlight relevant details. These should include schools, nurseries etc already in place or where the group think a suitable alternative could be situated. Details could also include local village resources including bus routes available as these would have an impact on who can use them.

Mrs Palmer has agreed to take on this exercise with the help of the local youth club members.

Review of additional circulated data from Planning Consultant

The Town Clerk explained the additional information that was circulated to the Chair & Vice Chair. This needed to be shared with the wider group as members had not received it. The Town Clerk confirmed all documentation was being uploaded to the Council website.

The Town Clerk confirmed 8 files were circulated prior to the meeting to the Chair & Vice Chair and an additional 3 files were circulated at the meeting:

- Liz Wrigley Consultant
- Design Consultant
- D W Hoey; a detailed 13-page report and observations for each group to consider.

The Chair & Vice Chair will be asked to share all information with members.

There is a set of additional information gathered from the Consultants that was not yet circulated. The Town Clerk confirmed he will summarise the information for the groups. All information will be retained in the Correspondence Folder at the Town Hall and members of the Group are welcome to come in and read through the information at their leisure.

The Town Clerk has agreed to summarise the information from the Consultants for the groups.

4. Discussion Points:

Education

The main topic of discussion at the meeting concerned school, pre-school and nursery places. This was a very long and convoluted discussion with many different lines of

conversation coming up as points were raised. Three reports were presented at the meeting, see appendix

a – Schools Information,

b – Childcare Providers,

c – Apprenticeships & Carer choices.

It was agreed that these were not a complete picture of numbers and more information was needed to form a more comprehensive picture. It was suggested to contact Mr Chris Hey for more detailed information on Swaffham.

There are to be approximately 1,500 more dwellings to be built, these will include families, couples and retirees. All these mixes will have a different impact and will need to be calculated in respect of education places right from pre-school up to adult education.

How to move forward;

- a. Gather as much information as possible from all sources.
- b. Explain what is required
- c. How can this be obtained?
- d. Evidence to support the claim
- e. Proof of evidence – prove a need

Transport

Many families will not have the capability to transport children to village facilities. There may be no bus routes to these facilities but these places are still listed as available.

How to move forward;

- a. What form of transport is available?
- b. What extra transport could be obtained?
- c. Transport for all age range is required. Adults/students are having to use multiple bus routes to gain access to training courses. What alternative transport could be provided?

Adult Education & Apprenticeships

There is a general lack of provision for adult education and apprenticeships in Swaffham hence the need to look at transport and look for local support;

How to move forward;

- a. Develop opportunities with local business's
- b. Create a directory - link with other groups
- c. RAF Marham & Tesco are good examples, learn from them

5. Available Resources:

Look at what is available already. How can this be utilised?

How to move forward;

- a. List all suitable venues
- b. What are they being used for?
- c. What times are they not in use?
- d. Are there any spare rooms to rent etc?
- e. Are they suitable for multiuse?

6. Additional Information or Action Required:

- a. 10th May 6.30-9.30pm - a meeting of the Early Years Foundation at the Green Britain Centre
- b. A combined project being carried out by the Convent, Hammonds and Youth Club, see appendix d
- c. List of buildings and their uses
- d. List of places available for school's etc to include waiting list, also to contact Mr Hey for more information.
- e. Map – to mark details of relevant information/venues/and alternatives etc

7. Date of Next Meetings:

- Formal - Friday 19th May 12noon.
- Informal - tba

Meeting Closed at 3.20pm

APPENDIX A

Name of school	Category	Number of pupils on Roll	PAN/Comments
Teenie Icení's Day Nursery	Pre-school Nursery	26	Waiting list 27
Swaffham Pre-School Playgroup	Pre-school nursery	59(19 leaving July)	Waiting list 44
Swaffham CE VC Infant School – LA School	Infant & Nursery 3-7	215	60
Swaffham CE Junior Academy – DNEAT Academy	Junior 7-11	208	60
Nicholas Hamond Academy – ATT Academy	Secondary & V1 Form 11-18	656	150
Convent of the Sacred Heart	EYFS & Secondary	124	
Swaffham Campus School – Focus Free School	Primary & Secondary 7-18	164	

