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## **Appendix A: Statement of Compliance with the Statement of Community Involvement**

### **1 INTRODUCTION**

1.1 This appendix to the Issues and Options: Report of Consultation for the Knowsley Core Strategy sets out in clear terms how the consultation processes undertaken are in compliance with the Council's adopted Statement of Community Involvement. The Council adopted its Statement of Community Involvement in May 2007.

1.2 The Statement of Community Involvement can be viewed on the Council's website using the following link:

<http://www.knowsley.gov.uk/residents/building-and-planning/planning/local-development-framework/emerging-development-framework/community-involvement.aspx>

1.3 As the Issues and Options consultation for the Core Strategy is essentially the first consultation on a Development Plan Document (DPD), it is appropriate to consider the sections of the Statement of Community Involvement which explain how the Council is going to involve the community in such a DPD consultation. Hence, the relevant sections of the Statement of Community Involvement for the purposes of this Appendix are:

- **Chapter 6: Stakeholders and methods of involvement**
- **Chapter 7: Development Plan Documents**
- **Chapter 10: Resources and monitoring**
- **Appendix 1: List of potential consultees for the Local Development Framework**
- **Appendix 2: Methods of engagement**

1.4 The following sections detail how each of these sections have been accounted for within the Issues and Options consultation. This includes, where appropriate, reproducing sections of the Statement of Community Involvement, and highlighting against these sections how the Issues and Options consultation has met the requirements outlined. For example, this may include a list of consultation methods contained within a table, which has been amended for the purposes of this appendix to explain how methods have been used specifically for this consultation.

### **2. CHAPTER 6: STAKEHOLDERS AND METHODS OF INVOLVEMENT**

2.1 This chapter of the Statement of the Community Involvement sets out how the Council intends to engage with "hard to reach" groups, that is those who often find it difficult to get involved in planning matters. Table 6.1 outlines the potential measures to be employed by the Council to engage these groups. While Chapter 6 (paragraph 6.5) states that it may not be practical to institute all of the actions suggested in all

consultations, as a guiding principle the more major the policy or proposal, the more extensively the actions will be applied. The below section replicates Table 6.1 and then explains how the methods suggested have been employed within the Issues and Options consultation.

*Excerpt from Statement of Community Involvement (KMBC, May 2007)*

Table 6.1 Potential measures to engage hard to reach groups (amended)

<b>Reason hard to reach</b>	<b>Actions to be considered</b>	<b>Actions undertaken through the Issues and Options Consultation</b>
<p>Not interested. Or don't respond to traditional forms of communication.</p>	<p>Use the web creatively by posting interesting articles and pictures.</p> <p>Explore the use of innovative technologies like digital television and video presentations.</p> <p>Link with youth forums, Knowsley Schools Council. For documents that relate to young people prepare reports that highlight the key issues.</p>	<p>Full use of the Knowsley Council internet website and intranet. Use of Facebook and Twitter sites to promote consultation.</p> <p>Capturing consultation events digitally through photography and film.</p> <p>Presentation to Youth Parliament, highlighting key issues for young people. Links with Youth Parliament (Shout for Knowsley) Facebook site.</p> <p>Presentation to the Children and Young People's Partnership.</p>
<p>Groups whose interests may not be well represented in the community.</p>	<p>Use partnership boards and public forums to reach wider cross sections of the community.</p> <p>Connect with theme based groups to target those that are hard to reach.</p>	<p>Presentations and workshops for Area Partnership Boards.</p> <p>Presentations to Town Councils.</p> <p>Presentations for minority groups such as the Knowsley Disability Partnership and Knowsley Older People's Voice, as well as KMBC workers groups. Where appropriate, presentations and workshops were tailored to the interests of the audience.</p>
<p>Accessibility barriers, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People who are housebound or less mobile.</li> <li>• Those who would not normally go to Council offices.</li> </ul>	<p>Take road shows and displays to local shops, community centres and areas that are most used by people during the day.</p> <p>Explore the possibility of giving information to home helps or neighbourhood wardens who have daily</p>	<p>Extensive use of road show drop-in events in leisure centres, One Stop Shops and libraries.</p> <p>Full email consultation to consultees on the LDF database. Full email consultation to businesses.</p> <p>Posting of leaflets to individual households, helping to reach those unable to attend events, as well as advertisements and articles in the</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People with health or mobility issues that are limiting.</li> <li>• Those with learning difficulties</li> <li>• Transient populations</li> </ul>	<p>contact with those that are considered hard to reach.</p> <p>Use email, postal and phone consultation.</p> <p>Consult with community groups on how best to communicate with those that have issues of accessibility.</p> <p>Make documents available in large print or Braille on request.</p>	<p>local press. Responses to the questions posed within leaflets could be returned via Freepost, hence limiting the cost of the consultation for participants.</p> <p>Ability to make documents available in large print, Braille and audio versions on request.</p>
<p>Literacy issues</p>	<p>Use plain language and avoid abbreviations.</p> <p>Produce non-technical summaries for all major documents.</p> <p>Where possible produce short easy to understand leaflets and brochures.</p> <p>Make documents available in other languages when requested.</p>	<p>Inclusion of a full glossary and explanation of acronyms used in the Issues and Options documentation.</p> <p>Production of summary leaflets explaining in simple terms the strategic options within the Issues and Options Paper.</p> <p>Ability to make documents available in other languages on request.</p>

2.2 The above table demonstrates that as part of the Issues and Options consultation, many of the “actions to be considered” to reach hard to engage groups, as set out in the Statement of Community Involvement, have been achieved. The range of activities undertaken is considered to be satisfactory for the Issues and Options stage, with the majority of suggested actions being undertaken.

### 3. CHAPTER 7: DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENTS

3.1 Chapter 7 of the Statement of Community Involvement sets out the different stages of preparation of a DPD such as the Core Strategy, and outlines how the Council intends to involve people at each stage, illustrating the level of involvement expected and the methods that will be used. Within this chapter, Table 7.1 illustrates the proposed

methods of engagement to be employed at each of the stages of DPD production, including specific requirements for the Issues and Options stage of DPD consultation. The below excerpt from the Statement of Community Involvement reproduces the relevant part of Table 7.1, and the subsequent text explains how the Issues and Options consultation for the Core Strategy has met the requirements set out within the table.

*Excerpt from Statement of Community Involvement (KMBC, May 2007)*

Table 7.1: Proposed methods of engagement. Development plan documents

Stage of preparation	Methods (see Appendix 2)	Groups to be consulted
Prepare and publish issues and alternative options Regulation 25  Sustainability appraisal scoping report produced at this stage	Website Email or Letter Stakeholder meetings Documents at council offices and libraries Leaflets* Press article* Questionnaire/survey* Knowsley news*	Those who commented earlier; Specific consultees, General consultees and Other consultees

1. Methods in black without a \* will be used for all DPD's

2. One or more of the methods in red with \* should be used for Development Plan Documents and two or more for the Core Strategy. Other methods with an equivalent level of impact may also be used.

3. The regulations referred to in this table are set out in The Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004. They can be viewed at the Department for Communities and Local Government website, see Appendix 4.

### 3.2 Stage of preparation

- **Prepare and publish issue and alternative options – Regulation 25**

The Core Strategy Issues and Options paper was published on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2009 for an eight week period of consultation, until 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2010. The Issues and Options paper was published as the first formal stage of consultation of the Knowsley Core Strategy, under Regulation 25 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008.

Since the publication of the Statement of Community Involvement, changes have been made to the regulations under which a DPD is prepared. However, for the purposes of the Issues and Options consultation, there are no practical implications for this change, as the document is still published under Regulation 25.

- **Sustainability Appraisal**

In order to ensure that new plans and strategies contribute towards the sustainable development, the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act

2004 requires a Sustainability Appraisal to be carried out on all new or revised Development Plan Documents. In addition, local planning authorities must comply with European Union Directive 2001/42/EC, which requires a formal Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of plans and programmes that are likely to have a significant effect on the environment.

The publication of the Issues and Options paper was accompanied by sustainability appraisal reports. These were as follows:

- Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report: this document establishes the baseline data and sustainability objectives against which the emerging policies within the Core Strategy will be appraised.
- Issues and Options Sustainability Appraisal: this document considers the potential implications of the Core Strategy by assessing the Strategic Spatial Options, Scale of Future Growth and Development Options and Township Priorities against available baseline data and sustainability objectives (as set out within the Scoping Report).

### **3.3 Methods**

As indicated in the excerpt from Table 7.1 reproduced above, Appendix 2 of the Statement of Community Involvement explains the methods to be used during consultation on different stages of preparation of a DPD. Hence, to explain how these have been employed during the Issues and Options consultation, sections of Appendix 2 are reproduced below.

The relevant sections of Appendix 2 have been used to structure the explanation of how the requirements of Table 7.1 have been taken into account, under the following sections:

- **Website**
- **Email or Letter**
- **Stakeholder meetings**
- **Documents at council offices and libraries**
- **Leaflets**
- **Press article**
- **Questionnaire/survey**
- **Knowsley news**

Where methods have been employed during the Issues and Options consultation, which represent extra methods over the minimum required for this stage of DPD production, these have been included in the below sections (marked by *italics*).



### 3.4 Website

Consultation / involvement method	Role	Resource requirements	Action to be taken	Actions undertaken through the Issues and Options consultation
<p>Council Website. Place documents and questionnaires for consultation on the web.</p>	<p>Capability to inform and engage a wide range of people relatively easily.  Can reach groups who use the internet who can be hard to reach such as young people and the elderly.</p>	<p><b>Low</b> In house resources are already in place to facilitate this.</p>	<p>Web site to be up dated to increase user friendliness. Provide clear links to relevant documents and add contact details.</p>	<p>Website updated with all evidence base materials, consultation materials, full Issues and Options paper and Sustainability Appraisal. Use of “Limehouse” software to enable comments on summary leaflet and full document to be submitted online. Contact details and FAQs sections also included.  Use of Council’s intranet site to advertise consultation internally.  Use of Facebook and Twitter sites, including links with Youth Parliament “Shout for Knowsley!” groups.</p>
<p><i>Other electronic forms of consultation</i></p>	<p><i>Digital television, video presentations on and off line, and mobile text messaging are new and innovative ways of communication the</i></p>	<p><b>High</b> <i>As these forms of communication are new set up costs can be prohibitive.</i></p>	<p><i>The first stage of developing digital TV use has begun. SMS text messaging is a difficult area to use for planning and will require further</i></p>	<p><i>Collation of digital material including photographs and filming of consultation events.</i>  <i>Use of innovative web-based consultation methods including Facebook Group and Twitter web</i></p>

	<i>Council is exploring the use of.</i>		<i>consideration in the future. The use of video may be appropriate for consultation on large proposals or the core strategy.</i>	<i>updates.</i>
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### 3.5 Email or Letter

<b>Consultation / involvement method</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Resource requirements</b>	<b>Action to be taken</b>	<b>Actions undertaken through the Issues and Options consultation</b>
Email	Can be used; to send electronic versions of documents increasing the amount of people that can get a copy, to inform or request input into document preparation.	<b>Low</b> A quick and easy way of consulting people.	The consultation database should be updated regularly with people's emails, read receipts should be used to make sure emails are reaching who they are intended for.	Email correspondence sent to all consultees on the LDF consultation database.  Email sent to business contacts.  Where emails were undeliverable, contacts were chased by telephone and email addresses updated.
Formal letters	Where email is not available or where requested letters are a way of formally contacting those that	<b>Medium</b> This can be time consuming but in house	The consultation database has been established and is currently being populated. Users will	Letters sent to specific consultation bodies, along with a paper copy of the Issues and Options paper.  Letters sent to all Council elected

Consultation / involvement method	Role	Resource requirements	Action to be taken	Actions undertaken through the Issues and Options consultation
	<p>will be directly impacted by a decision or have responded to a consultation. Through the consultation database responses can be tracked and letters sent when required.</p>	<p>resources are available to do this.</p>	<p>be able to make their comments electronically.</p>	<p>members, along with a formal information pack containing all relevant consultation documents.</p>
<p><i>Documents sent to selected organisations and individuals.</i></p>	<p><i>Hard copies may be sent to statutory consultees and neighbouring nauthorities. When requested documents may be sent in hard copy but preferably they will be sent on CD or electronically.</i></p>	<p><b>Medium</b> <i>Sending documents via hard copy is not viable on a large scale due to copying and postage costs. Electronic and CD versions are the preferred method of forwarding</i></p>	<p><i>Contact all local authorities and Statutory consultees, those we are required to consult or usually would consult, and ask them how they prefer to receive documents.</i></p>	<p><i>Specific consultation bodies received a paper copy of the Issues and Options paper.</i></p> <p><i>Efforts were made to highlight the availability of information online via the Council's website in all correspondence.</i></p>

Consultation / involvement method	Role	Resource requirements	Action to be taken	Actions undertaken through the Issues and Options consultation
		<i>documents.</i>		

### 3.6 Stakeholder meetings

Consultation / involvement method	Role	Resource requirements	Action to be taken	Actions undertaken through the Issues and Options consultation
Stakeholder meetings	These may be informal discussions to gain advice and input, a series of formal minuted meetings, or presentations with questions and answer sessions.	<b>Low</b> Meetings with stakeholders are a good low cost way of consultation.	Identify stakeholders early for each document so meetings can be arranged and all stakeholders included.	Presentations were given to the following: 4 Area Partnership Boards (North and South Huyton, North and South Kirkby, Halewood and PWCKV) 5 KMBC Elected Members 6 Town Councils (Whiston, Prescot and Halewood) 7 Parish Councils (Cronton) 8 Partnership Meetings (Children and Young People, Health and Well-being, Disability, Economic) 9 Town Centre Committee 10 Sub-regional Partners (Local Authorities and agencies) 11 Other Stakeholders (Youth

				Parliament, Older People's Voice) 12 Council internal working groups
<i>Local Public Forums</i>	<i>These are ongoing meetings with the community to discuss community issues. Area Partnership Boards meet on a regular basis while public forums meet less frequently but are open to all.</i>	<b>Low</b> <i>Public forum should provide a good way of reaching the community.</i>	<i>Public forums are good for consulting on area specific plans and the appropriate forum should be consulted on documents that impact on their area.</i>	<i>Presentations and workshops were given for all Area Partnership Boards (North and South Huyton, North and South Kirkby, Halewood and PWCKV). Information was circulated by attendees of these meetings to their respective organisations.</i>
<i>Exhibitions, displays and road shows.</i>	<i>These offer a way of publicising planning issues by engaging directly with the public. They can target certain geographical areas and be placed in popular shopping or community areas where a high number of people can be reached.</i>	<b>High</b> <i>These methods are resource intensive. They involve a lot of time and financial input to prepare and host. Displays may have to be hosted over a number of weeks to reach a wide</i>	<i>Consider what in house resources are available to make this a more cost effective exercise.</i>	<i>Roadshow drop-in events were undertaken at different times of the day (including evening sessions) at the following locations:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>One Stop Shops (Huyton, Kirkby, Prescot and Halewood)</i></li> <li>• <i>Libraries (Prescot and Stockbridge Village)</i></li> <li>• <i>Leisure Centres (Kirkby, Huyton and Halewood)</i></li> </ul> <i>These drop-in events were publicised through consultation materials and online.</i>

		<i>variety of people.</i>		
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### 3.7 Documents at Council offices and libraries

<b>Consultation / involvement method</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Resource requirements</b>	<b>Action to be taken</b>	<b>Actions undertaken through the Issues and Options consultation</b>
Documents for inspection at Council Offices and libraries.	Planning documents to be placed at libraries and local planning office during statutory consultation periods and when adopted.	<b>Low</b> Documents to be printed and taken to relevant sites. Staff at those sites will be made aware of what the documents are so they can inform people they are available.	Regular check of libraries to see if Adopted documents are there and are accessible. Training and information to be given to staff regarding documents for consultation.	Copies of Issues and Options paper, Sustainability Appraisal, leaflets, response forms and FAQs were deposited at the following locations: 4 One Stop Shops (Huyton, Kirkby, Prescot and Halewood) 5 Libraries (Huyton, Kirkby, Halewood, Stockbridge Village, Whiston and Prescot)  Library and One Stop Shop staff were served with information regarding the consultation and public access to consultation materials.

