

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE KIG JOINT PARISHES GROUP
Held on 17th December 2008 at 7.30pm.

The meeting was chaired by Richard Jacques - TPC

Richard Jacques informed the meeting that the Highways Agency had reinstated the Article 14 Direction and this was due to run until 13th June 2009. He stated that the current assessment by the Highways Agency was that the applicant would be able to overcome their concerns.

Richard Jacques raised concerns at the Highway Agencies assumptions that their issues could be overcome, he stated that the Highways Agency was a major player and in his opinion they should not be pre-judging the information before they had received it.

John Horne spoke further regarding this and informed members that he had taken this matter up with Hugh Robertson.

He reported that there was a meeting between MBC and the developers regarding Junction 8 on 23rd January 2009, and it was unlikely that there would be any re-consultation before then.

It was suggested that the JPG could ask MBC to produce the additional information early. This was agreed by all present.

Richard Jacques referred to emails that he had received from Alison Broom giving an update on the current situation, and he asked the Clerk to forward these onto all group members for information.

A discussion took place regarding the additional information and the need to understand this and what has changed.

The re-consultation process and the information available to residents was discussed. It was agreed that the JPG should send a newsletter to all residents informing them of the consultation process. It was suggested that this should be one side of a A4, clearly setting out a suggested wording for objectors, where and when to send the representations, and promote the work of the JPG.

Larry Mulheirn spoke regarding his views on the newsletter. It was agreed that the aim of the newsletter was to encourage residents to send in further letters of objection.

Concerns were raised regarding the future finances of the group. Richard Jacques informed the meeting that the group had been successful in obtaining a grant of £1000 from Paul Carters Community Grant.

It was agreed that the future finances could not be predicted at this stage, as the outcome was as yet unknown. It was suggested that the future stages should be looked at following the MBC planning hearing; at this stage the group could liaise with both KCC and MBC to establish the level of information available to it, which could reduce the costs incurred by the group.

Richard Jacques stated that by joining the JPG it came with a financial commitment. He stated that at the second stage the Parish Council, MBC and KCC would all be on the same team and that this would benefit the JPG.

Terry Laing spoke regarding the strength of the group's numbers and the importance of it staying together.

Larry Mulheirn suggested that a coloured publication sent to all residents would also benefit the group and promote its aims. It was agreed that this should be an area to develop.

It was agreed that the group should meet following the meeting between MBC and the developers on 23rd January.

Richard Jacques then closed the meeting and thanked all members for their support over the past year.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm