

**MALVERN TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**held on Thursday 12 October 2017**

**in the Council Chamber, Belle Vue Terrace, Malvern, at 7.00 pm**

**Councillors**

Present

P Mewton (Chairman)

C Bovey

L Lambeth

M Harvey

I Hopwood

S Nichols

C Smith

P Smith

J Thomas

P Tuthill

Absent

J Cain (apologies)

H Campbell

J Campbell

M Campbell

M Fletcher

J O'Donnell

B Regimbeau (apologies)

D Watkins

R Yates (apologies)

**In attendance**

Councillor Cynthia Palmer

Charles Porter – Operations Manager

Linda Blake – Town Clerk

**7. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs J Cain, B Regimbeau and R Yates.

**8. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

**9. PRESENTATION ON DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS FOR LAND AT MALVERN TECHNOLOGY CENTRE (QINETIQ)**

Johnny Kidney from Sulis 4ca and Jon Kirby from GVA made a presentation to members of the Strategic Planning Committee.

SWDP 53 sets the starting position for future use of the land at QinetiQ.

The current developer plan includes:

- 320 houses in a mix of types and tenure
- A 64-bed care home
- 230,000 square feet of employment floor space
- Public open space and landscaping
- A sustainable urban drainage system and features
- Vehicular and pedestrian access including off site junction improvement where required.

Public Consultation on this development is due to commence on 19 October. Feedback will then be incorporated into the proposals and it is anticipated that

UNADOPTED

planning applications will be submitted to the District Council in October/ November 2017.

Councillors present asked a number of questions including issues about access, contaminated land, housing mix and affordability as well as plans for the management of green and open spaces on the development when finished.

Jon Kirby from GVA gave answers to the queries and confirmed that the key part of this phase is to get useful feedback from local organisations and members of the public and that feedback in writing is invited.

Members of the Strategic Planning Committee asked that Malvern Town Council be included in the early stages of any discussions about the management of green and open spaces on the development, so that the mistakes made on the development at Malvern Vale could be avoided.

**10. PLANNING CONSULTATIONS**

The Town Clerk's report SPC01/17 was considered.

- a) Items already raised by Ward members 17/01277/FUL 136-140 Worcester Road. Change of use of A1 Butchers to A3/A5 use. Conversion of storage building to form 1-bed apartment. Subdivision of existing first floor flat to form additional dwelling.

Committee **AGREED** that because of the potential fire risk associated with a building containing a fish and chip shop, Malvern Town Council should request that Malvern Hills District Council obtain input from a technical specialist at the Fire and Rescue Service as to the implications for the safety of the residents of the proposed flats at the rear of this development before planning permission is given.

- b) 17/00649/RM – Land at Broadlands Drive, Malvern. Reserved Matters application for a residential development of 33 dwellings (use class C3) appearance, landscaping, layout and scale.

A member of the public had contacted the Town Council to make them aware of recent bat sightings on this land, which have been logged. Members of the Committee **NOTED** that this information had also been passed on to Malvern Hills District Council and that an assessment of the site is being carried out.

Other Live Planning Applications

Several members raised the issue of Application 17/00693/FUL Demolition of existing dwellings Northcot and Myrtles in Como Road, Malvern and erection of 7 apartments and one townhouse, car parking and landscaping. It was **NOTED** that this was not on the Live Planning List and the Town Clerk would look into the status of this planning application.

**11. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee will be held on Thursday 16 November 2017 at 7.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm.

.....  
(Chairman)