### 3.8 Leaflets

<b>Consultation / involvement method</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Resource requirements</b>	<b>Action to be taken</b>	<b>Actions undertaken through the Issues and Options consultation</b>
Leaflets and brochures	There are a number of leaflets and brochures available that explain the planning process. New leaflets may be necessary to improve awareness of the new planning system and provide non-technical summaries of emerging and adopted documents.	<b>Medium</b> Professionally developed leaflets can be costly and time consuming to make. However, there are within corporate communications skills to do this.	A list of all available material will be compiled and made available.	<p>A Summary Leaflet of the Issues and Options paper was produced and widely circulated. This included a summary of the three strategic options contained within the Issues and Options paper, as well as a description of the consultation process. This included a questionnaire and the ability to return written responses using a Freepost address.</p> <p>A list of FAQs was prepared to accompany the consultation and posted on the Council's website as well as being deposited in key locations (libraries and One Stop Shops).</p>

### 3.9 Press Articles

<b>Consultation / involvement method</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Resource requirements</b>	<b>Action to be taken</b>	<b>Actions undertaken through the Issues and Options consultation</b>
<i>Statutory</i>	<i>Legal requirements</i>	<b>Low</b>	<i>Continue existing</i>	<i>A notice was placed within the Daily</i>

<i>notices in press</i>	<i>for Development Plan Documents and Supplementary Planning Documents.</i>	<i>This is a legal requirement undertaken when necessary.</i>	<i>procedure. Use to Publicise documents at appropriate stages.</i>	<i>Post newspaper notifying the commencement of the consultation period and the arrangements for viewing materials and submitting representations.</i>
Media press and broadcasting The Challenge newspaper	Newspapers and Radio can reach a wide range of people and advertise document preparation and publication. However, it is cost prohibitive and will only be used to meet the requirements of publicising main documents.	<b>High</b> The cost of using media is high. Unless a particularly Controversial proposal is put forward or there is an interest expressed by the media in a certain topic.	Explore 'piggy backing' other Council press initiatives or advertising several documents at the same time to save money and increase the potential to do more advertising. Also consider using lower cost free newspapers.	In addition to the press notice placed in the Daily Post, articles regarding the Issues and Options consultation were placed in the Knowsley Challenge newspaper and the Knowsley News magazine.  Press coverage of the Issues and Options consultation was received through a further article in the Daily Post and a radio item on Radio Merseyside.

### 3.10 Questionnaire / Survey

<b>Consultation / involvement method</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Resource requirements</b>	<b>Action to be taken</b>	<b>Actions undertaken through the Issues and Options consultation</b>
Letters, questionnaires	The consultation database will enable	<b>Medium</b> Preparing	Explore electronic methods of conducting	Letters were sent to specific consultation bodies as described.



<p>and surveys.</p>	<p>letters to be sent to those that have requested to be consulted on specific issues. Questionnaires and surveys can be used in conjunction with these letters to gain evidence at the early stages of document preparation.</p>	<p>information to be sent out and logging responses can take time and be costly.</p>	<p>questionnaires and surveys.</p>	<p>A Summary Leaflet of the Issues and Options paper was produced and widely circulated. This included a questionnaire and the ability to return written responses using a Freepost address.</p> <p>Electronic “Limehouse” software was used to enable consultees to submit their comments online. This was arranged so that comments could be submitted online in response to the content of the Summary Leaflet as well as in response to the content of the full Issues and Options paper.</p>
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### 3.11 Knowsley News

<b>Consultation / involvement method</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Resource requirements</b>	<b>Action to be taken</b>	<b>Actions undertaken through the Issues and Options consultation</b>
<p>Knowsley News</p>	<p>Free newspapers produced by the Council and circulated to all residents in the</p>	<p><b>Low</b> It is free to place information in these papers</p>	<p>There is a question whether all residents receive these papers, so other forms of media should be used</p>	<p>An article was placed in an Issue of the Knowsley News prior to the commencement of the consultation period, noting the forthcoming consultation and the methods of public</p>

	<p>borough. They can carry articles and advertisements regarding planning matters.</p>	<p>and they have a wide circulation.</p>	<p>in conjunction. Also, deadlines for articles may not always coincide with when a document is being produced. A list of deadline dates should be compiled so consultation periods can coincide.</p>	<p>involvement.</p>
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### **3.12 Groups to be consulted**

- **Consultees: those who commented earlier**

As the Issues and Options consultation represents the first formal stage of consultation on the content of the Knowsley Core Strategy, there was not a database of individuals, agencies and business who had commented on an earlier version of the Core Strategy. However, the Council has assembled a database of those who have registered an interest in the development of the Knowsley LDF, including those who have contacted the Council and requested to be kept informed of the progress of Core Strategy, as well as those who commented on other documents within the LDF, such as the Statement of Community Involvement or a Supplementary Planning Document. All of those on the consultation database received an email notifying them of the commencement of the consultation period for the Issues and Options consultation, which also explained how comments could be made.

As part of the Issues and Options consultation, it was made clear to respondents that they could be kept informed of future LDF consultations by requesting to be added to the Council's database, or by registering online.

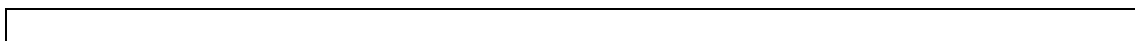
- **Consultees: specific consultees**

A range of agencies and organisations have been identified by the Council as specific consultation bodies for the Knowsley LDF. These bodies are identified in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 and are listed within the Statement of Community Involvement at Appendix 1 (reproduced below). At the commencement of the Issues and Options consultation, these bodies received an email and a formal letter notifying them of the commencement of the consultation period, along with a paper copy of the full Issues and Options report as well as a summary leaflet.

- **Consultees: general consultees / other consultees**

The Council has developed a list of other groups, agencies and organisations which it anticipates may be interested in the development of the Knowsley LDF. In some cases, such organisations have also requested that they be informed of the progress of the LDF. These consultees have been added to the LDF consultation database and hence also received an email regarding the commencement of the Issues and Options consultation. The general consultees and other consultees are listed in Appendix 1.

*Excerpt from Statement of Community Involvement (KMBC, May 2007)*



## **Appendix 1: List of potential consultees on the Local Development Framework**

### Specific consultation bodies

- North West Regional Assembly
- North West Regional Development Agency
- Neighbouring Authority or any part of whose area is in or adjoins the area of the local planning authority
- Natural England
- The Environment Agency\*
- English Heritage\*
- Highways Agency
- The Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England
- Network Rail
- Regional Development Agency whose area is in or adjoins the area of the local planning authority
- Strategic Health Authority
- Person to whom a licence has been granted under Section 7(2) of the Gas Act 1986
- Sewage undertaker
- Water undertaker
- Any person to whom the electronic communications code applies by virtue of a direction given under Section 106 (3)(a) of the Communications Act 2003
- Any person who owns or controls electronic communications apparatus situated in any part of the area of the local planning authority
- Town and Parish Councils both within and adjoining the area

### Government Departments

- Government Office North West
- Home Office
- Department for Education and Skills (through Government Offices)
- Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
- Department for Transport (through Government Offices)
- Department for Transport rail group (through Government Offices)
- Department of Health (through relevant Regional Public Health Group)
- Department of Trade and Industry (through Government Offices)
- Ministry of Defence
- Department of Work and Pensions
- Department of Constitutional Affairs
- Department for Culture, Media and Sport
- Office of Government Commerce (Property Advisers to the Civil Estate)

### General consultation bodies

- Voluntary bodies some or all of whose activities benefit any part of the

authority's area

- Bodies which represent the interests of different racial, ethnic or national groups in the authority's area
- Bodies which represent the interests of different religious groups in the authority's area
- Bodies which represent the interests of disabled persons in the authority's area
- Bodies which represent the interests of persons carrying on business in the authority's area

#### Other consultees

- Age Concern
- Airport operators
- British Chemical Distributors and Traders Association
- British Geological Survey
- British Waterways, canal owners and navigation authorities;
- Centre for Ecology and Hydrology;
- Chambers of Commerce, Local CBI and local branches of Institute of Directors;
- Church Commissioners;
- Civil Aviation Authority;
- Coal Authority;
- Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment
- Commission for New Towns and English Partnerships;
- Commission for Racial Equality
- Confederation of Passenger Transport
- Crown Estate Office
- Diocesan Board of Finance;
- Disability Rights Commission;
- Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee;
- Electricity, Gas, and Telecommunications Undertakers, and the National Grid Company;
- Environmental groups at national, regional and local level, including:
  - Council for the Protection of Rural England
  - Friends of the Earth
  - Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
  - Wildlife Trusts
- Equal Opportunities Commission
- Fire and Rescue Services
- Forestry Commission
- Freight Transport Association
- Gypsy Council
- Health and Safety Executive
- Help the Aged
- Housing Corporation
- Learning and Skills Councils
- Local Agenda 21 including

- Civic Societies
- Community Groups
- Local Transport Authorities
- Local Transport Operators
- Local Race Equality Councils and other local equality groups;
- Merseyside Environmental Advisory Services
- Mersey Forest
- National Playing Fields Association
- Passenger Transport Authorities
- Passenger Transport Executives
- Police Architectural Liaison
- Officers/Crime Prevention Design Advisors
- Port Operators;
- Rail Companies and the Rail Freight Group
- Regional Development Agencies
- Regional Housing Boards
- Regional Sports Boards
- Road Haulage Association
- Royal Mail Group Property
- Sport England
- Sustrans
- The Home Builders Federation
- Transport for London
- Traveller Law Reform Coalition
- Water Companies
- Women's National Commission

**This list is not exhaustive. It also relates to successor bodies where re-organisations occur.**

**When a body changes its name, disbands or is replaced by another body this appendix will be updated.**

**A full database of consultees is kept by the Council's forward planning team.**

## **Appendix B: Cabinet Agenda, Agenda Pack and Minutes**

At the Knowsley Council Cabinet meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> October 2009, approval was given for the publication of the Issues and Options report for a period of public consultation.

The following links detail the Agenda, Agenda Pack and Minutes of this meeting, as hosted on the Council's website.

Cabinet Agenda:

[http://councillors.knowsley.gov.uk/Published/C00000116/M00004497/\\$\\$\\$Agenda.doc.pdf](http://councillors.knowsley.gov.uk/Published/C00000116/M00004497/$$$Agenda.doc.pdf)

Cabinet Agenda Pack:

[http://councillors.knowsley.gov.uk/Published/C00000116/M00004497/\\$\\$ADocPackPublic.pdf](http://councillors.knowsley.gov.uk/Published/C00000116/M00004497/$$ADocPackPublic.pdf)

Cabinet Minutes:

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**Appendix C: Publicity Materials**

This appendix contains items used during the Issues and Options consultation. Items are attached within this appendix in the following order:

1. Issues and Options Consultation Letter
2. Issues and Options Full Response Form
3. Local Development Framework Frequently Asked Questions
4. One Stop Shop and Library Briefing Notes
5. Knowsley Council Website Screenshots
6. "Help Plan Knowsley!" Facebook Group Screenshots
7. Daily Post Press Notice 27 November 2009
8. Press Articles
  - a. Daily Post 20 October 2009
  - b. The Challenge November 2009
  - c. Knowsley News December 2009
  - d. Knowsley News March 2010
9. Issues and Options Consultation Leaflet



**Item 1: Issues and Options Consultation Letter**

**Please ask for:** Jonathan Clarke  
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**Email:** Jonathan.clarke@knowsley.gov.uk

Name  
Address

Our Ref: LDF Consultation

Date: 26 November 2009

Dear Sir/Madam,

**RE: Consultation on Knowsley's Local Development Framework Core Strategy Issues and Options Paper**

The Council has prepared its Core Strategy Issues and Options Paper which is a central part of its Local Development Framework and we would like to invite you to make comments.

We are at an early stage of developing the Core Strategy which will guide the growth and development of Knowsley up to 2026. We would welcome your views on what the Core Strategy for Knowsley ought to contain. The Issues and Options paper sets out three options to explore how and where future development can best be accommodated, it also covers important topics such as housing, employment land, town centres, greenspaces and considers how we can reduce the impacts of climate change. To help you consider the pros and cons of each option we have also produced a separate sustainability appraisal report.

We are carrying out eight weeks of public consultation, running from **Friday 27 November 2009 to 5pm Friday 22 January 2010**. During this time, the Core Strategy Issues and Options Paper is available to view on the Council's website at ([www.knowsley.gov.uk/LDF](http://www.knowsley.gov.uk/LDF)) and in a variety of locations around the Borough, including the libraries and Council one stop shops. Responses can be made by completing the response form online, by email or by post. Further details of how you can view and respond to the paper are provided overleaf.

If you have any queries about the documents or how to send your views please contact me or another member of the Council's Local Development Framework Team on: 0151 443 2326.

If you do not wish to receive further information about the Core Strategy please let us know and we shall remove your details from our database.

Personal Information provided as part of a representation cannot be treated as confidential, as the Council is required to make representations available

for public inspection. However in compliance with the Data Protection Act, the personal information you provide will only be used by the Council for the purposes of preparing the Council's Local Development Framework Core Strategy.

Yours faithfully,

Jonathan Clarke  
LDF Programme Manager  
Local Development Framework Team

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### **How can I find out more and submit my views?**

Knowsley's Core Strategy Issues and Options Paper will be available for inspection during the period of public consultation which will commence on Friday 27 November and run till 5pm on Friday 22 January 2010.

**Online:** The Core Strategy Issues and Options Paper can be viewed online and responses can be made by visiting the Council's website at [www.knowsley.gov.uk/LDF](http://www.knowsley.gov.uk/LDF).

