

Walton Neighbourhood Plan
Meeting with The Parks Trust 29th October 2015

Present: Lisa Emmanuel, Stuart Copeland, Phil Bowsher

Introductions

Stuart introduced himself and gave the background to the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group as a sub-group of the Projects Committee of Walton Community Council along with progress to date.

Draft Plan

Stuart summarised feedback from the consultations carried out with residents and community groups which reflects the fact that Walton is a well developed area, people like living here and wish for any future development to remain in keeping with the existing styles, densities and mix.

The draft plan policies aim to reflect this and to take account of potential threats from outside of the parish along with highlighting potential for further development in keeping with the plan's aims and objectives.

The current timeline aims for the formal pre-submission draft plan consultation in the New Year, with referendum in September.

Parks Trust Land

We reviewed the map of the parish and confirmed all areas under ownership of PT. Phil also outlined the fact that Caldecotte Lake itself is under the ownership of Anglian Water.

The grid road corridors have a requirement under the lease for PT to give them land up for highways to be created, as is currently the case for the access to Church Farm.

All of the paddocks are under PT ownership and will remain for the current purposes; there is no intention for these to be disposed of for development. Phil commented that the last review of their assets was carried out 4 years ago and as far as he is aware there were no areas within the parish identified for development.

However, Phil also commented that the Board would listen to requests for areas to be developed, for instance to provide parking enhancements etc. and where disposal would aid funding to enable such developments.

HP Site

Phil stated that HP had been in discussion with PT regarding their proposed development, as access to the site would be across a 'ransom' strip under PT ownership. PT have stated they would have no objection on the proviso there was a proven need and that this access was the most sustainable for the development.

Caldecotte Lake

There is a long-term view for the area as it is a strategic location for the whole of MK. There is a proposal to develop a Triathlon Centre, which would be supported.

The site by The Crescent was transferred to PT under freehold in 2012. The rowing club had indicated an interest to build a new centre at this location as they had outgrown their current premises, however this has not progressed.

Discussion followed which suggested the NP would support the development of a community facility of this nature which could potentially incorporate community rooms, toilet facilities, café etc.

PT also leases the sailing club facilities.

Action: SC/LE to meet with the sailing club and rowing club.

Land adjacent to Bow Brickhill Station

PT owns the land and at this time have no plans, they would be willing to listen to any suggestions to develop the area for leisure purposes.

Arne Lane wooded area

The area of land which links to the linear route under PT ownership was discussed – this is an area which the NP is keen to protect. It is believed to be under the ownership of MKDP – if it were offered under a lease or management arrangement, PT would in principle consider taking it on.

Land at bottom of Old Farm park parish boundary

Phil also informed the meeting that whilst they do not own the strip of land, PT currently maintains this area.