

Minutes: Moorpool Regeneration Group
Date: 4.3.2008 7.30PM
Venue: 35 Margaret Grove.

Present:

Andrew Hackett. Chair.

Rob Sutton. (MAA, MRA). Michael Parkes, Igor Cusack, Tricia Cusack, Alastair Moyes.

Selwyn Blyth, Kate Nancarrow, Jan Sutton (MRA), Louise Griffiths, Emma Moyes, Jim Tucker, Phil Simpson.

Apologies: None

Andrew Hackett opened the meeting.

PS: asked to be added to previous minutes.

AH: asked for list of questions for Simon turner

The meeting discussed clarification of public and private allotments.

AH: commented that meeting UDP should not make parking worse.

MP and EM: asked whether Grainger consultation was adequate. PS felt it could be considered so.

Comments were made that tenants would be vulnerable if critical and consultation considered 'lightweight'. Also no consultation on final plans.

EM: stated that Grainger should have consulted residents more on biodiversity and bat survey was lacking.

AH: stated reports were inconsistent with facts.

PS: Development considerably affects sites even if considered smaller. Incorrectly counted trees and frog omission key point to make.

AH: listed various documents and status.

RS: raised point about ecological damage from diversion of culvert downstream.

The issues surrounding flooding were discussed.

PS: pointed out problems of water run off from paved areas.

RS: raised issue of previous problems at pool caused by interference with spring water supply.

EM: Grainger appear to have failed to declare survey results.

IC: raised issue of local density and how Grainger had presented figures with regard to interpretation. IC felt that Graingers density figures were erroneous.

PS: felt that Grainger were out of step in terms of their character assessment of the area.

RS & AH: to look at areas using CAD data.

MP: asked question on how 'new' parking would be reserved for residents.

PS: Grainger could be challenged on how it would be enforced.

EM: pointed out that 'master plan' for estate not included and questioned guarantees for future on remaining parking.

AH: questioned whether investigation of other sites might be construed as master plan.

PS: felt there was no obligation to provide master plan.

AH: pointed out that there was one doc entitled master plan but content was not. There were no details of the significant investment program by Grainger.

AM: felt that the causes of vandalism were being misrepresented.

IC: questioned Graingers description of sites such as 'secluded' when clearly they were not.

The way in which the objections will be considered and responded to by Graingers was discussed.

The main objections will be submitted close to the deadline to ensure any last minute issues are covered.

The amount of time which might be allowed to speak at a Committee meeting was considered.

AH: asked a specific member of the group to consider speaking.

AH: asked JT to discuss his report.

JT: remarked on SPD and 20 unit break point requirement. By breaking proposal into smaller applications obligation to provide play area avoided.

JT: raised issue of what are exceptional circumstances re loss of allotments and this was considered.

AH thanked AM and EM for their hospitality and for hosting the meeting.

AH concluded the meeting at 10.05.

Date of next meeting: 24.4.2008, 7.30, 35 Margaret Grove. (Committee)

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