

Minutes of the Yorke Drive Residents Panel Meeting

20th June 2023 at Beaumont Walk Community Centre

Present:

Cara Clarkson

Jo Wyld

Irene Brown

Gill Dawn

Nicola Lees

Dale Shaw

Helen Douthwaite

Maizy Tivey

Chris Morton

Ginnette Hardy

Julie Madin

Julie Ledger

Wendy Lister

Richard Tracy

Mark Rowley

Julie (Tenant)

Diane Ledger

Apologies:

Jenny Palmer

Bruce Lister

Debbie Darby

	<u>Item</u>	<u>Action</u>
1.	<u>Welcome:</u> In addition to the residents of Yorke Drive, the LIN (Local Influence Network) Chairs, Richard, Dale and Helen were in attendance having been invited by residents. The LIN Chairs introduced themselves and advised that they were there in a supportive capacity for any tenant who needed them.	
2.	<u>Minutes from previous meeting:</u> Diane queried section 2 of the minutes – under the heading ‘Regeneration’ and whether all agencies involved in the planning were now in agreement. CC advised that she believed they were but that the planning application had not yet been recommended for approval at committee.	
3.	<u>Regeneration Update:</u> CC updated the panel on changes to the council political administration following the May elections. The leader is now Cllr Paul Peacock. Cllr Lee Brazier is the new Portfolio Holder for Housing. Cara has met with both, and they have asked for all Member to be briefed on the project.	CC

CC noted that due to the change in administration, there will also be new planning committee members.

Planning Application Update –

CC updated the panel on the current progress of the reserved matters planning application for phase one.

It was noted that the out-line permission allowed the erection of 320 units, of which 100 would be affordable. Given constraints on the site, these number have been reduced to 271 units with 83 affordable.

One panel member queries the cost increases since the project began. CC noted:

- Whilst the reduction in overall units will result in less affordable housing, it does maintain the project within the original budget set.
- A further option to maximise budget will be to look at potential savings – although these may not always be preferable long term – these could include as an example grasscrete instead of tarmac to carparks.
- Final costs will be known once packages of work have been costed by the market (after planning)

Dale asked if tenants and residents will have a say in tenders and designs. CC made him aware that residents have been heavily involved in the masterplan, the procurement of Lovells, who are the developers, and in the individual house designs.

Diane reiterated that residents were involved from the beginning but raised concern from residents that developers will pull out given the delays. Wendy (from the developer) reassured Diane and the panel that Lovells/Compendium Living are still committed and happy to work with Newark and Sherwood on this project, recognising that many regenerations scheme of this complexity take a long time to get to site.

Irene noted concern that neighbour issues may not be resolved as easily if tenants are housed next to a private rented resident/owner occupier. CC recognised that this has been raised by council tenants in respect to PRS/OO and by private rented sector/ Owner Occupiers in respect to Council Tenants. The appropriate channel for management will be needed.

Ginnette asked when the works will start. CC noted that once planning approval is secured, start on site can be expected within circa three months.

<p>4.</p>	<p><u>Yorke Drive Focus Newsletter items</u></p> <p>The Yorke Drive Focus Newsletter is issued every 2 months, alternative with the Resident Panel meetings. In the next edition there will be article on ASB, social eating and a planning update.</p> <p>If anyone would like anything to be added to the newsletters, please get in contact so that we can ensure that this happens.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>Irene has a concern about the empty properties as they are not secure and keep getting broken into. There has also been a recent fire at one of the properties too. Irene also raised an issue from Cllr Darby about general ASB on the estate.</p> <p>Ginnette made everyone aware that the ASB/neighbourhood watch meeting was cancelled. Cara is going to raise this. Residents have a fear of reporting ASB as they do not want to be victimised. There was a mention of creating an estate WhatsApp group to discuss neighbourhood issues.</p>	<p>CC</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>The next meeting will take place at Beaumont Walk Community Centre on 26th September 2023.</p> <p>If anyone would like to add anything to the agenda of the next meeting, please get in contact.</p>	<p>All</p>