

**Meeting of Woodford Neighbourhood Forum**  
held at Woodford Community Centre on 7 Nov 7:00pm 2016

Attendance	Present	Apologies received
Mr Robin Berriman (RBB)		√
Mr David Buszard (DB)	√	
Mr Paul Rodman (PR)		Corresponding
Evelyn Frearson (EF)	√	
Mr John Knight (JK)	√	
Mr Paul Goodman (PG)	√	
Mr Terry Barnes (TB)	√	
Mr Bryan Leck (BL)	√	
Mr Roger Burton (RBU)	√	
Mr Robin Brammar (RBR)		Corresponding
Mrs Dorothy Chesterman (DC)	√	
Ms Jane Sandover (JS)	√	
Mrs Jude Craig (JC)	√	
Ms Maxine Wood (MW)	√	
Mr Ron Beatham (RBe)	√	
Mr Alan Bramwell (AB)		Corresponding
Mrs Janet DeVeChis (JDV)	√	
Mrs Morag White (MWh)	√	
Mrs Doreen Neil (DN)	√	
Zoe Jones	√	

\*Corresponding members wish to be kept in the loop but cannot routinely attend meetings

<p><b>1. Welcome</b> TB opened the meeting and welcomed those present.</p>
<p><b>2. Apologies</b> JS, RBU, DB predicted late arrival</p>
<p><b>3. Declaration of conflicts of interest</b> MWh declared a conflict in not wishing to stay in Woodford surrounded by new houses. EF and TB noted that they shared that view. TB reported that he owned land within the GMSF Woodford Opportunity Area (WOA) and had a potential conflict too, but did not wish to sell it for development and supported keeping it as Green Belt. This issue was discussed and it was noted that anyone in Woodford with land has a potential conflict of interest with objection to the GMSF proposals. It was clarified that all present were in support of objection to the GMSF proposals and had no conflict of interest in that regard.</p>
<p><b>4. Minutes from previous meeting on 5 Sep</b> Approved</p>
<p><b>5. Matters arising</b> <b>CEC LP Examination.</b> Inspector aiming to publish something before Christmas. Need to send additional information about GMSF to the Inspector on behalf of Forum by Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Nov. <b>Action: EF to submit GMSF link. Stress that its additional to the airfield development</b>  <b>Avro Heritage Museum</b> held VIP opening day. PA for garage is going through. May also apply for extension to museum. Benefactor may fund it.</p>
<p><b>6. WNF/WU funds</b> <b>Decision:</b> The meeting agreed unanimously that the £1,932 remaining of the Woodford United funds, which were donated by residents to fight the proposed housing development on the Aerodrome site, could be used by WCC to fight the GMSF proposals on behalf of Woodford residents.</p>

## **7. Neighbourhood Plan next steps**

### **7.1 Flyer delivery**

**Actions:** Volunteers to deliver as per separate list. Any spare to used at WCC AGM and put up as posters at Centre and on WCC notice board.

### **7.2 Web site response form**

Approved.

**Action:** Responses will be channelled via gmail. JC to be given password for access to gmail account so that there are 4 people monitoring.

### **7.3 Collating responses**

Decision: Wait until the number of responses to be collated is known.

### **7.4 Meeting with SMBC**

There has been an exchange of letters between Mary Robinson MP and Caroline Simpson of SMBC. Caroline Simpson has agreed to support WNF with development of the Plan and to a meeting to discuss rewording of the policies.

**Action:** EF to Contact Caroline Simpson to set up series of meeting.

### **7.4 CWT and habitat survey reports**

There has been an exchange of emails between EF and Rachel Giles of CWT. The final natural features map has been sent to CWT. Details of the habitat surveys are being submitted as they are written up. CWT will press on with their report for us.

### **7.5 Preparing the Plan documents**

The steps and documents needed to produce this were discussed. It was agreed that, for the next stage, we need a draft version of the Plan with policies cross referenced to the appropriate evidence, and to national and SMBC policies plus a summary of consultation. The Consultation Statement and Basic Conditions come in later. It was agreed to reinstate plan group (no need to involve planning advisors if busy); use appendix for cross referencing, as in Brereton model, and look at other models. Agreed that it is important to get Plan in as soon as possible.

**Actions:** RBU to set up plan group meetings to work on the above

## **8. GMSF**

The respective roles of WNF and WCC were discussed. PG expressed the view that WNF can submit comments on GMSF but not campaign against it. Points raised included previous activity of WNF with regard to CEC Local Plan, value of WNF structure and organisation, use of people resources on WNF committee to help WCC in a combined effort, and the fact that all residents of Woodford are automatically members of WCC.

Reactions of residents to the news were discussed. All feedback so far indicates that they are shocked and horrified. Many disillusioned about the value of consultation based on prior experience in Woodford.

The next steps regarding response to GMSF proposals were not discussed in this meeting, apart from the following:

### **8.1 Helping residents to respond**

A list of stab point is being compiled and will be circulated to the whole committee.

**Action:** EF to circulate

### **8.2 Press contact**

TB has contacts in MEN. He will put in touch with WCC.

<p><b>8.3. Preparing WNF response before 23rd Dec</b>  WNF response should be based around our policies. A major theme of WNF policy is around quality of Green Belt.  Action deferred.</p>
<p><b>9. WCC AGM</b>  DB reported that Cllr Brian Bagnall had spoken to members of SMBC with the result that Eamonn Boylan (Chief Executive of SMBC and lead officer on the joint Greater Manchester authority, which has prepared the GMSF) Caroline Simpson () and Emma Curle (Chief Planning Officer) will attend the WCC AGM. In addition, there will be the following speakers: Sue Stephenson, local road schemes, Carl Taylor, Redrow development and Paul Goodman, CEC Local Plan. WNF and the Plan will be mentioned in the Chairman's address.</p>
<p><b>10. AOB</b>  <b>Legality of GMSF process:</b> PG noted that GMSF process may not be legal. In previous joint plans elsewhere, all councils had to pass a resolution before consultation could proceed.  <b>Appeals in CE:</b> JK reported that CE have lost two more appeals and won one. One was because it is against the NP. CE hasn't got a 5 year housing supply. It is about wording of NP.  <b>Status of NP and GMSF:</b> JK noted that, if the NP is approved, GMSF will be a more recent plan and so will trump it.  <b>Funds for NP transport policies:</b> RBu reminded the group that potentially funds are available to meet some of the aspirations in the NP movement policies. Traffic calming on Moor Lane was discussed and is a contentious issue due to the potential negative effect on Church Lane and Blossoms Lane.  <b>Action:</b> RBu to contact Sue Stephenson to discuss  <b>Redrow conditions:</b> DB reported that 5 houses on the Redrow estate are now occupied. The conditions which have to be satisfied before the 1<sup>st</sup> occupancy have not been met.  <b>Action:</b> JS to circulate the conditions to the team and contact SMBC</p>
<p><b>11. Next meetings</b>  The next meeting will be on 5<sup>th</sup> Dec at 7 pm in Community Centre</p>

Evelyn Frearson 8<sup>th</sup> Nov 2016