

## Kingstanding Ward Meeting

<b>WARD:</b> Kingstanding	<b>DATE:</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> January 2019
<b>VENUE:</b> Kingstanding Leisure Centre	<b>START/FINISH TIMES:</b> 7.00pm
<b>COUNCILLORS:</b> Gary Sambrook and Ron Storer	<b>NOs OF ATTENDEES:</b> 59
<b>OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:</b> Lesley Bannister, Clive Skidmore Assistant Director for Housing and Andrew Hood	<b>VISITING SPEAKER(S):</b>

### WARD PRIORITIES – To be agreed at a future meeting

### MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING INCLUDING LOCAL CONCERNS:

#### 1. Introduction's and Notice of recording

2. **Consultation on the proposed Housing Development at Burford Road Playing fields** – Clive Skidmore gave a presentation to the Forum on the proposal for a Housing development on the site of Burford Road playing fields.

#### Outline of the proposals included :

##### Background information

Clive started by saying that currently there is a lack of Housing locally and nationally and gave the following statistics for Birmingham:

- 12,000 people currently on the councils waiting list
- 2,000 people in temporary accommodation
- 300 families in Bed and Breakfast
- Plus expansion on the Green belt
- Nationally we need to accommodate another 89,000 households

### Proposed Development

- Burford Road site is a 12 acres green field site.
- It's not laid out as a park it's an unattached school playing field.
- Option 1 leave the site as it is however the maintenance costs are unaffordable to the City.
- Option 2 Make the site into a proper Park again, however the City doesn't have the money to do this.
- Option 3 Sell the site to Private developers.
- Option 4 (preferred Choice) – Birmingham City Council to develop two thirds of the site and keep one third as a park with playing pitches .This option would provide 148 new homes of a high quality which would range from 2/3 and 4 bedrooms, with appropriate parking and would be a mix of 50% available for rent and 50% for sale .Clive went on to say that the design of the homes would be such that they would blend in with the existing housing in the area.
- A suggested site layout was displayed.
- That this evening meeting would form part of the consultation and the proposal that would go to Cabinet in March.

Councillor Sambrook started the discussion by stating that the land as far as he was aware was owned by Education and was for educational sporting use, he went on to add that there had been previous attempts to develop this land when the playfield formed part of the Old Oscott Ward . He said that he and Cllr Storer had attended a meeting two years ago in which Cllr Dring had announced that there would be no development of the playing field and the land would be left as open public space.

The residents ,Councillors and officers discussed this matter and the resident's voiced the following concerns

- The effect on the local road network from the increased traffic from 148 new dwellings.
- Residents raised concerns with the illustrated design they said there were too many roads and didn't agree with the siting of the playing field in the centre of the development.
- Many residents were concerned with the impact on already overburdened local services (School and G.P's).
- The effect on the existing sewers, drainage, the water table and flooding.
- The effect on the existing utility services.
- Loss of Public space open and amenities at a time when the country was facing an obesity crisis.
- A number of resident believed that the Playfield had a convent on it for educational and sporting purposes and had originally been gifted to the City

by the Calthorpe trust. **Action Andrew Hood to establish ownership and does a covenant exist?**

- Residents said they would like a Community Centre on the site that local clubs and groups could use i.e. the local Scout group.
- Residents complained that the fees and charges had increased on the site which had meant that some local football teams couldn't afford to hire the pitches.
- The site is currently well used by children playing on it, dog walkers, drone flying and the air ambulance has used the site a number of times for local emergencies .
- Local schools don't have green field sites for sport so the field is needed.
- Are there any proposals for the green field site by George Fredrick Road? Or the brownfield site at the old Midland Countries Depot Site.
- How does building on the sports field fit with the Commonwealth games legacy?
- Has the Care home at the entrance of the playing field been consulted?
- Have the local Schools and sporting groups been consulted?

#### **The next step**

Councillor Sambrook said that the next steps should to be to

- Consult with the local schools, G.P practises and the 3<sup>rd</sup> sector.
- Arrange another meeting at which officers from both the Housing Department and Education Infrastructure could attend .Currently a notice of intention was set to go to Cabinet in early March which means that process for a change of use commences. Clive Skidmore added that change of use would also be subject to Secretary of States approval too. **Action to arrange another Ward Forum meeting with the relevant officers in attendance.**

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<p><b>Actions</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To establish who owns the Burford Road playing fields site and obtain details of any covenant on the site .</li> <li>2. Arrange another Ward Forum meeting potentially for early March at which both Housing and Education can attend.</li> <li>3. Invite all interested groups and local schools to the next meeting.</li> </ol>	<p>Andrew Hood</p> <p>Cllr Sambrook</p> <p>Lesley Bannister</p>	<p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p>

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