

Minutes of an Extraordinary meeting of the Full Council of Buckingham Town Council held on **Thursday 8th December 2011** in the Council Chamber, Cornwall's Meadow, Buckingham, at 7:00pm.

Present: Cllr. T. Bloomfield
Cllr. H. Cadd
Cllr. P. Collins
Cllr. P. Hirons
Cllr. A. Mahi
Cllr. H. Mordue (left during minute 533)
Cllr. M. Smith Town Mayor
Cllr. R. Stuchbury
Cllr. M. Try

In attendance: Mr. C. Wayman, Town Clerk

598/11 Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED to note that Cllrs. Chan, Mrs. G. Collins, Harvey, Isham, Ms. Newell and Whyte had sent their apologies for the meeting.

599/11 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

600/11 Planning application 11/01785/AOP – Silverstone Mixed Use Development

Members expressed their gratitude to the Clerical Assistant who had provided such a concise report on the additional amended proposals and plans.

Members discussed in depth a number of issues resulting from the amended proposals and plans. There was general concern that the plans did not deal fully with Buckingham, even though the town is the only nearby major population source south of the circuit. The 1,000 homes which have planning permission in the town or are still awaiting completion do not appear to have been taken into account.

The Town Council expressed concern about the issue of s106 funding (or similar) which would result from this site and wish to ensure that this money would be apportioned appropriately given the extent of development taking place in North Bucks.

Members also noted that large part of the application still appeared to be missing and that clear instructions had not been passed on to the consultants who wrote the Brief to ensure that the figures bore some resemblance to what is being proposed.

Members raised a number of times the fact that Buckingham (although it may have a population over 20,000 by the time the plans come to fruition) is not seen as a source of potential employees. A major concern was that Bucks.

and Aylesbury Vale are not mentioned or taken into consideration at all in certain sections of the amended and additional plans.

Within the Access document there is mention of pedestrian and cycle access being provided, primarily to the north. While Members recognise the close proximity to Silverstone village, there is no mention of the other pedestrian and cycle access to the south, and that providing good access (possibly an off road cycleway through Stowe) might be considered. The Town Council therefore invited the developers to extend the cycle network south towards Buckingham.

Members were concerned that the number of people travelling from the south to the circuit had been dismissed even when previous information supplied indicated that over 11% of the people currently working at the circuit travel via the Dadford Road. This is comparable with the figures produced within the Framework Travel Plan as coming from Northampton or Milton Keynes.

Councillors were concerned that car sharing for Buckinghamshire had been linked in to the existing Bucks Carshare scheme when it was believed that this organisation focussed on the south of the County and may also be in danger of folding.

Members felt that a fuller bus service would benefit staff (especially shift workers) and visitor travel to the circuit and also into Buckingham.

Cllr. Mordue left the meeting

Within the Addendum Transport Assessment, concern was expressed that no provision had been made in the original documentation concerning staff members. It was felt that better links could be made to places further south than Buckingham.

Members also felt that the figures for the amount of extra traffic just from phase one (p28 says 48 2-way flows along the Dadford Road and 35 into Buckingham) should be considered significant due to the poor state of the road and, in addition, should the worst case scenario come about, then it would see approximately a doubling of the traffic.

For the Mitigation Strategy for Phase 1 there was major concern that the construction traffic would attempt to use the Dadford Road to cut down on the journey length and that it would be used as a rat run. More should be done to prevent this.

Town Councillors also wished for confirmation that the use of ANPR equipment to monitor journeys from Buckingham and Dadford would not be used for any other purpose (it was previously mentioned that written warnings would be given to staff members using the road) than monitoring, as the previously outlined action was considered by the Council to be illegal.

Members **AGREED** unanimously to support the development subject to the points above being made above being taken into consideration.

601/11 Chairman's Announcements

The Mayor congratulated Cllr. Cadd on becoming an Honorary Alderman for Aylesbury Vale District Council.

The Mayor also updated Members on his discussions with the University regarding noise and disturbance, and the future development of the University. The Mayor said that he draft a paper outlining what had been discussed for the next Council meeting.

602/11 Dates of next meetings

Full Council – Monday 9th January 2012

Meeting closed at 8.00pm

Signed Date

Town Mayor