**Local Development Framework Team:** Response forms or further information can be obtained by contacting the Council's Local Development Framework Team by:

Email: LDF@knowsley.gov.uk

Telephone: 0151 443 2326

Forms can be returned to the team at: LDF Team, Directorate of Regeneration, Economy and Skills, Knowsley Council, Archway Road, Huyton, Merseyside, L36 9FB (postage required).

**One stop shops and libraries:** The paper can be inspected at all Council one stop shops and libraries during normal opening hours.

**Drop in events:** Come along to one of our drop in events at:

#### **Council One Stop Shops**

Huyton	4 December	9am – 5pm
Prescot	8 December	9am – 5pm
Halewood	11 December	9am – 5pm
Kirkby	14 December	9am – 5pm

#### **Libraries**

Prescot	15 December	12 - 5pm
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**Facebook:** search for Help plan Knowsley!

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**Item 2: Issues and Options Full Response Form****RESPONSE FORM****Knowsley Local Development Framework  
Core Strategy Issues and Options Paper**

Knowsley Council's Core Strategy Issues and Options Paper is available to comment on from Friday 27 November 2009 to Friday 22 January 2010.

An interactive version of the Core Strategy Issues and Options Paper is available on the Council's website at [www.knowsley.gov.uk/LDF](http://www.knowsley.gov.uk/LDF). Instructions on how to enter responses are provided on the website. This is the Council's preferred method of receiving comments as it will help us to handle your response quickly and efficiently.

If you are unable to use the on-line response questionnaire you may submit responses using this form. Further copies can be downloaded from the Council's website or the form can be photocopied.

**Your comments must be received by Knowsley Council NOT LATER THAN 5pm on Friday 22 January 2010.**

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Please return by email to [LDF@Knowsley.gov.uk](mailto:LDF@Knowsley.gov.uk) or by post to LDF Team, Directorate of Regeneration, Economy and Skills, Knowsley Council, Archway Road, Huyton, Merseyside, L36 9FB (postage required). If you have any queries, please ring the Council's LDF Team on: 0151 443 2326.

**Your contact details (block capitals)**

Title:	Forename:	Surname:
Company (if applicable)		Position Held:
Address:		
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County:		
Postcode:		
Telephone Number:		
E-mail Address:		

<b>If you are acting as an agent for someone please give their name and contact details:</b>		
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Company (if applicable):		Position Held:
<i>Address:</i>		
<i>Town:</i>		
<i>County:</i>		
<i>Postcode:</i>		
Telephone Number:		
E-mail Address:		

**Please indicate below which part of the document you are commenting on and use a separate form for each comment**

Core Strategy or Sustainability Appraisal (e.g. CS or SA)		Option Ref. (e.g.ST1.1)	
Page No.		Paragraph Ref.	
Issue Ref. (e.g. ST1)		Fig. / Table / Map No.	

**Your response**

<p>Please enter your comments here</p>
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### Item 3: Local Development Framework Frequently Asked Questions

Knowsley's Local Development Framework Consultation on the Core Strategy Issues and Options Paper
<p><b><u>Frequently Asked Questions</u></b></p> <p><u>What is Knowsley's Local Development Framework (LDF)?</u></p> <p>Knowsley Council is producing a new development plan that will shape the growth and development of the Borough up to 2026. The Local Development Framework (LDF) will over time replace the existing Replacement Unitary Development Plan (UDP).</p> <p><u>What is included in the LDF?</u></p> <p>The LDF will be made up of a number of individual documents that set out the Councils' policies for promoting, guiding and managing development of the Borough.</p> <p><u>Why is the LDF being produced?</u></p> <p>The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires the Council to replace the current UDP (adopted 2006) with new Development Plan Documents (DPDs) forming part of the Council's LDF, the most important of these being a <b>Core Strategy</b>. Other Development Plan Documents (DPDs), Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD) and a new Proposals Map will also be produced.</p> <p><u>What is the aim of the LDF?</u></p> <p>The LDF will help ensure that Knowsley becomes a <b>Borough of Choice</b> by 2026. It will identify how and where our towns will develop, providing a development focus for issues such as; housing, employment, leisure and retail for the next 10-20 years, whilst identifying areas of restraint, protection of the environmental or heritage value.</p> <p><u>What key challenges are we trying to tackle?</u></p> <p>Government targets require nearly a further 10,000 homes to be built in Knowsley up to 2026. We also need to decide how our town centres and employment areas should develop and how we should tackle the high levels of deprivation which exist in Knowsley.</p> <p><u>How does the LDF relate to the recent "Destination Kirkby" planning decision?</u></p> <p>The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government has recently refused planning permission for the "Destination Kirkby" proposal. This is an entirely separate process from the preparation of the LDF. Whilst the decision may have implications for the detail of the strategy relating to Kirkby town centre, it does not affect the regeneration priorities outlined within the <b>Issues</b></p>

**and Options** paper.

What are the benefits of the LDF?

The intention of the LDF is to streamline the local planning process, improve flexibility in the planning system, strengthen community and stakeholder involvement, and contribute to achieving sustainable development.

How does the LDF affect the current planning system?

There will be no difference in the way that we receive and deal with planning applications. The main difference will be that individual DPDs can be reviewed individually. This should speed up the process of review helping to keep the LDF up to date.

Will the Council use evidence to support the preparation of the LDF?

A key feature of the LDF is that policies and proposals are based on a robust and up to date evidence base. The evidence base requirements are set out in various Planning Policy Statements (PPSs) which are produced by the Government.

What evidence has the Council produced so far?

A number of specialist studies or research projects have been undertaken or are ongoing. Current progress on these documents can be viewed via [www.knowsley.gov.uk/LDF](http://www.knowsley.gov.uk/LDF).

What is the overall timetable for the preparation of the LDF?

The current timetable for the production of the Local Development Framework (LDF) can be viewed via [www.knowsley.gov.uk/LDF](http://www.knowsley.gov.uk/LDF).

At what stage is the LDF preparation presently at?

We are at an early stage of developing the LDF and to help us decide how to focus the **Core Strategy**, we have developed an **Issues and Options** paper.

What is the purpose of the Issues and Options paper?

The paper presents the main issues that face Knowsley and a range of options about how these may be addressed.

How is the information available?

An **Issues and Options** leaflet will be circulated to all residents of Knowsley, setting out three options for how we may address these issues and explores how and where development in Knowsley could best be built up to 2026.

The full **Issues and Options** paper is available to view online at [www.knowsley.gov.uk/LDF](http://www.knowsley.gov.uk/LDF), or copies will be available within the consultation



period at all Council one stop shops and libraries during normal office hours.

When is the consultation period for the Issues and Options paper?

The consultation period for the **Issues and Options** paper will take place for an eight week period from Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2009. All comments on this stage must reach us by 5pm on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2010.

How can I submit my views?

You can return your views to us using the cut off slip attached to the **Issues and Options** leaflet, or alternatively use the online form at [www.knowsley.gov.uk/LDF](http://www.knowsley.gov.uk/LDF)

What happens after the consultation period ends?

We will carefully consider all comments and views received about the options presented, other evidence and Government requirements, and prepare a Preferred Options document, which will say what we think is the most suitable approach to development in Knowsley up to 2026. This could be based on one of the main options detailed in the Issues and Options documents or a combination of different parts of each option.

Will I be consulted on the Preferred Options document?

Upon publication of a Preferred Options paper (expected Autumn 2010) there will be another consultation period when you will have the opportunity to give your views, prior to a final plan being produced and submitted for approval to the Government.

How can I get more information on the LDF?

For further information and to keep up to date with the Core Strategy consultations or any other public consultations relating to the LDF, please visit the following section of the Knowsley Council website; [www.knowsley.gov.uk/LDF](http://www.knowsley.gov.uk/LDF), where you can also register your details online to receive further updates.

Alternatively please contact;

LDF Team  
Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council  
Directorate of Regeneration, Economy and Skills  
PO Box 26  
Archway Road  
Huyton  
L36 9FB

Telephone: 0151 443 2326  
Email: [ldf@knowsley.gov.uk](mailto:ldf@knowsley.gov.uk)

**Item 4: One Stop Shop and Library Briefing Notes****Knowsley's Local Development Framework****Consultation on the Core Strategy Issues and Options Paper****Friday 27 November 2009 – 5pm Friday 22 January 2010****Information for One Stop Shop and Library colleagues**

This box file contains:

- Core Strategy Issues and Options Paper
  - Sustainability Appraisal Report
  - Frequently Asked Questions
  - Copies of the leaflet 'Have your say on the future of Knowsley'
  - Copies of the Response Form
- The Core Strategy Issues and Options Paper and the Sustainability Appraisal Report have been provided to all of Knowsley's One Stop Shops and Libraries and are required to be available on request for members of the public to consult during all normal opening hours for the whole of the above specified period.
  - These documents, together with the list of Frequently Asked Questions need to be "controlled" by the staff of the One Stop Shop/Library, that is, issued across the counter and returned to the counter. The documents must not be removed from the One Stop Shop/Library.
  - It is essential that the documents are kept intact.

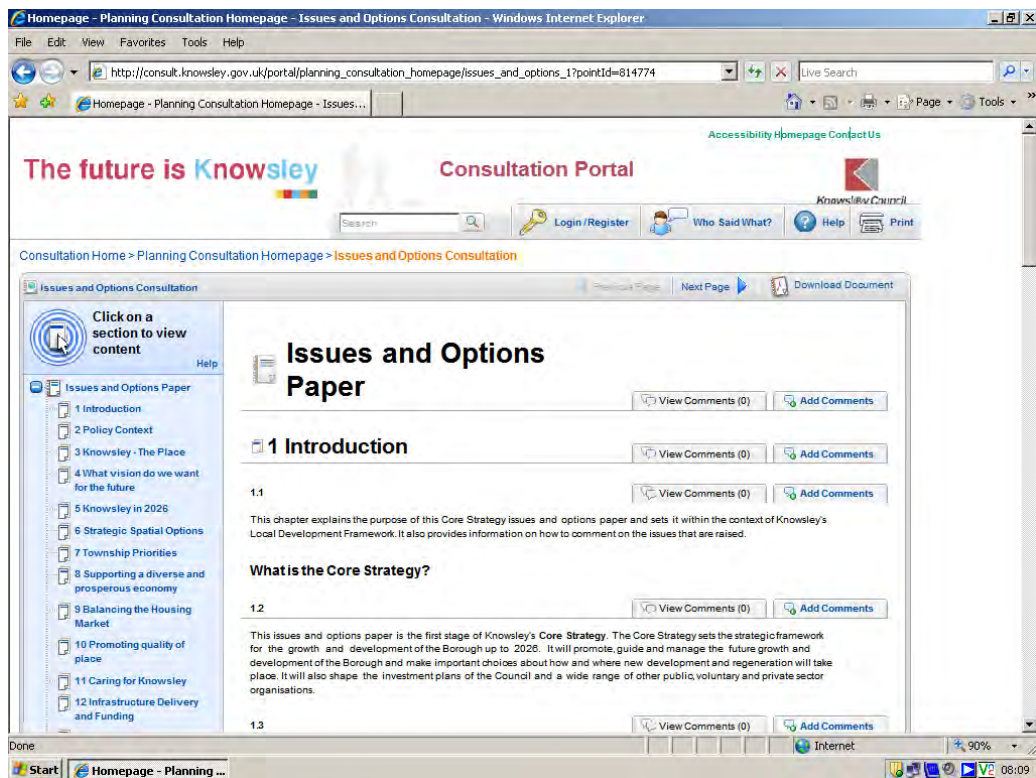
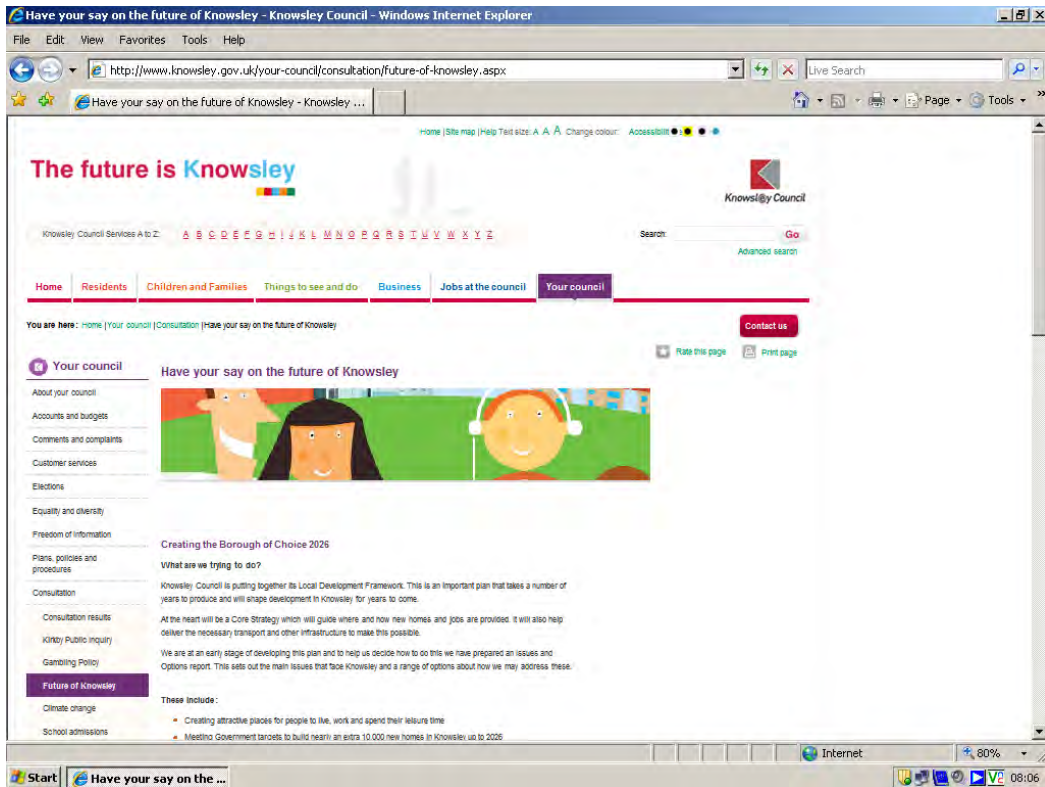
***If these documents need to be replaced, wholly or in part, at any time during the above-specified dates it is essential that you advise colleagues in the Local Development Framework Team on the phone number given below. Failure to have these documents available for the public could invalidate the public consultation procedure and result in serious legal implications for the Council.***

- Copies of the leaflet 'Have your say on the future of Knowsley' and the Response Form can be given to members of the public to complete. The leaflet provides a summary of some of the key issues in the Core Strategy Issues and Options Paper. The response form provides a full list of all the issues raised in the Core Strategy Issues and Options Paper. Both documents can be returned to staff and stored in the box file or can be posted directly to the Council's LDF team.
- A member of the LDF team will collect the box file and its contents after 22 January.

