

# Cirencester Parking Demand Project Board

## Meeting notes 24 April 2017

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**Attendees:** Councillors: Cllr. Mark Harris, (Chairman), Cllr. Mark MacKenzie-Charrington, Cllr. Chris Hancock and Cllr. Jenny Forde, Officers: Claire Locke, Christine Cushway, Philippa Lowe, and Marie Whiteman (note taker)

### 1 Apologies:

Cllr Nick Parsons, Christine Gore and Bob McNally

### 2 Notes of the Last meeting

The notes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March were approved.

Any matters arising will be addressed during the meeting

### 3 Public Engagement –

#### Feedback from informal meeting with Waterloo Residents

Cllr. Mark Harris and Claire Locke were invited to attend a meeting at CJ Hole with some residents from the Waterloo. The meeting was well received. The residents expressed their concerns which included loss of light, fumes, noise and impact on property values. They also said they weren't aware that decked car parking in the Waterloo was in the Local Plan.

Some people felt that if the car park was wrapped in flats or retail it would be more acceptable. The Environment Agency are not supportive of this view.

Two additional story boards will be done for the public meetings. 1. Why aren't we building the decked parking out of town? and 2. Why has it taken so long?

A feedback card will also be distributed at the public consultation, possible questions are: What concerns you and What would a good development look like.

The initial concerns and feedback from the planned consultation will be fed into the design process.

It is possible to create a design where the car park would look like flats. The right design could also allay residents' fears of the car park being used by homeless people and drug dealers.

Philippa stressed that it was important to communicate stages of the process to map out what has happened and what will happen next.

A purpose of consultation statement is needed.

**Action: Claire to speak to Bob McNally about a decision making timeline to Waterloo.**

## **Planned Waterloo public event meeting in May**

Due to a General Election being called on 8<sup>th</sup> June, Nigel Adams is speaking to Counsel to clarify whether public consultation can go ahead. When a date is agreed it will be published in the Wilts and Glos Standard, on the Website and anywhere else to aid getting the message out to the public.

**Action: Claire to notify the group as soon as she can arrange a date.**

## **4. Updates**

### **Waterloo development**

TEP are doing the work we have appointed them to do including:

Quotes for the structural work;

Tree survey

Topographical study

A draft brief for the Architect will be ready by the end of the week. Procurement will follow.

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### **OMH Staircase**

Christine is still waiting to hear back from Ballymore.

**Action: Christine to chase. .**

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### **Chesterton**

Atkins has been asked to consider the potential value of a contribution that could be requested from the developer of the Chesterton site towards additional town centre car parking in Cirencester.

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### **Brewery**

CDC are still committed to the development but waiting for Wildmoor to come back to us. The former Vegetable shop has a 'To let' sign in the window. CDC has the freehold of this building.

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## **6. Communications**

Bob McNally was unable to attend the meeting but had updated Claire. A press release had been issued about the Waterloo car deck and proposed building of a decked car park.

The website has been updated and the missing minutes have been put on.

## **6. Any Other Business**

Cllr. Harris is holding a Retail Forum on 8<sup>th</sup> May. Sales in Cirencester during March have been down even though footfall was up.

Claire told the meeting that the cost of a temporary decked car park would be in the region of £180k one off cost and £240k per year revenue cost (primarily lease costs). This would provide 100 spaces. To purchase it outright would cost £850k plus costs for a monthly inspection. This option to be kept in mind...

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...to provide enough spaces during the construction of the decked car park in the Waterloo.

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## **8 Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 @ 09.15 in the Committee Room.