

	<b>KINGS NORTON WARD FORUM MEETING</b>	
	<b>WEDNESDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2018 AT 7PM AT HAWKESLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE, EDGEWOOD ROAD B38 9RN</b>	
	<b>ACTION NOTES</b>	
In Attendance	<p>Councillor Peter Griffiths (Chair) and Councillor Simon Jevon</p> <p>Helen Mansbridge, Alzheimer's Society  Hamish Latchem &amp; Scott Bryden, Aldi  Colette McCann, Housing Development Manager  Michael McMillan, Place Manager  Kay Thomas, Community Governance Manager</p> <p>There were 45 residents in attendance</p>	
Apologies	Richard Burden M.P.	
Agenda Item		<b>Action</b>
1.	<p><b><u>Councillor Valerie Seabright</u></b></p> <p>The Chair advised the meeting that Councillor Seabright had retired as a councillor. He asked that his thanks and those of the meeting be placed on record for the hard work undertaken by Councillor Seabright in the ward and wished her a long and happy retirement.</p>	
2.	<b><u>Notice of Recordings</u></b>	Noted
3.	<b><u>Petitions</u></b>	None submitted
4.	<p><b><u>Police Update</u></b></p> <p>PC Reynolds gave the following update;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– In response to an increase in burglaries plain clothes operations would be targeting areas over the next few weeks</li> <li>– The PSPO for The Fold was due for review but it was hoped that it would be kept in place. It was acknowledged that there were still problems and these were being tackled</li> <li>– Intelligence had led to firearms being recovered</li> <li>– Motor bikes and mini-motos had been seized locally</li> <li>– Following a community speed watch, letters had been sent to offenders</li> </ul> <p>In response to resident's questions the meeting was advised that statistically knife crime in the ward was not higher than elsewhere but it had increased over the past 12 months. Individuals around Hawkesley Square had recently been stopped and the police and city council were working jointly to address the situation. There</p>	

	were no plans for a community speed watch but PC Reynolds undertook to raise with the sergeant residents interest in repeating a speed watch.	
5.	<p><b><u>Alzheimer's Society Side By Side Project</u></b></p> <p>Helen Mansbridge gave a presentation on a new project – the Side by Side project – designed to match volunteers to people with dementia to help them get out and about and do things that they enjoyed. The project also aimed to promote dementia friendly communities and places such as dementia friendly cafes and other community based networks to help support people with dementia and their families/carers. Details of dementia advisers and support workers were left with the meeting. Volunteers were being sought to help support the project and be ambassadors to raise awareness. Helen undertook to speak to residents with queries at the conclusion of the meeting.</p>	
6.	<p><b><u>Presentation from Aldi on the Proposed New Supermarket</u></b></p> <p>The following update on the current situation on the proposal to build an Aldi supermarket off Redditch Road was provided and questions answered;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– A public consultation had been held on 18 January, attended by 150+ people, many of whom had left feedback/comments. 230 responses had been received in support of the supermarket &amp; 24 opposed, largely due to highway works</li> <li>– Request for increased disabled parking had already been actioned</li> <li>– The proposed store design was displayed</li> <li>– Planning application to be submitted in very near future with opening of the store proposed for the summer</li> <li>– Local concerns regarding appearance were acknowledged and it was explained that the visuals from Redditch Road would be raised so that the building would not be visible from the other side of the road.</li> <li>– With regard to security the meeting was advised that the store would open with security and be reviewed after one year. The car park would be secured by bollards.</li> <li>– The building would be designed so not to be oppressive at night. One third of the lighting would be on at night and cctv would cover the car park.</li> <li>– Deliveries would not be made before 6.30am</li> <li>– Cash machines had been rolled out over 30 stores but due to issues a decision regarding the Kings Norton store had not yet been made.</li> </ul> <p>Residents expressed concern at the level of highway work being undertaken and the associated cost given that there was no longer to be a petrol station and the store was smaller than</p>	