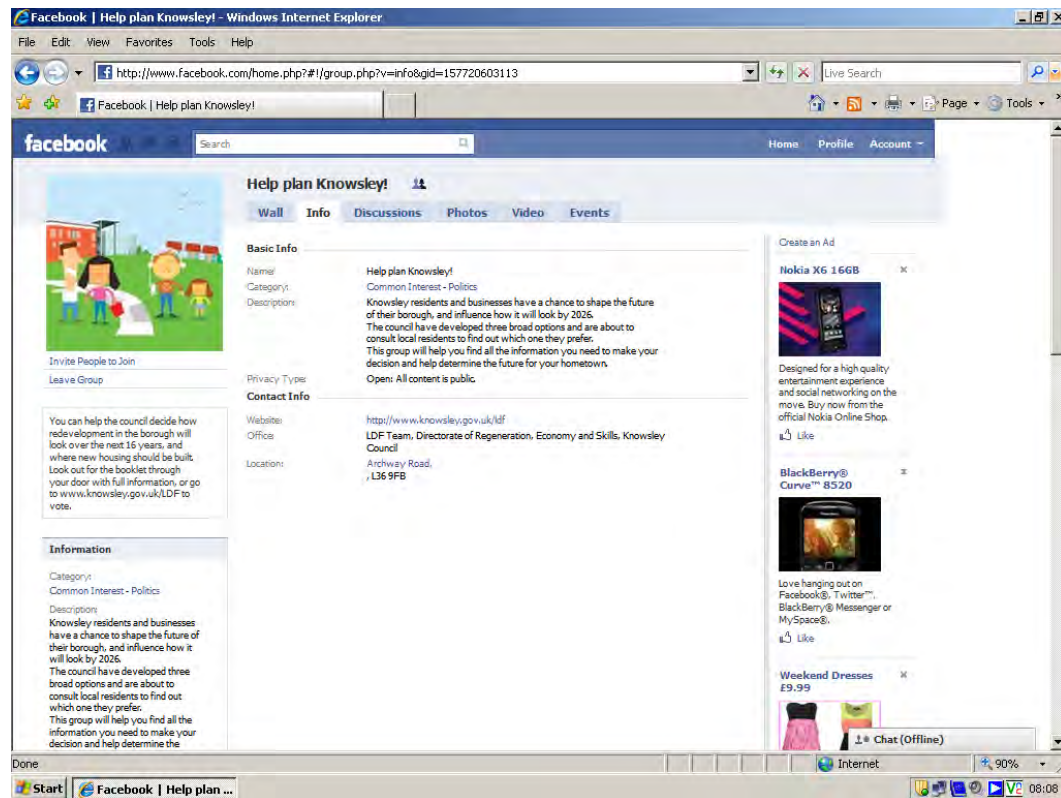
***If you have any queries of any kind relating to this information note or***

***any aspect of the Core Strategy, please do not hesitate to contact the  
LDF Team on:  
443 2326 (between 9:00am and 5:00pm, weekdays) or by email at  
LDF@Knowsley.gov.uk***

### Item 5: Knowsley Council Website Screenshot / Consultation Portal Screenshot



### Item 6: “Help Plan Knowsley!” Facebook Group Screenshots



**Item 7: Daily Post Press Notice 27 November 2009****Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 - Regulation 25****Knowsley Local Development Framework: Core Strategy Development Plan Document**

Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council is preparing a Core Strategy Development Plan Document as part of its Local Development Framework. The Core Strategy will, once adopted, set out the long term vision, objectives and spatial development strategy for Knowsley.

The Council's Cabinet, at its meeting on 14th October 2009, approved a **Local Development Framework Core Strategy: Issues and Options paper** for consultation purposes. The Issues and Options paper sets out a series of questions and options concerning how the Borough may develop in the future.

The Issues and Options paper (together with a summary leaflet and sustainability appraisal report) will be made available for public inspection between 9.00am and 5.00pm from **27th November 2009** until **22nd January 2010** (excluding weekends and bank holidays) at the following Council offices:

- Halewood One Stop Shop, The Halewood Centre, Roseheath Drive, Halewood, Knowsley, L26 9UH
- Prescott One Stop Shop, Prescott Shopping Centre, Aspinall Street, Prescott, Knowsley, L34 5GA
- Huyton One Stop Shop, Archway Road, Huyton, Knowsley, L36 9YU
- Kirkby One Stop Shop, Cherryfield Drive, Knowsley, L32 1TX

The documents will also be available for public inspection in the libraries at Huyton, Halewood, Kirkby, Page Moss, Prescott, Whiston and Stockbridge Village. The opening hours for each library vary and details of these and the address of each library are available to view on the Council website at:

[www.knowsley.gov.uk/residents/libraries](http://www.knowsley.gov.uk/residents/libraries)

We would welcome your views on the Issues and Options paper. Any representations must be submitted in writing to arrive with the Council before **5.00 pm** on **22nd January 2010**. Representations may be accompanied by a request to be notified, at a specific address, of the progress of the Core Strategy. To help you submit comments a response form is available at the above locations. You may submit representations by the following means:

- Submitting comments on line at [www.knowsley.gov.uk/LDF](http://www.knowsley.gov.uk/LDF)
- By e-mail to: [LDF@knowsley.gov.uk](mailto:LDF@knowsley.gov.uk)
- In writing to:  
The LDF Programme Manager,  
Directorate of Regeneration, Economy and Skills,  
Knowsley Council,

Archway Road,  
Huyton,  
Merseyside,  
L36 9FB

If you require any further information please contact the LDF team on 0151 443 2326.

**NICK KAVANAGH**  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF REGENERATION, ECONOMY AND SKILLS**

## Item 8: Press Articles

### a) Daily Post 20 October 2009

# Public view of green belt

KNOWSLEY cabinet have agreed to let the public have their say on options that could see 10,000 homes built on Green Belt land.

The massive changes are one of three options presented to the council by Nick Kavanagh, council executive for regeneration.

An extensive new

building programme is the only way to meet government housing targets. The first option would not alter

regeneration plans already in the pipeline. A second alternative is to increase the scale of development in existing towns such as Huyton, Tower Hill in

Kirkby and land in South Prescot. A third will see a review of Green Belt land with a view to sweeping building projects.

The council stressed there is no preferred option at this stage and people of Knowsley can take part in a consultation beginning this autumn.



**b) The Challenge November 2009**

**Shaping Knowsley's future**

Knowsley Council is putting together a plan that will shape development in the borough for years to come. You will soon receive a leaflet with more details including how you can submit your comments to us.

You can find out more and talk to council officers at one of the drop in events across the borough:

<p><b>Council One Stop Shops</b> 9am - 5pm</p> <p>Huyton 4 December                  Prescot 8 December                  Halewood 11 December                  Kirkby 14 December</p>	<p><b>Libraries</b></p> <p>Prescot 15 December 12 - 5pm                  Stockbridgs Village 18 December 12 - 5pm                  Whiston 8 January 2010 4 - 7pm</p>	<p><b>Leisure Centres</b> 4 - 8pm</p> <p>Kirkby 2 December                  Huyton 9 December                  Halewood 10 December</p>
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You can also find out more at [www.knowsley.gov.uk/LDF](http://www.knowsley.gov.uk/LDF) and submit your comments online  
 You can call the team on 443 2326 and join our Facebook group Help plan Knowsley!

c) Knowsley News December 2009

# Shaping Knowsley's future

**E**arlier this year we told you about a plan we are working on to shape the future of Knowsley and that we want you to tell us your views. Now is your chance to do just that.

Knowsley's Local Development Framework will help us decide where and how we provide new homes, jobs, leisure and shopping facilities and the necessary transport to make this possible in the future. You will soon receive a leaflet with more details including how you can submit your comments to us.

You can talk about the details of the plan with council officers at one of the following sessions:

**One Stop Shops (9am to 5pm)**  
 Huyton, 4 December  
 Prescot, 8 December  
 Halewood, 11 December  
 Kirkby, 14 December

**Libraries**  
 Prescot, 15 December (12 noon to 5pm)  
 Stockbridge Village, 18 December (12 noon to 5pm)  
 Whiston, 8 January 2010 (4pm to 7pm)

**Leisure Centres (4pm to 8pm)**  
 Kirkby, 2 December  
 Huyton, 9 December  
 Halewood, 10 December

You can also find out more at [www.knowsley.gov.uk](http://www.knowsley.gov.uk) and submit your comments online, or call the team on 443 2326.

04 [www.knowsley.gov.uk](http://www.knowsley.gov.uk)

**d) Knowsley News March 2010**

**Have your say on the future of Knowsley**

Work is continuing on a plan that will shape the future of the borough – Knowsley's Local Development Framework (LDF). This will help us decide where and how we provide new homes, jobs, leisure & shopping facilities, and transport.

We recently asked for your thoughts and views on the first stage of this plan and would like to thank those of you who got involved.

We are now considering all of the feedback and later in the year we will present more detailed options for new development in the borough for the next 15 years.

There will be further opportunities for you to have your say on these options so look out for details in future editions of Knowsley News.

**You can find out more at [www.knowsley.gov.uk/LDF](http://www.knowsley.gov.uk/LDF) or call the LDF team on 443 2326**

The Knowsley Partnership  
Knowsley Council

Item 9) Issues and Options Consultation Leaflet

**For more information log on to**  
[www.knowsley.gov.uk/LDF](http://www.knowsley.gov.uk/LDF)  
or email [customerservices@knowsley.gov.uk](mailto:customerservices@knowsley.gov.uk)

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The future is Knowsley  
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## Have your say on the future of Knowsley

Creating the Borough of Choice 2026

The Knowsley Partnership  
Local Development Framework  
Knowsley MBC

### What are we trying to do?

Knowsley Council is putting together its Local Development Framework. This is an important plan that takes a number of years to produce and will shape development in Knowsley for years to come.

At the heart will be a **Core Strategy** which will guide where and how new homes and jobs are provided. It will also help deliver the necessary transport and other infrastructure to make this possible.

We are at an early stage of developing this plan and to help us decide how to do this we have prepared an **Issues and Options** report. This sets out the main issues that face Knowsley and a range of options about how these may be addressed. These include:

- creating **attractive places** for people to live, work and spend their leisure time;
- meeting Government targets to build nearly an extra 10,000 **new homes** in Knowsley up to 2026;
- creating opportunities for **new employment**;
- deciding how our **town centres** and smaller shopping areas should be developed;
- making the best use of Knowsley's **green spaces**; and
- deciding how we tackle **climate change**.

### Tell us what you think

This leaflet sets out three options for how we may address these issues and explores how and where new development in Knowsley could best be built up to 2026.

We would like to know which option you prefer overall and the parts of each option which you do and don't like.

We would also like to know if you have other ideas, for example, you may prefer a mix of different parts of the options.

Please take a look at the three options in this leaflet, fill in the form with your comments and return to us by **5pm Friday 22 January 2010**.

### Option A - Urban Concentration

#### Key Features

- Build about 5,600 new houses within Knowsley's existing towns.
- Build new employment areas only on vacant sites in existing employment areas.
- No expansion of Knowsley's towns into Green Belt areas.
- Continue with existing regeneration schemes at North Huyton and Tower Hill (Kirkby).
- Redevelop land at South Prescot for employment uses.

#### Implications

- Not enough space to meet Government house-building targets after the next 10 years. Neighbouring districts may be required to help meet the need for new houses and employment.
- Possible loss of green spaces in towns for new development.
- Possibly build more dense forms of new housing, e.g. apartments and terraces, in existing towns.

### Option B - Focused Urban Regeneration

**Key Features**

- Build about 8,000 new houses within Knowsley's existing towns.
- Increase the number of homes as part of the regeneration of North Huyton and Tower Hill (Kirkby) and extend regeneration to other parts of Kirkby and Stockbridge Village.
- Remodel Knowsley Industrial Park to create additional employment land.
- No expansion of Knowsley's town into Green Belt areas.
- Use land in South Prescot for a mixture of housing and employment uses.

**Implications**

- Not enough space to meet Government house-building targets after the next 10 years. High-density districts may be required to help meet the need for new houses and employment.
- Possible loss of green spaces in towns (particularly in regeneration areas) for new development.

### Option C - Sustainable Urban Extensions

**Key Features**

- Focus development mainly within Knowsley's existing towns in the next 10 years.
- After 10 years, development to include extensions to the built-up areas.
- Continue with existing regeneration schemes (e.g. South Huyton and Tower Hill - Kirkby).
- Redevelop land at South Prescot for employment uses.

**Implications**

- The loss of some Green Belt land for new development - mostly after the next 10 years.
- If we pursue this option we would need to do further work to identify the best locations for expanding the urban areas and consult on these next year.
- Less likely to lose green space or increase housing density in existing towns.
- Enough space to meet Government housing and employment targets up to 2026 without relying on neighbouring districts.

## Tell us what you think

Please fill in this form and return your comments to us, or you can do this online at [www.knowsley.gov.uk/LDF](http://www.knowsley.gov.uk/LDF)

Please return your comments by **5pm Friday 22 January 2010**. Thank you.

- Which of the options in your view is the best?  
 Option A     Option B     Option C     Combination of Options
- What do you like or dislike about option A 'Urban Concentration'?
- What do you like or dislike about option B 'Focused Urban Regeneration'?
- What do you like or dislike about option C 'Sustainable Urban Extensions'?
- If you prefer a mix of options, what different parts would you like to see included?

Thank you for your comments

### How can I submit my views?

- You can return your views to us using the cut off slip in this leaflet.
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### How can I find out more?

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- See a copy of the full **Issues and Options** paper between 27 November 2009 and 22 January 2010, at all council One Stop Shops and libraries, during normal opening hours.
- See the full **Issues and Options** paper and submit your comments online at [www.knowsley.gov.uk/LDF](http://www.knowsley.gov.uk/LDF)
- TypeTalk 18001 0151 443 2326
- Speak to us on 0151 443 2326
- LDF Team, Directorate of Regeneration, Economy and Skills, Knowsley Council, Archway Road, Huyton, Merseyside L36 9FB. (Postage required)
- Facebook - search for Help plan Knowsley!

**All comments must reach us by 5pm Friday 22 January 2010.**  
Personal information will not be gathered by the response slip. The information submitted will become public at a later date.

### What happens next?

We will carefully consider all comments and views received about these options, other evidence and Government requirements and prepare a Preferred Options document.

The Preferred Options document will say what we think is the most suitable approach to development in Knowsley up to 2026. This could be based on one of the options detailed in this leaflet or a combination of different parts of each option.

You will have the opportunity to give us your views on the Preferred Options in Autumn 2010. Keep checking [www.knowsley.gov.uk/LDF](http://www.knowsley.gov.uk/LDF) for updates. You can register your details online to receive future updates.

After this we will consider your comments again and a final plan will be produced and submitted for approval to the Government. Once approved the plan will be adopted in 2011.

Issues and Options Consultation  
Nov 2009 - Jan 2010
Preferred Options Consultation  
Autumn 2010
Submit to Government  
Mid 2011

Adopt Plan  
Late 2011

Halewood
Huyton and Stockbridge Village
Prescot, Whiston, Cronton and Knowsley Village
Kirkby

**Appendix D: Agendas, Notes and Minutes of Other Meetings and Events****SCHEDULE OF CONSULTATION EVENTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event / Presentation</b>	<b>Was there a presentation?</b>	<b>Agenda</b>	<b>Report</b>	<b>Minutes</b>	<b>Notes</b>
02.09.09	Departmental Leadership Team Presentation	✓	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
09.09.09	Policy Practitioners Group Presentation	✓	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
15.09.09	Corporate Management Team Presentation	✓	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
24.09.09	Senior Management Group Presentation	✓	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
07.10.09	Knowsley Leadership Presentation	✓	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
13.10.09	Area Partnership Board Initial Briefing (Halewood)	✗	<a href="#">Link</a>	<a href="#">Link</a>	<a href="#">Link</a>	n/a
14.10.09	Knowsley Council Cabinet Meeting	✗	<a href="#">Link</a> (also at Appendix B)	<a href="#">Link</a> (also at Appendix B)	<a href="#">Link</a> (also at Appendix B)	n/a
21.10.09	Area Partnership Board Initial Briefing (Prescot, Whiston, Cronton and Knowsley Village)	✗	<a href="#">Link</a>	<a href="#">Link</a>	<a href="#">Link</a>	n/a
14.10.09	Area Partnership Board Initial Briefing (South Huyton)	✗	<a href="#">Link</a>	<a href="#">Link</a>	<a href="#">Link</a>	n/a
15.10.09	Area Partnership Board Initial Briefing (North Huyton)	✗	<a href="#">Link</a>	<a href="#">Link</a>	<a href="#">Link</a>	n/a
20.10.09	Area Partnership Board Initial Briefing (South Kirkby)	✗	<a href="#">Link</a>	<a href="#">Link</a>	<a href="#">Link</a>	n/a

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22.10.09	Area Partnership Board Initial Briefing (North Kirkby)	✗	<a href="#">Link</a>	<a href="#">Link</a>	<a href="#">Link</a>	n/a
19.11.09	Knowsley Youth Parliament Presentation	✓	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
20.11.09	Knowsley Local Strategic Partnership Executive Report	✗	n/a	Attached	n/a	n/a
20.11.09	Whiston Town Council Presentation	✓	Attached	n/a	Attached	n/a
23.11.09	Area Partnership Board Event (Kirkby – North and South Combined)	✓	Attached	n/a	n/a	Attached
24.11.09	Briefing of Chair and Vice-Chair of Planning Committee	✗	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
26.11.09	Area Partnership Board Event (Huyton – North and South Combined)	✓	Attached	n/a	n/a	Attached
26.11.09	Prescot Town Council Presentation	✓	Attached	n/a	Attached	n/a
30.11.09	Knowsley Children and Young Peoples Partnership Presentation	✓	Attached	Attached	Attached	Attached
30.11.09	Cronton Parish Council Presentation	✓	Attached	n/a	Attached	n/a
02.12.09	Kirkby Leisure Centre Drop-in Event	✗				
03.12.09	Area Partnership Board Event (Prescot, Whiston, Cronton and	✓	Attached	n/a	n/a	Attached

Date	Event / Presentation	Was there a presentation?	Agenda	Report	Minutes	Notes
	Knowsley Village)					
03.12.09	Knowsley Council Multi Faith Group Presentation	✓	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
04.12.09	Huyton One Stop Shop Drop-in Event	✗				
07.12.09	Knowsley Council Members Event	✓	Attached	n/a	n/a	Attached
08.12.09	Prescot One Stop Shop Drop-in Event	✗				
09.12.09	Huyton Leisure Centre Drop-in Event	✗				
09.12.09	Town Centre Committee Presentation	✓	<a href="#">Link</a>	<a href="#">Link</a>	n/a	n/a
10.12.09	Knowsley Council Women's Operational Workers Group Presentation	✓	n/a	n/a	n/a	Attached
10.12.09	Halewood Leisure Centre Drop-in Event	✗				
11.12.09	Halewood One Stop Shop Drop-in Event	✗				
14.12.09	Kirkby One Stop Shop Drop-in Event	✗	n/a	n/a	n/a	Attached
14.12.09	Knowsley Housing Partnership Event	✓	n/a	n/a	n/a	Attached
15.12.09	Prescot Library Drop-in Event	✗				
16.12.09	Area Partnership Board Event (Halewood)	✓	Attached	n/a	n/a	Attached



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17.12.09	Knowsley Health and Well-Being Partnership Presentation	✓	n/a	Attached	Attached	n/a
17.12.09	Halewood Town Council Presentation	✓	Attached	n/a	<a href="#">Link</a>	n/a
18.12.09	Stockbridge Village Drop-in Event	✗				
08.01.10	Whiston Library Drop-in Event	✗				
11.01.10	Tower Hill Community Centre Drop-in Event	✗				
12.01.10	Prescot, Whiston, Cronton and Knowsley Village Neighbourhood Network Meeting	✗	n/a	n/a	Attached	n/a
13.01.10	Knowsley Economic Partnership Board Presentation	✓	Attached	n/a	n/a	Attached
28.01.10	Bowring Park Neighbourhood Network Meeting	✓	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
02.02.10	Cronton Neighbourhood Network Meeting	✓	Attached	n/a	n/a	n/a
04.02.10	Knowsley Older People's Voice Workshop	✓	n/a	n/a	n/a	Attached
09.02.10	Knowsley Disability Partnership Presentation	✓	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
23.02.10	Sub-regional Partner Workshop	✓	Attached	n/a	n/a	Attached

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**ITEM**

**KNOWSLEY PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE**  
**KNOWSLEY LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK**

**20th November 2009**

**1. Purpose**

The purpose of this note is to inform the Knowsley Partnership Executive of the forthcoming major public consultation on the Local Development Framework (LDF) and to consider any views that the Executive may have about how best to engage partners as part of this process.

**2. Recommendation**

Members of the Knowsley Partnership Executive are recommended to:

- a. Note progress to date on the Local Development Framework; and
- b. Consider and comment on how the Partnership can be engaged most effectively on the LDF "issues and options" paper - see 4 below.

**3. Background**

The Local Development Framework will make key decisions which will affect the work of the Knowsley Partnership e.g. about the future role of our townships in the Liverpool City Region, locations of future development, housing growth, how our shopping areas should develop and future regeneration priorities.

Government targets require the Council through the LDF to identify land for nearly 10,000 dwellings up to 2026. Meeting these aims will be a major challenge - where should new development be located, what form should it take and what services will be needed?

The LDF will therefore be a key delivery vehicle for the Sustainable Community Strategy, Local Area Agreement and the priorities of the Area Partnership Boards. It is crucial that there is full and extensive engagement as we prepare the LDF.

The LDF will be a folder of different documents by far the most important of which is the Core Strategy. The process of producing the LDF Core Strategy is lengthy reflecting the potentially contentious nature of some of the issues to be addressed.

In summary the process is as follows (next stage highlighted):

- Township workshops – summer/autumn 2008
- Evidence base
- **Issues and Options – public consultation** - November 2009 until January 2010 (see next steps below)
- Preferred options – consultation late summer/autumn 2010
- Publication of submission document – early 2011
- Submission to Secretary of State – mid 2011
- Examination in public – late 2011
- Adoption - early 2012

As a first step we held a series of stakeholder workshops in 2008. These were arranged under the auspices of the Area Partnership Boards and included one workshop in each township i.e. one workshop for each of:

- Huyton (North and South combined),
- Kirkby (North and South combined)
- Halewood, and
- Prescott/Whiston/Knowsley Village/Cronton.

A fifth workshop considered the Borough-wide issues. The report of the workshop findings<sup>1</sup> sets out in detail what stakeholders said about the issues and has been taken into account in the subsequent work on the LDF.

A number of evidence base studies have also been completed covering issues such as: land availability for housing and economic development; the health of Knowsley's town centres; shopping patterns; flood risk areas; and housing needs.

#### **4. Next Steps**

On 14th October 2009, Cabinet approved an Issues and options paper (the current stage) for consultation purposes. This is still not anything like the final LDF plan. Its purpose is to set out a range of options (which are not necessarily mutually exclusive) about how the Borough could develop and to generate public debate about these.

The options include:

- **"Urban Concentration"** - essentially concentrating new development into the current urban areas and satisfying current regeneration commitments.
- **"Focussed Urban Regeneration"** - this would involve a more ambitious regeneration agenda including (subject to feasibility/funding issues) further potential regeneration/ remodelling of areas such as Stockbridge Village/North Huyton, parts of Kirkby and Kirkby Industrial park, South Prescott and the town centres.

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<sup>1</sup> "Plan Knowsley Stakeholder Engagement Workshops: an overview of the findings", November 2008"

- **"Sustainable Urban Extensions"** - Available evidence indicates a substantial shortage of land within Knowsley's current urban area to meet needs for new housing and economic development all the way through to 2026. This would include a study of Green Belt boundaries to identify locations for development primarily to meet needs from about 2015-2018 onwards.

A substantial consultation and engagement exercise is planned over an 8 week period from 27th November 2009 until 22nd January 2010. This will include:

- Leaflets to all Knowsley households - expected to be delivered late November 2009
- Drop in events - in all One Stop Shops and selected leisure centres and libraries
- Workshops for each Area Partnership Board
- Presentations to Town and Parish Councils
- An all Member event for KMBC Members
- Use of the Council website, Facebook and Twitter and the Council's on line consultation system (Limehouse)
- Children and Young People, including the Youth Parliament
- Presentations to the Housing Partnership (14th December 2009); Health and Wellbeing Partnership management board (17th December 2009); and Economic Partnership Board (13th January 2010)
- Mail outs/e-mails to specific stakeholders including statutory planning bodies and local residents associations
- Bodies representing the interests of specific population groups e.g. the Knowsley Disability Partnership
- A workshop with sub-regional partners.

The Area Partnership Board workshops are likely to be a particularly important part of the consultation, reflecting the pre-eminent role that the APBs have in driving the agenda in their area. The findings of the consultation will then be used to inform the subsequent stages. The first of these will be preferred options (public consultation on this expected in late summer/autumn 2010).

## **5. Conclusion**

The LDF will have a fundamental role in helping deliver the Sustainable Strategy and in guiding the future development of Knowsley. We are still at an early stage in the process and are about to embark on an extensive community engagement exercise. The comments of the Partnership Executive team on how to most effectively engage partners as part of this process would be welcomed.

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# Whiston Town Council

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SM/MG

12<sup>th</sup> November 2009

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend an Ordinary Meeting of Whiston Town Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Whiston Town Hall, Old Colliery Road, Whiston on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2009 commencing at 7.30pm.

Yours Sincerely

S. Mayers  
Town Clerk

## AGENDA

### Apologies

#### 1. Public Forum

In accordance with Standing Order 66 members of the public, having made prior arrangement with the Clerk, may be invited to speak at the meeting on matters concerning the Township of Whiston. Those who are invited to speak in this way will only address the person who is presiding at the meeting and will respect the Chairmanship of that person.

#### 2. Declarations of Interest

Members are invited to indicate any interests they may have in relation to items on the Agenda for the meeting. Attached for this purpose is a pro forma for use by Members which should be handed to the Town Clerk prior to the meeting. Declaring interests in this way does not preclude Members from declaring an interest when a specific item is being discussed during the meeting.

#### 3. Presentation – J Clarke Local Development Framework, Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council.

Mr Jonathan Clarke will attend the meeting to give Members a presentation as part of the consultation process. The Local Development Framework will shape the physical development of Knowsley up to 2026.

It will be a key element in delivering the Borough's Sustainable Community Strategy setting a vision for the development of Knowsley as a whole and its individual townships.

#### **4. Minutes - Appendix 1**

To receive as a true and correct record the minutes of the meeting held on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2009.

#### **5. Planning Applications**

##### **(a) Applications**

To report notification of the undermentioned planning applications.

09/00397/FUL	Erection of boundary fence ranging in height from 0.9m high to a maximum of 1.8m high	2 Dalewood Gardens, Whiston
09/00416/FUL	Erection of single storey extension of part of the side and to the rear elevation	12 Stanwood Gardens, Whiston
09/00448/KMBC1	Installation of 4No. 8M high floodlight Columns to car park area	Prescot/Whiston CLC Cumber Lane, Whiston
09/00458/FUL	Erection of first floor side extension.	28 Windy Arbor Road, Whiston
09/00488/FUL	Erection of single storey garage and conservatory extensions with pitched roof over existing dwelling	Caretakers House St Leos And Southmead Catholic Primary School Lickers Lane Whiston
09/00521/FUL	(Demolition of existing garage, utility area and wc) Erection of two storey extension to side elevation	4 Gilbert Road Prescot, Knowsley

##### **(b) Decisions**

To report notification of the undermentioned planning decisions.

09/00337/FUL	Erection of single storey side extension	5 Coalgate Lane, Whiston	Granted 20/10/09
09/00436/FUL	Erection of Conservatory to rear	10 Gresford Close, Whiston	Granted 27/10/09
09/00418/FUL	Erection of 2M high wrought iron gates to existing gate posts	23 Blundell Road, Prescot, Knowsley	Granted 30/10/09
09/00359/FUL	Installation of Plant to South West Corner of hospital site comprising of 2no. Oxygen storage vessels	Whiston Hospital, Warrington Road, Whiston	Granted 09/11/09

#### **6. Accounts**

**(a) Monthly Accounts November 2009 - Appendix 2**

**(b) Bank Reconciliation October 2009 - Appendix 3**

**(c) Budgetary Control April – October 2009 - Appendix 4**

#### **7. To Consider a report of the Town Clerk in relation to applications for Financial Assistance. – Appendix 5.**

Two further applications to be considered and these will be circulated at the meeting.



**8. Burns Units Update – Appendix 6.**

Members are requested to note the NHS North West, the SHA, considered the proposals for the North of England in July 2009 and concluded that there was no compelling evidence to demonstrate that the new supra regional service would improve on existing outcomes for those patients with the most severe burns.

Acknowledgement should now be given to all those volunteers who committed a significant number of hours to ensure the campaign succeeded.

**9. Visioning Day 2010**

The next available date for a Visioning Day for Members is Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at Whiston Town Hall, Old Colliery Road, Whiston 10.00am – 1.30pm.

Please note: As part of the Christmas Celebration a raffle will be held in aid of the Whiston Town Mayor's Charity Fund. Any contributions would be greatly appreciated.

## WHISTON TOWN COUNCIL

At the Ordinary Meeting Whiston Town Council held in Whiston Town Hall, Old Colliery Road, Whiston on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2009 commencing at 7.30pm the following Members were present.

**Present**  
**Councillor D. Allen**  
**(In the Chair)**

Councillors T. Byron, B. Corkill, D. Corkill, V. Cullen, L. Donovan, M. Donovan, A. Newman and D. Williams.

### **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of the following Members J. Gaffney, R. Gaffney, S. Gaffney, P. Kelly, and L. Nicoll.

### **69. Public Forum**

The meeting was informed that no members of the Public had indicated that they wish to raise an item under Public Forum.

### **70. Declarations of Interest**

Declarations of interest were received on behalf of the following Members.

<b>Prejudicial</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Nature of Interest</b>
A. Newman	5a/b	Member of Planning Committee Knowsley Borough Council

In accordance with Members Code of Conduct Councillor A. Newman declared a prejudicial interest in the item indicated left the meeting room at 8.15pm and returned at 8.17pm.

### **71. Presentation - J Clarke, Local Development Framework, Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council.**

Mr Clarke gave a presentation of the Local Development Framework which outlines a vision for the whole of the Borough over the next 15 years.

The key elements of the Local Development Framework will have successful suburban townships with a sustainable, diverse population and a wide choice of housing. The gap in deprivation levels will be narrowed. A stronger and more diverse economy, vibrant Town and Local Centres, better connected communities, enhanced sporting, leisure and cultural opportunities and reduced carbon emissions.

The Borough will be distributing "Have your say on the future of Knowsley" leaflets to each householder and this document will give residents an opportunity to respond to various options.

**Resolved: Members raised a number of issues with regard to the consultation process and to enable Members to consider how to respond, this item will be put on the next Agenda scheduled for 18<sup>th</sup> December 2009.**

## 72. Minutes

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2009 were received as a true and correct record and signed by the Town Mayor.

## 73.Planning Applications

### (a) Applications

Members considered the undermentioned planning applications

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**Resolved: That application number 09/00397/FUL be deferred pending further information and that no objection be raised in relation to the other applications considered.**

### (b) Decisions

To report notification of the undermentioned planning decisions.

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**Resolved: Members noted the above planning decisions.**

## 74. Accounts

The Town Clerk submitted the following information

### (a) Monthly Accounts

The monthly accounts for November 2009 in the sum of £10960.68 were circulated for Members attention.

**Resolved: That the circulated accounts be approved for payment.**

**(b) Bank Reconciliation**

The Bank Reconciliation for the month of October 2009 was submitted for Members information.

**Resolved: That the bank reconciliation be noted and approved.**

**(c) Budgetary Control**

The Clerk submitted a detailed report in relation to the Income and Expenditure of the Council for April to October 2009 inclusive.

**Resolved: That the report be noted.**

**75. Applications for Financial Assistance**

Members considered a report in relation to applications for financial assistance. A number of issues were discussed and it was;

**Resolved: That all new none established groups may be offered a maximum of six weeks reduced room hire. That the Town Council consider individual applications for community donations and that the cost of room hire will be considered again when setting the budgets for 2010/2011.**

**76. Burns Unit Update**

The Town Clerk circulated a press release issued by NHS North West. This document confirmed that there was no compelling evidence to demonstrate that the new Supra Regional Service would improve on existing outcomes for those patients with the most severe burns.

**Resolved: That a letter of congratulations be sent to all those involved in the campaign to save our Burns Units.**

**77. Visioning Day 2010**

Members considered setting a date for the next Visioning Event of Whiston Town Council.

**Resolved: That Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2010 be set between 10.00am and 1.30pm.**

**Minutes 69 – 77 received as a true and correct record and signed by the Town Mayor on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2009.**

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**The Town Mayor  
The meeting closed at 8.43pm**

**KIRKBY AREA PARTNERSHIP BOARDS (NORTH AND SOUTH  
COMBINED)**

**LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK WORKSHOP**

**23rd NOVEMBER 2009 - 12.30 pm**

**AGENDA**

	<u>Estimated time</u>
1. Introduction (IB/LH)	10 minutes
2. Presentation (JC)	25 minutes
3. Questions on LDF process	5 minutes
4. Themed discussion	(15-20 minutes each theme)
• Employment issues/Knowsley Industrial Park	
• Housing and quality of place	
• Town centre and local shopping parades	
• Greenspaces and environment	
5. Conclusion and next steps	10 minutes

## **KIRKBY AREA PARTNERSHIP BOARDS (NORTH AND SOUTH COMBINED) – 23<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER 2009**

### **Themed Discussion Notes**

#### **General comments about "process"**

- We should consider holding more consultation events e.g. in Tower Hill
- Some Members were concerned about the length of the consultation and its timing over Christmas.

#### **Housing and Quality of Place**

- New housing – increased density – are high rise flats / apartments the future - a return to the mistakes of the past in Kirkby?
- Prioritise housing quality.
- Need for better housing choice
- Need to improve existing housing stock
- Need to improve existing public realm and environment
- Need for clarity whether we are looking to improve the living conditions of existing residents or are focused on attracting new people?
- Loss of previous infrastructure in Kirkby needs to be recognised and the absence of replacement infrastructure.
- Poor circumstances of existing infrastructure needs to be addressed before new development introduced – otherwise replicating mistakes from the past – need to build development around good infrastructure.
- Poor local amenities existing – new development not sustainable in many areas without improvements preceding.
- Anti social behaviour issues – do not encourage people to live in the area.
- Partnership working required to identify local issues and to address them.
- Better use of investment and planning obligations required.
- Addressing legacy issues / quality of life / quality of place – focus should be on improving existing residential areas - legacy of existing poor developments need to be addressed in parallel with new developments – otherwise risk of blighted areas detracting from new schemes.
- Population size – do Kirkby residents want Kirkby to grow?
- Affordability / social rented issues – not the right type of housing to meet local needs at present – existing population needs require satisfaction.
- Focus required for new development on appropriate design / layout.
- Combination of approaches required – strategic housing consideration, RE: population projections / demographic needs must influence.
- Poor connectivity in areas of Kirkby – areas severed by existing infrastructure – needs more linkages between communities.
- Abundant public open space – however poor quality, i.e, Tower Hill – smaller areas of higher quality greenspace required.

- Comprehensive remodelling – only regeneration strategy that would address fundamental problems with urban design / layout.
- Existing derelict houses / blighted sites need to be reused / improved before new housing is added to those areas.
- Establish site by site strategic approach to public realm.
- Would removal of existing high rise require even more housing to be needed / delivered? – would it worsen the land availability situation? – is it a numbers game that dictates what goes ahead? – would Knowsley be at risk of punishment by Central Government if a certain course of action were taken? – does the suitability of the housing strategy influence the potential acceptance of the LDF?
- Experience of Tower Hill project – public perception – need to look at all surrounding areas – fundamental issues with general urban design.
- New developments – potentially too high density – need for space around new dwellings – additional land required / need for expansion?
- Need for better housing mix – more 2 bed houses to meet local demand – planned for local environment with aesthetics / layout important.
- Area allocations – specific amount of housing required for Kirkby? – consideration of previous land loss – Kirkby not big enough to accommodate – no big sites available.
- Need for additional facilities associated to dwellings – garages.
- Green belt expansion – looking at acceptable fringe areas – is it an option? potential expansion space?
- Expansion into other Local Authority areas? encroachment / boundary changes? – nothing proposed by Knowsley – other LA's may explore on their land.
- Rationalise space on industrial estates – release of additional land on fringes of residential areas.
- Rethink of developer contributions – review of Section 106 and Community Infrastructure Levy - greater emphasis and use in terms of legacy improvements to facilitate new development – additional investment in existing areas – offset perception of new development.

### **Employment Issues / Knowsley Industrial Park**

- Under-use of Knowsley Industrial Park.
- Too reliant upon large employers – risk of mass unemployment if these types of businesses are lost.
- Different model should be explored – encourage medium sized businesses – avoid Kirkby experience of unemployment in 1960's & 1970's.
- Improve business start up rates.
- Primary focus upon individual units or skills of the workforce?
- Kirkby ahead of other areas of Knowsley – easier to start a business in Kirkby than in Huyton & Prescot.
- Need for managed workplaces.
- Area has outdated appearance.

- KIP needs total regeneration – empty areas under utilised at present – remodelling could create greater land availability for employment use.
- Inaccessibility – present design / layout is confusing and uninviting for visitors – poor linkages to surrounding areas.
- Need for better choice and quality of units – land can be more effectively utilised than at present.
- No logic to current layout – large and small industries are grouped together – potential for zoning?
- Zoning – could increase accessibility and provide a better consumer focus for the KIP.
- Areas of the KIP – unsightly – needs to be addressed through re-design.
- Type of uses – need for a mix of employment – attraction of higher end employment uses that are currently absent – need to be careful to avoid undue competition with other areas of Knowsley – identify competitive requirements / niche in market?
- Potential achievement of employment mix – catalyst for employment growth in the area and other employment sectors.
- Need for different businesses – increase income levels locally – can local jobs be ring fenced? – new jobs and investment should benefit Kirkby.
- Companies paying Council lip service – no commitment from industries to the local area – contractual / planning issues? – local people dissuaded or disadvantaged in employment market – new jobs needed to address local employment requirements.
- Recent issues with BSF programme – limited local jobs created – need to avoid repetition of this legacy – local businesses should not be at the back of the queue for Council work – tendering procedures / EU employment law?
- Need to equip local businesses to compete in the employment marketplace – procurement review.
- Review of S106 policies – tougher on developers in terms of local labour – Local Authority intervention – deliver local jobs for local people.
- Destination Kirkby – opportunity to address some employment issues – open advertisements – local people need skills to compete.
- Consideration of long term employment needs on KIP – area needs to be more attractive to employees – improvement of local services including Kirkby town centre and greenspace.

### **Town Centre and Local Shopping Parades**

- Decision expected on Destination Kirkby.
- Notwithstanding outcome – complementary uses required.
- Other phases of amenity development and infrastructure are essential to support.
- Concerns over transport issues relating to new development.
- Little support for additional housing in town centre – limited attraction of Kirkby offer – why would people want to live there?



- Needs mixed retail in North Kirkby to counterbalance development in South Kirkby.
- Needs creation of evening economy.
- Needs retention of elements of local significance in terms of retail – meet local requirements.
- Lower end retail outlets satisfy needs of local people – no demand for café society evident elsewhere – potential for white elephant developments if such proposals were pursued? – consideration of retail trends.
- Complimentary retail to supplement existing – need to attract local people into the centre rather than shopping elsewhere – need to address poor public perception of retail offer – greater retail mix is important.
- Improve car parking provision and quality – significant detraction from centre at present.
- Market provides a development opportunity.
- Local shopping parades – loss would prevent access to local services – present mix not entirely right – reflective of vacancy levels – potential for expansion / change in offer.
- Vacancy levels – lack of demand – potential to reduce size / improve quality – smaller focus – address local needs that vary in different communities.
- Anti social behaviour issues – could be addressed by smaller centres with different retail offer – balancing act – local services attract ASB – need to address ASB rather than removing retail function – potential for combined uses?
- Public realm – poor condition generally – greater responsibility required from owners for maintenance / improvement – need for more useable space.
- Individual site focus – some centres are poorly designed or not ideally located – do not reflect changes to surrounding areas over time – potential for redesign / redevelopment / amalgamation?
- Need for a limit of later economy / greater focus on appropriate areas.

### **Greenspaces and Environment**

- Kirkby has an extensive network – overall surplus of provision.
- Does not provide good quality space – no encouragement for people to use.
- Facilities have deteriorated – no maintenance of quality once new introduced.
- Poorly located – certain types of greenspace required in certain areas – overabundance of amenity greenspaces serve no purpose to residents – gaps in provision elsewhere – allotments / formal playspace deficiencies.
- LDF strategy – loss of poorer quality greenspaces to be used to invest in fewer areas of higher quality / value? – investment encouraged / facilitated by release of areas of greenspace for other purposes.
- Higher quality – increase use / attraction – greater public ownership.

- Creation of different environments – reduction in perception of fear offering potential to increase use.
- Address NIMBYISM as a barrier to good quality environmental improvement.
- Greenspaces need purpose – valuable roles in connections / linkages for walking / cycling.
- Encouragement of misuse if no defined purpose.
- Need for ownership in terms of continued maintenance / responsibility.
- Health and wellbeing benefits – exercise and use benefits to all demographics – broader solution than just Council – partnership working with PCT.
- Opportunity for upgrade / improvement of existing environments through facilitating development – LDF needs to be stronger in terms of S106 delivery – developer focus required in terms of individual circumstances – localise provision for needs.
- Environment – CO2 emission reductions – carbon footprint / design quality applies across all development themes.
- Less sustainable if Destination Kirkby goes ahead – requirements for additional focus on offsetting / recyclables and public transport improvements.

**HUYTON AREA PARTNERSHIP BOARDS (NORTH AND SOUTH  
COMBINED)**

**LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK WORKSHOP**

**26th NOVEMBER 2009 - 2.00 pm**

**AGENDA**

	<u>Estimated time</u>
1. Introduction (SG/KH)	10 minutes
2. Presentation (JC)	25 minutes
3. Questions on LDF process	5 minutes
4. Themed discussion	(15-20 minutes each theme)
• Employment issues	
• Housing and quality of place	
• Town centre and local shopping parades	
• Greenspaces and environment	
5. Conclusion and next steps	10 minutes

## **HUYTON AREA PARTNERSHIP BOARDS (NORTH AND SOUTH COMBINED) – 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2009**

### **Issues and Options Consultation Workshop**

#### **Themed Discussion Notes**

##### **General Notes**

- Poor turnout at event, potentially due to bi-election in Halewood. Suggestion that officers could attend Board Meetings in the future to ensure better attendance.
- Timescales associated with the LDF were questioned. Explanation that site development and developer interest could happen prior to the plan being completed. The UDP policies still exist and will be used to assess any planning application that the Council receives. Explanation that the LDF is longer term and faces bigger problems than the UDP, which is getting to be out-of-date. Additional explanation that site-based issues can also be dealt with through a place-based Area Action Plan, which would be part of the LDF.
- How will the success of the consultation exercise be measured? Noted that the Council is going above the statutory requirements for this type of exercise – there is no minimum set. The need for an assessment of the qualitative aspects of consultation as well as the quantitative aspects.
- How will apathy be dealt with? Recognised that a long term strategic plan presents problems for engagement and motivation of residents.
- Question over what Knowsley is actually trying to achieve – vision is commendable but too vague, and sounds like the same vision as is in place in other areas. Strategy needs personalisation for Knowsley. We need therefore to ask why people live in Knowsley, why they have stayed and why businesses choose to locate and stay in the Borough. Strategy needs demonstrable cause and effects – should respond to demand and demonstrate logic
- Important to link with neighbouring local authorities and to link with the vision for the city region. Efforts should be made not to try to compete with areas close by and define a unique angle for Knowsley.
- APB would like to be kept informed of the notes of the meeting and any future consultations / workshops.

##### **Housing and Quality of Place**

- Need a sound understanding of needs in the local area. This should be achieved in the LDF, for example through the SHMA understanding current demands on housing.
- There is scope in the LDF to identify ideal mixes of type and tenure in residential development. Need to recognise gluts and trends and respond to these.

- Where Knowsley has previously been grateful for any development and investment, there are opportunities in the LDF to begin to be selective about what we want, and identify specialised needs in geographical areas, for example in different townships.
- Currently no affordable housing policy in Knowsley. Core Strategy asks how this should be achieved. Important to recognise that there are more options available now, for example there are new housing products such as shared ownership schemes. Important to recognise that people may be happy to move to a European model of renting rather than buying.
- Need to establish viability and competitiveness. We don't want to lose population over the border, this would be bad for Knowsley.
- Need to account for changing household structures, for example, the average household size is getting smaller.
- Need to make sure that the strategy is right, and question whether we need to built new houses or remodel existing market? Will building more houses on greenspaces actually tackle problems in residential areas? There is a need to avoid being dominated by the numbers game and ensure that quality and type of housing are considered through modelling the market. Phasing is also important, as we will need to ensure that areas of new build housing does not prejudice ongoing regeneration / remodelling schemes in existing residential areas.

### **Employment Issues**

- Roscoe's Wood could be a good local employment site but there are access problems. Explanation that any development would need a Transport Assessment to assess local highway and junction capacity. Note that this site is included in the UDP as an allocation for employment land.
- Future job offer will depend on the vision for Knowsley. Offer should be specific to Knowsley, not trying to compete with surrounding areas.
- Skill improvement and attainment levels will need to be addressed with end job market in mind.
- Is what local people want (e.g. jobs on the doorstep) achievable? There are some good employers locally, e.g. Whiston Hospital. However, some new employment development, e.g. IT companies, do not really offer jobs that will be accessible to local people.
- Time question over up-skilling – there is a need for a clear vision to be established to understand the skills required and therefore meet local needs. Mobility is a key issue, and there is a need to recognise behavioural change in this regard. Again, there is a need to anticipate future change and new trends.
- Need to recognise that contract workers are not local, is there scope to make connections between contracts and local employment. This could create a dependency culture of expectancy that local contract work will be available to local people, but there is a key advantage that this would help to boost local employment, even in the short term. Question

over whether there is a labour market register? There is an out-of-date database but this is for construction workers only. Suggestion that job centre data could be used, and there is scope for increased partnership working with local employment agencies.

- Local labour agreements – there were considered as part of the Destination Kirkby scheme. Question over whether there is scope to be more proactive with this, potentially increasing levels of partnership working with other local authorities. There are however constraints with imposing charges on developers.
- “Factory fodder” – no places for this population to work now. The cultural / skills barrier is on the agenda now, this is more important than providing premises.
- Shortage of conference venues in the Borough. There is scope to ensure full use of existing and forthcoming facilities, such as leisure centres or Centres for Learning to increase conference capacity. Challenge to ensure that we recognise the local market and capitalise of existing assets.
- Business in Huyton tends to be more about new companies than new premises (e.g. taxi firms tend to operate from premises already in their ownership). Need to establish the profile of the new population we are seeking to attract and also establish their business needs.
- Lack of incubator units locally. Some in Kirkby, but not accessible for all Knowsley residents.
- Need to avoid ghettos of commuters who do not engage with the local community - effective community cohesion needs everyone to get involved. Central question should be: are we building houses or are we building communities?

### **Town Centre and Local Shopping Parades**

- Discussion around town centre rankings. Note that Huyton has a poor evening economy. Note also that Prescot might move up the rankings and overtake Huyton if the Cables retail park was included within the town centre boundary.
- Local parades in this area are mixed – three are noted as suffering significant difficulties. Explanation that health of local shopping parades is based on level of vacancies and use, but also on environmental factors, such as the presence of graffiti. Note that a strategy could be developed to assess how to restructure local parades, potentially including rationalising the supply of shopping units. Question whether existing parades could be better used, e.g. reduce number of units and convert some units to residential use.
- Major local issue to ensure local shopping service, even if this is just one shop. The same areas using the same shops and services is problematic, meaning that some areas will end up with no facilities.
- There is sometimes a contradiction locally – people feel as if they have the right to the use of a local shop, but then do not use that facility and go to the supermarket instead.

- There could be a need to establish a minimum offer locally, focusing on access to basics such as a loaf of bread and a pint of milk. Some locations could benefit from a local delivery service. A strategy for local parades could also support non-national chains and social enterprise initiatives.
- Low levels of car ownership is an issue for local people trying to access shops. Taxi usage to access shops is not affordable or sustainable. There are elderly enclaves with greater levels of need.
- Lack of pubs is a local issue – there are none within the North Huyton NDC area. There is a noted lack of places for community use – there is no community infrastructure. Focus should be on issues of place and achieving the aims of the Sustainable Community Strategy. It is important to remember that the LDF is a means to an end, focus should be on behavioural change and community development.
- Idea of community “hubs” is central to being able to increase the attractiveness of residential areas. Possible incorporation of local retail offer with Centres for Learning / PCT facilities, etc.
- Local circulation routes are important – dead ends are not helpful for securing community use.
- Looking towards the future will be important – we need to recognise trends and future-proof strategies e.g. recognise that people shop in supermarkets now where they may previously have used local shops, and to account for this in local provision. May be that we need to recognise that local parades are things of the past.
- Character of local community hubs is important. There are some examples of pubs in Huyton which have a family offer, serving food, etc, which are really successful and well used by local people.
- Lack of evening economy in town centre, plus lack of leisure uses. In the evening Huyton is full of kids and the only unit open is a fast food outlet – possible anti-social behaviour problems. Note that Asda is still active and well used into the evening, but this is cut off from the main town centre.

### **Greenspaces and Environment**

- Have windfarms been considered? Explanation that this has been looked at previously, and two potential sites have been identified in the Green Belt areas towards the South of the Borough. There is also potential for heating scheme in Kirkby Industrial Park.
- Variations in green space in Huyton. Under use of some spaces, with some anti-social behaviour problems experienced locally.
- Difference between fewer, but higher quality green spaces in South Huyton as compared to more numerous spaces of lesser quality in Northern areas.
- Need to recognise public value of open space – therefore upgrading existing spaces. Lots of good work ongoing that makes a real difference.

- Consideration of connectivity between greenspaces and the dispersal of these around the Borough. Developability issues / land assembly issues associated with smaller sites can be difficult to address.
- Looking at green space sites to convert to residential needs to be carefully considered. Differences between restrictions of green space and Green belt policy should be noted.
- New housing estates make the best of spaces between units, e.g. duck ponds, village greens. This would need behavioural change to be a success in some Knowsley areas: local community ownership is essential, not dependency on Council maintenance. Recognised that the required level of involvement and ownership will take time to establish.
- Stockbridge Village area suggested as an area requiring widespread remodelling, including green space as well as housing.

### **Transport**

- There are problems with bus routes running North to South across the Borough – the majority of routes run from East to West. This has caused problems with school rationalisation programme, as connections between schools in the Kirkby and Huyton are poor.
- Is it possible to engage with Arriva and other bus service providers? Explanation that there are sometimes problems with engaging these parties. Explanation that this is beyond the scope of the LDF – the only thing that planning could do would be to address bus provision through the negotiation of planning obligations. Previous local experience of these problems when trying to divert buses to serve Heatwaves in Stockbridge Village.



# **PRESCOT TOWN COUNCIL**

**26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2009**

## **A G E N D A**

1. **APOLOGIES**

2. **OPEN FORUM**

*As provided in Standing Orders a period of 15 minutes shall be allocated for public Open Forum.*

3. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

*Members are invited to indicate any interests they may have in relation to items on the agenda for the meeting.*

4. **KNOWSLEY LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK**

*The Local Development Framework will shape the physical development of Knowsley upto 2026. It will be a key element in delivering the Boroughs sustainable Community Strategy setting a vision for the development of Knowsley as a whole and its individual townships.*

*Jonathan Clarke, Strategic Planning Manager, K.M.B.C will attend the Meeting to give a presentation to the Council as part of the consultation exercise.*

*The consultation process will last 8 weeks and is expected to be between mid/late November 2009 and mid January 2010.*

5. **MINUTES** – *To receive as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2009.*

6. **MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

*To note the list of Mayoral Communications enclosed.*

## **7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- i) to consider any deferred planning applications*
- ii) to consider all new planning applications*
- iii) to note any determined planning applications*

## **8. QUESTIONS**

*To answer questions (Standing Orders 23, 24 and 25).*

## **9. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

- (i) STAFFING COMMITTEE*

*3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER 2009*

- (ii) GENERAL PURPOSES & FINANCE COMMITTEE*

*12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2009*

**PRESCOT TOWN COUNCIL**

At a meeting of the **TOWN COUNCIL** held in **FUNCTION ROOM 1**  
of the **PRESCOT LEISURE CENTRE** on **THURSDAY, 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2009**  
the following Members were:-

**PRESENT**

**COUNCILLOR M WYNN (CHAIR)**

Councillors G. Donnelly, G. Hayward, J. McGarry, Mrs. J. McGarry, Mrs. J. Molloy, P. Shaw,  
I. Smith, Mrs. M. Sommerfield, W. Sommerfield, Mrs. F. Wynn, and S. Wynn.

**60. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Daniel Friar, David Friar, L. Rigby, Mrs. D. Yates and S. Yates.

**61. OPEN FORUM**

There were no members of the public present.

**62. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Councillor I. Smith declared interests in:-

Agenda item 7 (i) Deferred Planning Application Nos. 09/00427/FUL and 09/00437/ADV – Member of Borough Planning Committee and Agenda item 9 (ii) General Purposes & Finance Minutes – personal interest daughter casual bar staff at Leisure Centre.

**63. KNOWSLEY LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK**

Mr Jonathan Clarke, Strategic Planning Manager, K M B C gave a presentation to the Town Council as part of the consultation in respect of Knowsley Local Development Framework which will shape the physical development of Knowsley upto 2026.

At the end of the consultation Mr. Clarke answered questions and clarified points asked by various Members.

**RESOLVED:** That

- (i) the presentation be noted; and
- (ii) Mr Clarke be thanked for his attendance.

**64. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the last meeting of the Town Council held on 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2009 be received as a correct record.

**65. MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

The Assistant to the Town Clerk submitted a schedule of Mayoral Engagements.

**RESOLVED:** That the schedule be noted.

**66. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**DEFERRED PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

<b><u>APPLICATION NO:</u></b>	<b><u>DEVELOPMENT</u></b>	<b><u>DECISION</u></b>
<b>09/00427/FUL</b>	Relocation of the home delivery parking/loading facility together with increase in height of existing boundary wall to 3m and associated works, construction of canopy above loading area at Tesco Extra, Cables Retail Park.	No objections.
<b>09/00437/ADV</b>	Display of 54 no. various non. illuminated fascia & freestanding signage at Tesco Extra, Cables Retail Park.	Object in respect of Those signs facing Sewell Street.

**NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

<b><u>APPLICATION NO:</u></b>	<b><u>DEVELOPMENT</u></b>	<b><u>DECISION</u></b>
<b>09/00498/FUL</b>	Erection of 2 storey side & single storey rear extension. 11 Rydal Ave., Prescot.	No objections subject to neighbours having no objections.
<b>09/00523/FUL</b>	Erection of single storey infill extension to rear of main school. St Mary & St Pauls C of E Primary School Bryer Road, Prescot.	No objections.
<b>09/00528/LBC</b>	Removal of existing slate roof to allow for replacement with new roofing felt, roof battens and reclaimed slates. 4A-6 Vicarage Place, Prescot.	No objections.

**WEEKLY DECISION LIST**

<b><u>APPLICATION NO:</u></b>	<b><u>DEVELOPMENT</u></b>	<b><u>DECISION</u></b>
09/00475/FUL	Erection of conservatory to side elevation. 103 St James Road, Prescot.	Granted.

**67. QUESTIONS**

Councillor G. Donnelly asked if the Town Council knew how many houses were to be built in Prescot.

**68. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**(i) STAFFING COMMITTEE**

**3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER 2009**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes be approved and adopted.

**(ii) GENERAL PURPOSES & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2009**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes be approved and adopted.

The meeting closed at 8.56 p.m.

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**T O W N   M A Y O R**



Friday, 20 November 2009

To: The Chairman and Members of the  
Children and Young Peoples Partnership Board

Dear Sir/Madam

A meeting of the **CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLES PARTNERSHIP BOARD** will be held on **Monday, 30th November, 2009**, at **The Octagon Room, Huyton Suite** commencing at **9.00 am**.

If you have any queries regarding this meeting, please contact Trudy Cunningham on telephone number 0151 443-3365.

## Membership of the Children and Young Peoples Partnership Board

Councillor G Wright Chairman	Cabinet Member for Children and Family Services
Councillor Ms J E Aston Vice Chairman	Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care
Damian Allen	Executive Director of Children's Services
Jan Coulter	Director of Health & Social Care, KMBC & NHS Knowsley
Superintendent Mike Edgley	Merseyside Police
Emma Dodd	Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service
Dr Chris Mimmagh	Professional Executive Committee Chair
Stephanie Hall	S.P.A.R.K
Hilary Fenton	5 Borough's Partnership NHS Trust
Kitty Ferris	Service Director - Targeted and Specialist Services, KMBC
Dr Diana Forrest	NHS Knowsley
Kieran Gordon	Greater Merseyside Connexions
Mr Tim Hall	Greater Merseyside Learning and Skills Council
Mike Harden	Executive Director of Corporate Resources, KMBC
Ms Pam Jervis	Secondary School Headteacher
Nick Kavanagh	Executive Director of Regeneration, Economy and Skills
Susan Lane	Knowsley Community College
Anita Marsland	Chief Executive of NHS Knowsley and Executive Director of Health and Social Care
David Metherell	Probation Service
Tim Molton	North Huyton NDC
Viv Murray	Service Director - Universal and Preventative Services, KMBC

Councillor C M O'Hare

Non-Executive Children's Champion, PCT

Moya Sutton

Acute Health Trust, NHS

Patricia Thomas

Special School Headteacher  
Representative

Mrs Elaine Ayre

Service Director - Schools and Early Years  
Services, KMBC



## AGENDA

### **APOLOGIES**

#### **1. MINUTES**

To receive as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2009.

(Pages 1 - 4)

#### **2. MATTERS ARISING**

#### **3. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN 2007-10 ANNUAL REVIEW AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

To consider a report which presents the Annual Review and refresh of the Knowsley Children and Young People's Plan 2007-10 and the children and young people's needs assessment.

(Pages 5 - 8)

#### **4. ESTABLISHING THE KNOWSLEY CHILDREN'S TRUST**

To consider a report which provides an update on the establishment of Knowsley Children's Board.

(Pages 9 - 130)

#### **5. PEOPLE MAKE IT HAPPEN: A REVISED WORKFORCE STRATEGY FOR PEOPLE WHO SUPPORT CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES ACROSS KNOWSLEY (2009 -2011)**

To consider a report which outlines a revised workforce strategy for people who support children, young people and their families across Knowsley

(Pages 131 - 172)

#### **6. THE KNOWSLEY LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK**

To consider a report from the Executive Director of Regeneration, Economy and Skills.

(Pages 173 - 178)

#### **7. YOUTH CRIME**

To consider two presentations on the following:-

- i) Governance Arrangements for Youth Crime; and
- ii) Feedback from Core Case Inspection of Youth Offending Service.

