

## **Notes/Action List**

### **Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Pilot Area Board meeting held on 4 March 2009**

(The meeting was held at Purton Village Hall starting at 7.10pm and concluding at 8.55pm)

**Present:**

- District Council Members**      Councillor Chris Wannell - Chairman  
Councillors Allison Bucknell, Tony Clements, Geoff Greenaway, Mollie Groom, Mike Hatton, Jacqui Lay and Audrey Wannell
- County Representatives**      Councillors Toby Sturgis and Helen Dixon
- Parish Representatives**      Councillors Brian Atfield (Cricklade Town Council), Dot Avenell (Cricklade Town Council), Mike Bell (Purton Parish Council), J Bennett (Lydiard Millicent Parish Council), Peter Colmer (Cricklade Town Council), Godfrey Fowler (Purton Parish Council), Ron Harris (Purton Parish Council), Dee Kennick (Purton Parish Council), RD Lynch (Lydiard Tregoz Parish Council), S Matthews (Purton Parish Council), Tom Pepperell (Lydiard Millicent Parish Council), Tony Price (Purton Parish Council), BA Quant (Lydiard Millicent Parish Council), Veronica Stubbings (Broad Town Parish Council), David Tetlow (Cricklade Town Council) and P Willis (Lydiard Tregoz Parish Council)
- Community Representatives**      Avril Ainscough (After 8), Martin Alvis (Wiltshire Police), Steve Cox (Wiltshire Police), Lisa Mitchell (RAF Lyneham/NCAP), Roger Ogle (Swindon Link), Richard Pagett (NCAP), S Rudd (NCAP) and Clive Wilce (NCAP)
- Officers Present**      Pete Barnett (Head of ICT, NWDC), Georgina Clampitt-Dix (Spatial Planning Lead, WCC), K Duncan (Swindon Borough Council), Miranda Gilmour (Area Board Project Manager, WCC), Pauline Hoskins (Technical Admin Officer, NWDC), Jane Macey (Spatial Plans Officer, NWDC), Lachlan Robertson (Head of Policy and Performance, NWDC), Phil Smith (Swindon Borough Council), Marie Todd (Senior Democratic Services Officer, NWDC), Jane Vaughan (Area Board Project Manager), Victoria Welsh (Area Board Project Manager) and Emma Wheeler (WCC)
- Members of Public**      63 members of the public were present.

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WBC11	<b>Agenda Item 1 – Welcome, Apologies &amp; Introductions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P Doyle, W Roberts and S Still and Mike Franklin, Glyn Moody, Karen Scott and Bryony Brown.</li> <li>• The Chairman informed members that Karen Scott, Area Board Project Manager had suffered a family bereavement and members offered their condolences.</li> <li>• At the last meeting the possibility of dividing the Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Community Area into two parts was discussed. The Area Board had requested that the Implementation Executive (IE) consider this option and allocate additional funding to support Community Area Partnerships for Cricklade and Wootton Bassett. The IE would be considering this request at its meeting on 16 March 2009.</li> </ul>		To report back on the outcome of the IE decision.	Karen Scott
WBC12	<b>Agenda Item 2 – Notes &amp; Actions from last meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The notes and actions from the last meeting were agreed.</li> </ul>			
WBC13	<b>Agenda Item 3 - West of Swindon Study Update: Public Consultation</b>	<p>Mr Lachlan Robertson, Head of Policy and Performance, gave a short presentation regarding the public consultation on the West of Swindon Study Update. The following issues were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is national policy to increase</li> </ul>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> to make the following response to the public consultation:</p> <p>(1)The Pilot Area Board strongly objects to the unsustainable development</p>	<p>To put forward the decision of the Pilot Area Board as a formal response to the consultation.</p> <p>To obtain a</p>	<p>Lachlan Robertson</p> <p>Jane Macey</p>

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		<p>housing provision and 3,000 new houses were planned for the area West of Swindon. There was a demand for housing and, in particular, low cost housing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local residents were asked to give their views on the alternative locations for the new development.</li> <li>• There were concerns about the large scale of this development. Specific concerns included flooding risk, the ability of the highway, community infrastructure and drainage systems to cope with further development in this area. (e.g. schools, shops).</li> <li>• The Chairman read out a letter from James Gray, the local MP who had written to Wiltshire County Council to object to the building of 3,000 houses in the area.</li> <li>• There were concerns that no assessment had been undertaken prior to agreeing the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS). The sustainability of each location was in doubt.</li> <li>• There was a large fuel storage depot in the centre of the proposed development which could have health and safety implications.</li> <li>• Swindon Borough Council should consider regeneration of its existing developments and build in its own area rather than North Wiltshire.</li> </ul>	<p>proposed for the area West of Swindon for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The high risk of flooding to areas downstream of the development.</li> <li>• The inability of the highway, drainage and community infrastructure to cope with further large scale development.</li> <li>• The lack of available employment for the people who will be living in the new houses.</li> </ul> <p>(2) If 3,000 new houses have to be built in the area to the West of Swindon, the people of North Wiltshire should decide where these houses should be located and further consultation should take place with local people.</p>	<p>response to Councillor Helen Dixon's questions.</p>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillor H Dixon asked how many empty houses there were in Swindon, how much commercial land there is and how many units are currently available. Councillor Dixon also asked whether jobs should be attached to houses when planning such development.</li> <li>• It was important to retain the character and rural identity of Purton and to retain green spaces in this area.</li> <li>• Members queried the need for the proposed houses.</li> <li>• There was some concern that if the Board simply opposed the development that the Government would then impose a location of its choosing.</li> <li>• Officers explained that any developer would have to undertake a technical study and to consider the risk of flooding and infrastructure problems.</li> <li>• It was confirmed that any money raised from Section 106 agreements would have to be spent in the area of the development.</li> <li>• Villages should be kept as individual entities and not swallowed up by large scale development.</li> <li>• This proposal should be deferred for a minimum of five years for further consultation.</li> </ul>			

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WBC14	<b>Agenda Item 4 - Refreshing the Community Plan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Northern Community Area Partnership (NCAP) consisted of a number of volunteers. The Partnership was required to produce a Community Plan and to consult widely on priorities and likes and dislikes in local communities.</li> <li>• Dr Richard Pagett informed the Area Board that the Community Plan was currently being refreshed.</li> <li>• Over the next 4-6 weeks NCAP would be attending local events and holding roadshows to include the more rural areas to consult on the Plan.</li> <li>• There would also be an opportunity to engage in this process via the website and social networking sites.</li> <li>• A copy of the presentation on this item is attached as an appendix to these minutes.</li> </ul>		To update the Community Plan following extensive consultation.	NCAP
WBC15	<b>Agenda Item 5 – Community Speedwatch</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Martin Alvis reported that there had been a number of requests from local people regarding the community speedwatch project.</li> <li>• If any particular area wanted to take part in the scheme they should contact the Area Board Project Manager, Karen Scott. Accident statistics would then be looked at, if there is found to be a problem, equipment would be provided to</li> </ul>		Interested Parishes to contact Karen Scott, Area Board Project Manager.	Karen Scott

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		<p>monitor speed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There needed to be commitment to the project as each piece of equipment would cost £1,800.</li> <li>• There may be some funding available from the Community Safety Partnership.</li> </ul>			
WBC16	<b>Agenda Item 6 – Chair’s Update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update reports from Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service, RAF Lyneham and NHS Wiltshire were circulated.</li> </ul>			
WB17	<b>Agenda Item 7 – Date of First Area Board Meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The first meeting of the Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board will take place on 15 July 2009 – venue to be confirmed.</li> </ul>			