	<p>originally planned. The size of the junction now appeared to be out of scale to the store. The meeting was advised that the housing developer would pay for the highway measures but it was acknowledged that the road layout had been designed for a larger store. Consultation on Kier Homes planning application for the new houses would be open for public consultation.</p> <p>In response to further questions it was confirmed that job vacancies would be offered to local people and as part of the community it was hoped that support would be given to local causes etc although Aldi did support nationwide charities. A local resident suggested a community notice board and Hamish undertook to consider that further.</p> <p>A resident living opposite the site queried the start time for works on site and complained that Kier started work on Saturday morning at 7.30am. The Chair undertook to raise with Kier.</p> <p>Councillor Jevon queried delivery times and was advised this would be restricted through the planning process and the lay of the land had been utilised, with retaining walls so trucks would be concealed and any noise dampened. Goods would be delivered straight into store.</p> <p>The Chair stressed that due to the reduction in size of the supermarket an additional 60 homes were proposed to be built on the site but the planning application for these had not yet been submitted.</p> <p>Plans and information relating to the Aldi supermarket were circulated.</p>	
7.	<p><b><u>Update on the Regeneration Programmes</u></b></p> <p>With regard to clearance Colette McCann gave the following information;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Clearance started in April 2017 on a 5 year programme and by the end of this financial year rehousing would be on track</li> <li>– From April contact would be made with residents starting with Barratts Road, Sisefield Road &amp; Barberry House, then moving to Lavender , Heather and Burdock Houses.</li> <li>– In Year 3 – Barratts Road, Hillmeads Road &amp; Little Hill Grove</li> <li>– In Year 4 Heathside Drive, Hillmeads Road &amp; Heather House</li> <li>– Year 5 Arrow Walk, Hillmeads Road &amp; Burdock House</li> <li>– Properties identified for demolition had been identified as properties that were no longer financially viable. Where the properties were privately owned they would be bought back and as a last resort via a CPO. Not all properties in the roads mentioned would be cleared.</li> <li>– In response to concerns raised the meeting was assured that the earth mounds around Campion &amp; Saffron Houses would be moved and that large areas of flat land were not be cleared where possible to prevent illegal access. In Barratts Road not all properties were being cleared therefore the road could not be stopped off so a course of</li> </ul>	

	<p>action would need to be considered. Ditches had been dug in previous locations. Residents said that local knowledge would help determine the best course of action and Colette undertook to take that back to the regeneration team.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Allocations to new properties would be made in line with council policy</li> </ul>	
8.	<p><b><u>Fairway Day Centre Update</u></b></p> <p>The Chair advised that a report was being submitted to Cabinet in March.</p> <p>Campaigners for the retention of The Fairway Day Centre said that the council had stated that a decision to close the day centre had not been made but an intention to close had been agreed. It had also been stated that consultation had started but there had been no consultation with service users or family/carers. Staff at the centre had been told it was closing and had started to leave being replaced by agency staff. Continuity was very important to the service users and this was a despicable way of making them move. Service users had been offered Harborne Day Centre but that was also due to close in the future. Some service users had been attending the Fairway day centre for 40 years.</p> <p>The Director had not provided any information despite being asked and had not apologised for the stress he had caused the users.</p> <p>The Fairway was the only suitable centre for the majority of its users and there was no alternative.</p> <p>The Chair said that the Kings Norton councillors and those from the other wards in the constituency were all supportive of The Fairway. They had continued to voice their concerns on behalf of the families and involved an independent advocacy service. The message convey had been inaccurate and Cabinet had not made the previous decision, it had been made by the Cabinet Member. Cabinet would be making a decision in March.</p> <p>In response to questions Councillor Jevon advised that Cabinet was a public meeting and he would ensure that residents could get access. Councillor Carole Griffiths referred to the cross-party working to assist the service users and believed there should be meaningful consultation and the decision re-thought.</p>	

9.	<p><b><u>Residents Issues</u></b></p> <p>a) <b><u>Sheltered Accommodation</u></b> – residents referred to the cut to the service and the loss of a full time warden. Campion &amp; Saffron Houses had a scheme manager but no support workers and residents were suffering. The rent was still the same price but no service was now provided. The Chair said that wardens had been withdrawn as government funding had been withdrawn.</p> <p>b) <b><u>West Heath Library</u></b> – in response to questions the Chair advised that funding in the capital budget was still available for a library.</p> <p>c) <b><u>Co-op, The Green</u></b> – reference made to the parking situation with lorries parking outside the bank and The Navigation set to close which would have a detrimental effect on school parking. Councillor Jevon advised that no planning application had been submitted and therefore plans for The Navigation were not yet known but residents would be advised as soon as any details were available.</p> <p>d) <b><u>Bus Stop, Service Road off Redditch Road</u></b> – in response to concerns raised the Chair undertook to contact TfWM regarding the location of the bus stop when the carriageway works had been completed and ask that consideration be taken to moving it near to the traffic lights.</p> <p>e) <b><u>Primrose Estate</u></b> – concern raised and a review of the site requested in view of the multi traffic light junction proposed for the previous larger supermarket that was not now needed. A traffic light controlled junction would have a significant impact on the neighbourhood by increasing traffic on Rednal Road which was already difficult to cross. Grange Hill Road/Beaks Hill Road junction needed improvement first. The Chair urged that these comments be made when the new planning application for the additional houses was submitted.</p> <p>f) <b><u>Burford Park Road/Grange Hill Road</u></b> – The Chair undertook look into the need to make the footpath the correct width. The meeting was advised this had been raised at the Kings Norton HLB.</p>	
10.	<p><b><u>Next Meeting</u></b></p> <p>Next meeting – 20 February 2018.</p>	
11.	<p><b><u>Authority to Chairman and Officers</u></b></p>	<p>Agreed The Chair agreed to consult cllr Jevon in the event of a decision needing to be taken</p>

Meeting ended 8.50pm