

NOTES OF THE SOUTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE ONLINE CONSULTATION EVENT HELD 26TH JANUARY, 2022

Councillor Tony Downing, Chair of the South East Area Committee, welcomed everyone to the meeting and outlined the procedure for how the meeting was to run and the housekeeping arrangements to help the meeting run as smooth as possible. The Chair then invited Members and Officers to introduce themselves.

Report back on the public consultation on the Local Area Community Plan

Jayne Foulds, Area Manager, gave a presentation on the public consultation on the Local Area Plan.

Breakout Sessions

Members, officers and members of the public were then placed into breakout sessions lasting approximately 45 minutes.

Feedback from breakout sessions

Nik Hamilton said that the session he had been part of was based around Environment and the main topics arising from this session were:

- Issues around litter picking, and whether cameras could be used to monitor fly tipping and litter being disposed of by vehicles
- Reduction in carbon footprint, and a desire to introduce more rewilding
- Dedicated points of contact in the Parks and Countryside department for members of the public
- Desire to see more joined up thinking in bringing council departments together

Councillor Karen McGowan gave an update on her session focusing on Transport. The main topics arising from this group were:

- Education around walking buses for school
- Parking outside schools – could children teach parents about appropriate parking areas
- Electric charging points for vehicles
- More enforcement of parking
- Creative solutions to reduce speeding. Discussions around accidents around Mosborough – could a car that had been damaged be left there as a reminder of the danger
- Thinking outside the box -

Jayne Foulds said that her session had been based on Crime and Community Safety. The main issues were:

- Groups of young people gathering, perhaps due to lack of activities for young people to take part in

- Encouraging use of the 101 service. It was suggested the LAC work with the local Police to create a poster to be used in the public
- Different ways to engage with young people in the area. Suggestions around using football clubs or TikTok to engage with young people.
- More joint partnership work with local groups and the Police
- Discussions around drug use and the suggestion that the use of cannabis has been normalised. The Police mentioned they were working a drug plan in an attempt to tackle these issues.
- Speeding vehicles

Public Questions.

The Chair stated that he had received two written public questions from Pauline Memmott. Ms. Memmott was not present at the meeting. The first question was in relation to graffiti under the subway at Meadowhead. The Chair read out to the meeting; the response received from AMEY regarding this matter.

The Chair then invited further questions from members of the public advising them that 30 minutes would be allowed for this item.

Dawn Spier

She stated that a Nature Emergency had been declared by Sheffield City Council. She said Sheffield City Council had said they'd committed to a Nature Emergency Plan. Dawn asked when a plan would be given.

The Chair shared a written response as follows: 'Many thanks for this question, we are still in the process of working on the NEAP. This is happening in parallel with a range of duties and responsibilities that sit at a Sheffield and South Yorkshire level in relation to the Environment Bill, which became an act in November 2021.

We are keen that the NEAP captures and builds on the great work that is already happening across Sheffield by a range of partners and hope to provide an update shortly on how communities can contribute.'

She asked about local fields including Site E, Site B and C. She asked when the Local Plan would be revealed.

The Chair shared a written response, as provided by Simon Vincent, as follows: 'The timetable for the Local Plan is set out in the latest version of the Local Development Scheme (the official name for the Local Plan timetable). This was approved by the Cooperative Executive on 20th October 2021

and is available on the Council's website. Full Council is expected to approve the Draft Local Plan in September this year with public consultation taking place in October/November. The plan is now not expected to be adopted (completed) until the end of 2024.

The suitability of sites for development will be considered as part of the process of preparing the new Local Plan.'

Councillor Bob McCann added that he was aware that this was a concern for local people. He said he felt it was unfortunate that this was the situation and added that we would have to wait to see what the Local Plan outlines. He said that a traffic management plan had been asked for and stated he would be keeping an eye on the Local Plan.

Dawn submitted the following question: 'During the last meeting, there was understandably a lot of focus on speeding traffic. Soon after the meeting, I sent an email to the LAC email address stating I suspect speeding is a city-wide issue and has/will be raised at other LAC meetings. I believe it was Cllr Rooney who raised a point that speed indicator devices (SIDs) were to be put in place in the near future as a traffic calming measure. I'm sure there are speeding traffic hot spots that are already on SCC's radar. In order to capture, evaluate and target those areas in most need of action would it be possible to involve local residents and ask for their input? Information could be gathered in much the same way as was done with the Active travel Map where residents were invited to make comments on the map. Perhaps the traffic calming options could be added. A mixture of lower-cost peripheral hatching and speed limit roundels which, from the research done by Somerset Council, appear to have some impact. Along with more costly S.I.D'.s and speed bumps for residents to suggest which option they feel would be most suitable.'

Scott Ford gave an update on this and said that cameras would be introduced in the local wards and that work was ongoing.

Councillor Mick Rooney said that local Councillors had put together a list of areas within which speeding was most prevalent.

David Boulton

David asked whether it would it be possible to introduce mini allotments,

The Chair said Rowan Longhurst was the contact.

Phil Jackson

Phil said that all Council employees had the right to issue on the spot £100 fines for littering. He asked whether Council employees could do this to deter litterers.

The Chair said he concurred with this and said that he would make a note of this and take it up with Environmental Services.

Jane Finney

Jane asked that she be added to the environmental contacts.

The Chair said he would take her email address and do this.

Jane said the 101 service is not useful when reporting fly tipping.

The Chair said without identifying factors it is challenging for the Council to manage, but he added if they were able to identify the individuals, they would do their best to hold them accountable.

Jane asked for Jillian Fairbrother's contact details to contact her regarding grass cutting.

Jillian stated that 20% of grass is not cut anymore, and she asked that any particular areas be raised with her specifically and stated she would look into these areas. Helen Taylor, AMEY, said she would assist with this. She said that leaving more areas uncut often caused complaints from other members of the public.

Denise Fox

Denise asked whether Community Safety Officers had been recruited.

Jayne said that the recruitment process had now been completed and stated that 6 Community Safety Officers would be working within the area.

Chair's Summary and Next Steps

The Chair felt that a good start had been made and the next steps were to collate all the feedback, review any available data and present the LACs findings to the next meeting to be held on Wednesday, 8th March 2022 at 6.00 p.m. at Birley Academy.