APPENDIX B

Childcare Providers in Swaffham near Nicholas Hamond Academy	Type	Location	Number of places	Hours open
Swaffham Pre-school Playgroup	Pre-School And Playgroups	Swaffham Junior Academy	26	30
Swaffham Ce Vc Infant School	Nursery Schools/classes		26	30
Teenie Icenis Day Nursery	Day Nursery	Community Centre, Campingland	18	30
Sacred Heart Convent School - Little Peddlars	Nursery Units Of Independent Schools	Mangate Street	25	25
			95	

Childcare Places Near Feeder Schools for Nicholas Hamond Academy	Type	Location	Number of Places	Hours Open
Little Sunbeams	Pre-School And Playgroups	St Andrew's Primary Academy, North Pickenham	16	15
Burton, Lynsey	Childminder	Sporle	3	
Bonnick, Christina Maria	Childminder	Sporle	5	
Sporle Pre-School	Pre-School And Playgroups	Sporle Primary School	24	24
Elephant & Castle Childcare Centre	Day Nursery	Dunham Rd, Sporle	18	50
Cocksedge, Amanda Jayne	Childminder	Necton	3	
Beales, Nicola Ann	Childminder	Necton	3	
Necton Little Oaks Pre-School	Pre-School And Playgroups	Necton Primary School	26	23
Nina Michelle Matthews	Childminder	Necton	3	
The Rainbow Centre (Marham)	Day Nursery	Marham	188	50
Marham Village Pre-School	Pre-School And Playgroups	Cherry Tree Academy Junior School	20	27
			309	

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Apprenticeships & Career Choices

Secondary students in Swaffham have access to Apprenticeship Opportunities through the following:

- National Apprenticeships www.apprenticeships.org.uk
- Apprenticeships Norfolk Network (ANN) www.apprenticeshipsnorfolk.org
- National Careers Service www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk
- Help You Choose career information www.helpyouchoose.org
- Career advice and videos www.icold.com
- Different careers and employer profiles www.plotr.co.uk

Locally the nearest Training Provider/College is at Kings Lynn or Dereham. There are many training providers in Norfolk that cover the different sector skills.

Links to local businesses have been developed and there has been more work experience offers for students in the last 3 years, especially in the retail and hospitality sectors.

Local businesses are also involved in mock interviews for students at secondary level.

For the first time Swaffham held a Jobs Fair in March 2017 arranged by DWP and plans to deliver a further 2 per year

Opportunities

- Develop further links with local employers
- Create a platform that allows businesses to recruit via secondary schools for new apprentices
- Build a database of businesses that schools can use for work experience opportunities locally

SWAFFHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

VISION

By 2026, Swaffham will have developed as an enterprising, attractive and prosperous market town. It will be the centre of a vibrant employment area, which also provides first class services and facilities to its rural hinterland.

Development will be driven by new employment opportunities, which will include engineering, research and development, logistics, food production and agriculture. Cementing Swaffham's perceived 'green' credentials, promoting sustainable development with retail outlets providing jobs and helping make the town a self-contained community.

New housing of an appropriate tenure, type and mix to meet the needs of the community will have been integrated with new and existing facilities. The town will be well supported by the necessary infrastructure improvements, including essential utility supply or services, and in particular with improved education, health, social and leisure facilities.

It will be easy to move within Swaffham particularly by walking, cycling and public transport. Improvements to the road network will improve access to and from Swaffham from surrounding areas and support the natural growth to the town.

Existing green spaces will be protected and further green spaces will be created.

The built environment will be protected and improved with high quality design, which employs renewable forms of energy. Protecting the environment will be a key principle of all development so that Swaffham will be at the forefront of sustainable living.

The overriding aim of the Neighbourhood Plan is to preserve the distinctive character of our beautiful Georgian market town in the heart of 'The Brecks', whilst improving the quality of life for all who live, work and visit the town of Swaffham.

Help Shape the Future of our Town.....