



Meeting of Corringham, Fobbing and Homesteads Forum Held on 11th June 2018 at 7.30pm in Corringham Hall

Present:

Forum Committee			Sub.C	Residents/Representatives		Sub.C
Jenny Meads	JM	Chairperson		Dave Plant	DP	T/CL
Penny Partridge	PP	Secretary	CL	Alan Phillips	AP	
Tony Sharp	TS		WW1	Colin Butler	CB	
Bill Dawson	BD			Alex Anderson	AA	Councillor
John Fox	JF		CL/P/T	Derek Parker	DP	
Brenda Scott	BS		F	Rita Dawson	RD	
Alex Ridley	AR	Treasurer	T/CL	Hazel Parr	HP	WW1
Malcolm Knight	MK			Peter O'Rourke	PO	
				Jean Lindsay	JL	
				Bryan Lindsay	BL	
				Trudie Eaton	TE	
				Roy Eaton	RE	
				Kabul Sandu	KS	
				Anne Sandu	AS	

Sub-committees:

- T Thurrock Road User Group
- P Policing
- CL Christmas lights
- F Flowers
- WW1 100 year anniversary of end of WW1

	Minutes	Action
1	Apologies for absence Kim Tolson, Roy Jones	
2	Minutes (to approve the minutes of previous meeting) Minutes of the last meeting were approved, with the removal of the post Treasurer incorrectly attributed to TS.	
3	Matters arising There were no matters arising	
4	Thurrock Council – Kirsty Paul Kirsty is the Principal planner in the growth and strategy team and gave a presentation about future planning in Thurrock. A brief summary:	

Planning applications have to be assessed against policy and plan which will run to 2038. It was last adopted in 2011 and reviewed in 2015. The policy map is online at www.planvu.co.uk/thurrock. The National planning document is being consulted on at the moment and Thurrock is working on one single plan. They are talking with neighbouring authorities and some community groups are registering as a neighbourhood plan to enable development.

There was a consultation in 2016 and a 2nd consultation is due later this year. The draft local plan will be ready for consultation after which it goes to the Secretary of State. The plan will look at the infrastructure, local population changes and capacity. There will be an audit of the infrastructure and a greenbelt assessment will take place.

Current housing need is for 32,000 homes by 2038 with a shortfall of 22,000. Castle point, Basildon and Brentwood are all at risk of intervention by central government. Need to have an awareness of health decisions made outside of local authority. 600 sites have been submitted for assessment. If you have a local green space that is valued then nominate it. During August and September they will be assessing green belt sites. The whole borough is under pressure and the local plan is going to full council on 25th July. Stage two of the consultation will be from 30th July to 14th September. Saying no in the earlier stages puts more pressure on green belt.

Thurrock is number three in the uk for poor air quality. Orsett hospital is going. What about the lack of infrastructure? 67% of the housing needs are for people already living in Thurrock. The argument is where we put the housing, not if. Geographically we are placed for a logistics economy.

Do we not need a green corridor between towns to contain communities and keep their identities? This is something to bring up at consultation.

It's going to cabinet on 25th July. How will they comment without know the actual sites? They will have lists of areas and it's highly likely there will be something around Corringham. They will decide if sites are appropriate for consultation. There will be a programme of summer events. Corringham had best turnout last time.

Are we going to get much input or are we being brushed over? There is a statutory 6-week consultation period with a series of events over and above the requirement. Your voices will be heard but you must respond in a way that looks at planning matters.

How this all reconciled with affordability? There are too many buy to lets which stimulate house price rises and reduce the number of dwellings available to

	<p>purchase. Should Thurrock respond to the character of an area, eg we need more bungalows? When responding the consultation, the volume of responses received is not relevant, it is what is said. If green belt is built on then we have more clout in terms of negotiating the types of development. Any developer would have to demonstrate deliverability.</p> <p>Kirsty was thanked for coming and a resident expressed sadness that Kirsty was leaving the authority shortly.</p>	
5	<p>Treasurer's Report The process of moving the role of treasure to AR is nearly complete; forms were submitted on Friday. We will have four signatories and each cheque will require 2 signatures. AR has designed an improved spreadsheet which will be more informative.</p>	
6	<p>Sub Committee Reports TRUG The planned meeting was cancelled and no further date has been fixed.</p> <p>Policing JF received an email from Roger Hirst on 23rd May explaining that a drop in centre is fully supported. However the forum's aim is for a permanent police presence. JF will forward the 2000 signature petition to PP so that Roger Hirst can be reminded.</p> <p>Planters and flowers Please can forum members help with watering the planters? Some shopkeepers are keeping up with this, but others need reminding.</p> <p>100 Year anniversary of end of WW1 See separate minutes</p>	JF PP
7	<p>TAF JM attended a meeting about the proposed Lower Thames Crossing. The consultation will be about the detail of the tunneling etc. To be discussed at the next meeting. JM attended a TAF meeting and is yet to receive minutes. Discussions centred around the constitution. Forums will not be donating funds to TAF and future meetings will be held in different localities.</p>	
8	<p>Public Forum Nothing was discussed.</p>	
9	<p>Ward Councillors' Reports Cllr Anderson has not had a response about policing yet and will be involving Stephen Metcalfe next.</p>	

	<p>Thurrock undertook an operation on the Manorway to issue community protection warnings to HGV drivers, moving them on. This will trial further. DP raised concerns that the plan to de-criminalise parking on the Manorway has been aborted.</p> <p>After many complaints the grass cutting across Thurrock is now underway.</p>	
10	<p>Any other business</p> <p>Concern was expressed that Cllr Anderson is the only local councilor that has been attending forum meetings.</p>	

**Next meeting is on Monday 9th July 2018 at 7.30pm
Corringham Hall**

There is no forum meeting in August