



LAWRENCE WESTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING **GROUP THURSDAY**

30th June 2022 - 7PM @ ALW

Welcome, apologies and introductions – Chair Mark Pepper

Attending: Jacki Crouch (JC-resident), Roger Sabido (RS), Ann Hawker (AH), Norman Laity (NL), Jim Black (JM), Mark Pepper (MP)

Apologies: Cllr Don Alexander, Waltraud Popischil (WP), Bee Thornhill (BT), Tim Leaman (TL), Terri Booker (TB), Jo Sergeant (JS), Cllr James Scott, Jayne Mein (JM), Daphne Chikwere (DC), Annette Knight (AK), Sue Stevens (SS), Iain Stevens (IS)

Minutes and matters arising of the last meeting – JC

- Minutes were approved – JB & NL
- No matters arising

Lila Connect – JJ

- Lila Connect gave a verbal presentation explaining the work they are carrying out in Lawrence Weston, they will be installing full fibre broadband, in sections at a time, starting at the top of LW and then full LW coverage.
- They will need to dig channels across pavements and green verges to install the trunking and cables needed.
- The cost for 1 Gigabit- £29.98 per month, add on's cost -TV £10, -phone £10. No standing charge.
- This will be available to all homes currently built, but any new developments would be down to the individual developers contacting Lila to request connection, the service will be available to flats only if 30% of flats within a block request it.
- Planning group to decide if we should contact new build developers to get in touch with Lila for future residents benefit.
- There will be a need to install large cabinets over the estate with the largest planned for Goodring Hill, this will be surrounded by fencing to minimise the impact, we can ask for hedging instead of fencing. A similar cabinet has been installed on Machine Road in Henbury should any of the group be interested in what it looks like and the impact it will have in LW.

- Once the cable installation is completed. Lila will run a campaign to sign up households to the service with cost free installation. Later there will be a charge made.
- The old telephone copper wire system will be switched off starting in 2025 with full fibre switch-over needed by 2030.
- Any issues with mess or other issues with installation, residents are encouraged to contact Jan Jones who will try to resolve any issues asap. Jan.jones@vx.se or call 0758342761.

Wessex Water expansion plans – GR

- Gareth Rogers and other WW staff gave a fairly comprehensive presentation and answered questions.
- WW are intending to expand their Avonmouth sewage treatment works on Kingsweston Lane, this is to future proof the site given the expected growth of Bristol and the region's population. Construction will involve building large storage facilities, new pipework, and includes road changes to Kingsweston Lane site entrance. This will enable increase in sewage and waste water treatment works. Improvements to landscaping, footpath network and a wildlife area are also included in the plans.
- Construction would start in 2023 and finish in 2028
- A consultation period is taking place and they intend to submit a planning application in July 2022 with an expected decision outcome in December 2022.
- The possible need for an "Environment Impact Assessment" is still to be decided by BCC
- For more updates visit: www.wessexwater.co.uk/avonmouthscheme
- Ward wide concerns of historic foul smells believed to be coming from the WW site were shared. GR advised that all instances should be reported to enable WW to investigate, residents were encouraged to report smells on 0345 600 4 600 and requested a log number.

ALW Update

- Wind Turbine –
 - Build to commence 4th July, Removal of Japanese Knott weed required at a cost of £40k, grounds have had third cut of foliage and shrubs.
- The Hub/Ambition House –
 - Legal parties to meet on 14th July, where we hope to bottom out the required lease needed to release the funding, we will then be able to instruct constructors to build.
- BMX track, open space consultation completed with no issues, we now await the lease from BCC to be able to start build.
- Astry Close –
 - Our housing association partner are now preparing for build start.

AOB

No other business reported.

Next meeting @ ALW
7pm, Thursday 30th July 28th 2022