

SUTTON COLDFIELD TOWN CENTRE

REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP

Friday 20 January 2023

Online

DECISIONS AND ACTIONS

Present

Cllr Simon Ward (Chair) (SW)
Olive O'Sullivan (OOS)
Jan Rowley (JR)
Andrew Tucker
Keith Neil-Smith (KNS)
Sandeep Shingadia (SS)
Tina Swani (TS)
Chris Brewerton (CB)
Kezia Stanley- Gaussen
Liz Parry (LP)

Leader, Royal Sutton Coldfield Town Council
Chief Executive Officer (RSCTC)
Regeneration Programme Director (RSCTC)
Consultant for Town Council (RSCTC)
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Transport for West Midlands (TfWM)
Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust (SCCT)
Birmingham Chamber of Commerce (BCofC)
West Midlands Combined Authority
FOLIO Sutton Coldfield Trustee

Natalia Gorman

Royal Sutton Coldfield Town Council

		Decision/Action	Owner
1	Welcome and Apologies	Apologies received from John Myatt, Simon Delahunty-Forrest, Rebecca Farr and David Hemming. The Chairman welcomed Kezia Stanley-Gaussen to the p'ship. Kezia will represent the West Midlands Combined Authority going forward.	SW
2	Decisions and Actions from last meeting	Agreed	SW
3	Matters Arising	None.	

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4	Update on key planning applications	On behalf of the Town Council, AT expressed his disappointment that the application for the former Rosie's Nightclub site was recently approved by Birmingham City Council (BCC). The Town Council considered that the height and layout of the proposed scheme did not conform to the development principles set out in the Masterplan. AT also advised the current plans approved are in outline which does allow further opportunity for the Town Council and stakeholders to comment at the detailed stage but that outline consent would establish some key principles for the development of the site. AT updated on the proposed plans for Aldi on Brassington Avenue. Currently Aldi are seeking to resolve a drainage concern relating to building over the Plants Brook culvert at the southern end of the site. The developers have provided a technical report to BCC which is currently under consideration and further consultation will be undertaken in due course. AT added on a more positive note that new drawings submitted appear to go some way towards addressing concerns previously raised by the Town Council in 2022. Regarding the redevelopment scheme of 10-38 Birmingham Road, AT advised the Board that the Town Council objected to the proposals on the basis that its scale and massing would have an overbearing and detrimental impact. There were also concerns over the adequacy of the parking and servicing arrangements. Further information on the progress of this application is awaited. SW thanked AT for his update, concluding that there are tensions around the redevelopment of key sites within the Town Centre and that he has expressed his disappointment with Ian MacCloud, Director of Planning, Sustainability and Transport at BCC however he encourages the p'ship to remain positive and take hope from the interest currently being shown in investing in the town centre, adding that we should move forward together with partners and developers where possible.	AT
5	Sutton Gateway	JR advised that consultants Jacobs are on schedule to deliver a Strategic Business Case which will be submitted to WMCA's	

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		CRSTS team by Birmingham City Council at the end of February. Public consultation is likely to begin in April through BCC's formal consultation process. LP asked if discussions around free parking throughout the festive period have started. JR advised that the Leader of BCC is due to meet with Town Council Leader SW for a briefing on Sutton Gateway progress which may give the opportunity for the discussion to take place.	
6	Communications Update	OOS reported that the Town Council are engaging with We are Story in particular around the communications for Sutton gateway and how that can be taken forward.	OOS
7	AOB	TS spoke regarding an emerging social and community infrastructure problem throughout the town which now sees charities being directly responsible for essential maintenance repairs. TS feels it may be best to have a conversation with BCC's planning department in the first instance. OOS advised that the Town Council are getting similar queries and would be happy to be involved in discussions. KNS suggested also involving WMCA who are currently discussing similar issues with other Trusts.	
8	Date and time of next meeting	The p'ship agreed the following 2023 dates: • Friday 24th March • Friday 19th May • Friday 21st July • Friday 22nd September • Friday 17th November All meetings to start at 08:30 and to be held remotely via Zoom	

Meeting closed 9.15am