(Pages 179 - 198)

#### **8. ANY OTHER ITEM(S) WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DEEMS TO BE OF AN URGENT NATURE**



To:	Children and Young People's Partnership
Title:	Knowsley Local Development Framework
From:	Nick Kavanagh, Executive Director of Regeneration, Economy and Skills
Date:	30th November 2009

## 1. **Purpose**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Children and Young People Partnership of the forthcoming major public consultation on the Local Development Framework (LDF) and to consider how best to engage children and young people as part of this process. The report also asks the Partnership how it may wish to engage in the LDF, given its potential implications for future service needs affecting children and young people.

## 2. **Recommendations**

- 2.1 Members of the Children and Young People Partnership are recommended to:
- a. Note progress to date on the Local Development Framework (LDF);
  - b. Consider and comment on how children and young people can be engaged most effectively on the LDF; and
  - c. Consider how the Partnership may wish to engage in the LDF e.g. on its future implications for schools and other young people's services.

## 3. **Introduction**

- 3.1 The Local Development Framework will make key decisions which will affect the work of the Knowsley Partnership e.g. about the future role of our townships in the Liverpool City Region, locations of future development, housing growth, green spaces, how our town centres and shopping areas should develop and future regeneration priorities.
- 3.2 Government targets require the Council through the LDF to identify land for nearly 10,000 dwellings up to 2026. Meeting these aims will be a major challenge - where should new development be located, what form should it take and what services will be needed?

3.3 The LDF will therefore be a key delivery vehicle for the Sustainable Community Strategy and Local Area Agreement. It is crucial that there is full and extensive engagement as we prepare the LDF.

#### 4. **Content**

4.1 The LDF will be a folder of different documents by far the most important of which is the Core Strategy. The process of producing the LDF Core Strategy is lengthy reflecting the potentially contentious nature of some of the issues to be addressed.

4.2 In summary the process is as follows (next stage highlighted):

- Township workshops – summer/autumn 2008
- Evidence base
- **Issues and Options – public consultation - November 2009 until January 2010** (see next steps below)
- Preferred options – consultation late summer/autumn 2010
- Publication of submission document – early 2011
- Submission to Secretary of State – mid 2011
- Examination in public – late 2011
- Adoption - early 2012

4.3 As a first step we held a series of stakeholder workshops in 2008. These were arranged under the auspices of the Area Partnership Boards and included one workshop in each township i.e. one workshop for each of:

- Huyton (North and South combined),
- Kirkby (North and South combined)
- Halewood, and
- Prescott/Whiston/Knowsley Village/Cronton.

4.4 A fifth workshop considered the Borough-wide issues. The report of the workshop findings<sup>1</sup> sets out in detail what stakeholders said about the issues and has been taken into account in the subsequent work on the LDF.

4.5 A number of evidence base studies have also been completed covering issues such as: land availability for housing and economic development; the health of Knowsley's town centres; shopping patterns; flood risk areas; and housing needs.

4.6 On 14th October 2009, Cabinet approved an Issues and options paper (the current stage) for consultation purposes. This is still not anything like the final LDF plan. Its purpose is to set out a range of options

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<sup>1</sup> "Plan Knowsley Stakeholder Engagement Workshops: an overview of the findings", November 2008"

(which are not necessarily mutually exclusive) about how the Borough could develop and to generate public debate about these.

4.7 The options include:

- **"Urban Concentration"** - essentially concentrating new development into the current urban areas and satisfying current regeneration commitments.
- **"Focussed Urban Regeneration"** - this would involve a more ambitious regeneration agenda including (subject to feasibility/funding issues) further potential regeneration/remodelling of areas such as Stockbridge Village/North Huyton, parts of Kirkby and Kirkby Industrial park, South Prescott and the town centres.
- **"Sustainable Urban Extensions"** - Available evidence indicates a substantial shortage of land within Knowsley's current urban area to meet needs for new housing and economic development all the way through to 2026. This option would include potential changes to Green Belt boundaries (which currently tightly envelop our urban areas) to identify locations for development primarily to meet needs from about 2015-2018 onwards.

4.8 A substantial consultation and engagement exercise is planned over an 8 week period from 27th November 2009 until 22nd January 2010.

4.9 We are doing a short presentation to the youth parliament on 19th November 2009 with a view to seeing how they wish to be involved e.g. whether they would like a full workshop as part of the consultation. A workshop could use an interactive "planning for real" type exercise which would be designed to effectively engage young people.

4.10 The consultation will also include:

- Leaflets to all Knowsley households - expected to be delivered late November 2009
- Drop in events - in all One Stop Shops and selected leisure centres and libraries
- Workshops for each Area Partnership Board
- Presentations to Town and Parish Councils
- An all Member event for KMBC Members
- Use of the Council website, Facebook and Twitter and the Council's on line consultation system (Limehouse)
- Presentations to the Housing Partnership (14th December 2009); Health and Wellbeing Partnership management board (17th December 2009); and Economic Partnership Board (13th January 2010)
- Mail outs/e-mails to specific stakeholders including statutory planning bodies and local residents associations.
- Bodies representing the interests of specific population groups

- e.g. the Knowsley Disability Partnership
- A workshop with sub-regional partners.

4.11 The engagement will continue throughout 2012 as we take the LDF forward.

## **5. Impact on Population Groups/ Targeted Areas**

5.1 The LDF will have a major impact in different ways on all population groups. We see children and young people as being a particularly crucial stakeholder group due to the fundamental and long term influence that the LDF will have on the future of the Borough and of its individual localities. We would welcome the views of this Partnership on how to engage young people in the process.

5.2 Decisions about locations of future development (e.g. for housing) will also impact on educational and other service needs affecting children and young people. We would therefore welcome the thoughts of the partnership on how it itself wishes to be involved in future stages of the LDF.

## **6. Financial Implications**

6.1 There are no financial implications from this report.

## **7. Human Resource Implications**

7.1 There are no human resources implications from this report.

## **8. Information Technology Implications**

8.1 There are no information technology implications from this report.

## **9. Physical Assets Implications**

9.1 There are no implications for physical assets from this report.

## **10. Conclusion**

10.1 The Local Development Framework will be our strategy for the future physical development of Knowsley up to 2026. We are about to embark on a major public consultation on issues and options. We would welcome the views of the Children and Young Peoples Partnership on how young people should be engaged as part of the LDF process. Given the potential implications of the LDF on service needs affecting children and young people we would also welcome the views of the Partnership on how it wishes to be involved in the future steps on the LDF.

Background Papers:

1. Report to Council Cabinet 14th October 2009 - Knowsley Local Development Framework: Core Strategy -Issues and Options consultation

**NICK KAVANAGH  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
REGENERATION, ECONOMY AND SKILLS**

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## **CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLES PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

At a meeting of the Children and Young Peoples Partnership Board held in The Gallery, Huyton Suite on Monday, 30th November, 2009 the following Members were

P r e s e n t:

Councillors

G A Wright  
Chairman of the Partnership Board  
(in the Chair)

Damian Allen, Elaine Ayre, Bill Clarke, Emma Dodd, Dr Diana Forrest, Frank Gill, Tim Hall, Anita Marsland, Tim Molton, Viv Murray, Mrs C M O'Hare, Linda Richings and Helen Sumner.

### **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Ms J E Aston, Jan Coulter, Superintendent Mike Edgely, Hilary Fenton, Kitty Ferris, Keiran Gordon, Mike Harden, Pam Jervis, Nick Kavanagh, Susan Lane, Dr Chris Mimmagh, David Metherell, Dale Milburn, Moya Sutton and Patricia Thomas.

### **7. MINUTES**

Subject to the inclusion of Mr Tim Molton in the list of Members present, the minutes of the meeting of the Partnership Board held on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2009 were received as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **8. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN 2007-10 ANNUAL REVIEW AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

The Partnership Board considered the report of the Executive Director of Children and Family Services which presented the Annual Review and refresh of the Knowsley Children and Young People's Plan 2007-10 together with the children and young people's needs assessment.

During consideration of the item, it was stressed that the successful delivery of the actions identified the Refresh would require a commitment from partner organisations to promote and communicate the refresh to their staff and ensure that their business plans are aligned to the agreed priorities.

RESOLVED –

- (i) That the Annual Review and refresh of the Children and Young People's Plan 2007-10, be approved;
- (ii) that the expansion of priority outcome 9 regarding Children Looked After to include a strategic focus on improving outcomes for children with disabilities, be approved;
- (iii) that the extension to the delivery timescales of the Plan by 12 months, be approved; and

- (iv) that each Partner agency be requested to ensure that:-
- (a) the necessary steps are taken to ensure the effective communication and promotion of the Children and Young People's Plan Annual Review and Refresh 2009-11 to all staff; and
  - (b) that business plans across the Children and Young People's Partnership are aligned appropriately to the priorities and action.

## **9. ESTABLISHING THE KNOWSLEY CHILDREN'S TRUST**

The Partnership Board considered :-

- (a) the report of the Executive Director of Children and Family Services which gave an update on the outcome of the consultation process undertaken on the establishment of the Knowsley Children's Trust and sought approval to implement elements of the model; and
- (b) a presentation by Julia Wentlondova, Knowsley Solutions, on the key features of the following three options for the governance arrangements for the Trust together with their respective advantages and disadvantages:-
  - Option 1 - The establishment of the Knowsley Children's Trust Company – a Limited Company;
  - Option 2 - The creation of a Legal Trust Deed; and
  - Option 3 - The utilisation of powers under Section 10 of the Children Act 2004 to establish a Section 10 Trust.

During consideration of the item the following issues were raised by Board Members:-

- (a) Reference was made to the disadvantages highlighted for Options 1 and 2 and a Member pointed out that such arrangements were successfully used in the voluntary sector. It was highlighted that option 3 was recommended due to the complex nature of pooled budgets and the need to address the issue of the personal liability of individual trustees;
- (b) In terms of the proposed membership of the Board, further clarification was requested on the proposed Knowsley School representation. In response, the Executive Director of Children and Family Services pointed out that in the past school representation was sector based. An opportunity was now presented to examine such arrangements and discuss the most appropriate representation which could include an alignment with bodies such as the Knowsley Schools Forum and the Schools Partnership Executive Board (SPEB).
- (c) The role of the Children's Trust Board as a strategic commissioning body was highlighted. In this respect, the Executive Director of Children and Family Services highlighted that a steer was required



from the LSP Executive, due to the inter-thematic relationships, in order to draw up an agreed Commissioning Framework.

RESOLVED -

- (i) That the establishment of the Children's Trust Board in shadow form in March 2010, using the terms of reference and membership outlined in Appendix A to the report now submitted, to be reviewed by the Shadow Board and fully constituted in June 2010, be approved;
- (ii) that Option 3 be approved as the preferred governance model, as outlined in paragraph 3.1.3 of the report now submitted, to be reviewed after 12 months of its establishment;
- (iii) that the establishment of a short life working group of senior officers from across partner organisations to oversee the implementation of the Trust from January 2010, in advance of the establishment of the Trust Executive Group, with the remit as outlined in paragraph 4.2.2 of the report now submitted, be approved;
- (iv) that the establishment of 3 Local Children's Partnerships from May 2010 using the terms of reference and membership outlined in consultation document, be approved;
- (v) that the establishment of the 5 Trust Strategy Groups as outlined in paragraph 4.2.4 of the report now submitted, be approved; and
- (vi) that it be noted that further work, through the CYP Joint Commissioning Board, is to be undertaken to map the children's commissioning relationships and accountabilities to be presented to the LSP Executive in order to seek the establishment of lead commissioning functions across the LSP thematic landscape in respect of children's outcomes.

**10. PEOPLE MAKE IT HAPPEN: A REVISED WORKFORCE STRATEGY FOR PEOPLE WHO SUPPORT CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES ACROSS KNOWSLEY (2009-2011)**

The Board considered a report of, and presentation by, the Children's Workforce Strategy Manager which sought approval for:-

- (a) a revised workforce strategy for people who support children, young people and their families across Knowsley; and
- (b) the continued support of a multi-agency Workforce Steering Group to ensure that the action plan arising out of the strategy is implemented and monitored.

RESOLVED –

- (i) That the revised workforce strategy, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report now submitted, be approved and the vision, values and themes of the revised strategy contained in paragraphs 3.3, 3.4 and 3.5 of the report now submitted be noted;

- (ii) that Board Members commit the necessary time and human resources to the Children and Young People's Partnership Workforce Steering Group through nominating members for the Group by the 21st December 2009 and the proposed date of the inaugural meeting, contained in paragraph 3.8 of the report now submitted, be noted; and
- (iii) that the short term activity contained within the Strategy Action Plan, and set out in paragraph 3.9 of the report now submitted, be approved and the proposal to update this group on progress to date in April 2010, be noted.

## **11. THE KNOWSLEY LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK**

The Partnership Board considered the report of the Executive Director of Regeneration, Economy and Skills which:-

- (a) outlined the forthcoming major public consultation on the Local Development Framework (LDF); and
- (b) sought the views of Board on how best to engage children and young people as part of the consultation process and, given its potential implications for future service needs affecting children and young people, how it wished to engage in the LDF.

During consideration of the item, the following issues were raised by Board Members:-

- (a) The need for the LDF to influence the provision of affordable housing for young people;
- (b) The wider impact planning can have in those environmental factors which can influence the nutritional and physical activity of young people and the need to avoid "obesogenic environments" which can be created in housing developments due to their close proximity to fast food takeaways and restaurants; and
- (c) The feedback received from young people who have pointed out that improved transport links were essential to increase the vitality of town centres. In this respect, the need to maximise the input of young people in the LDF process was stressed.

RESOLVED –

- (i) That the progress made to date on the Local Development Framework (LDF), be noted; and
- (ii) that the comments of the Partnership Board be taken on board as part of the wider LDF consultation process.

## **12. YOUTH CRIME**

The Partnership Board considered a presentation by the Children and Family Services Manager – Targeted Services for Young People which:-

- (a) gave an outline of the governance arrangements for the Young People and Crime Thematic Group; and
- (b) An overview of the outcome of the recent HM Inspectorate of Probation Core Case Inspection (CCI) undertaken in the North West Region which included:-
- The CCI methodology;
  - A breakdown of the 21 Inspections carried out in the North West which involved the assessment of 1,178 individual cases;
  - The headline scores for the North West;
  - The service users' perspective; and
  - The recommendations made following the Knowsley inspection together with the common ones across the North West.

RESOLVED – That the content of the presentation be noted.

### **13. THE FESTIVE SEASON**

As this was the last meeting of the Board, prior to the Festive Season, the Chairman extended his best wishes to both Board Members and supporting officers for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Minutes 7 to 13 received as a correct record the day of February 2010

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Chairman of the Committee

(The meeting closed at 11.21 am)

## **Children and Young Peoples Partnership**

**30th November 2009**

**9.00 am, Huyton suite**

### **Notes of issues raised**

The Partnership received a report on the LDF (see separate report and minutes of meeting). The report:

- Asked the Partnership to note progress on the LDF;
- sought the views of partners on how to engage young people in the LDF; and
- sought the views of the Partnership on how it wishes to be engaged taking account of the likely implications that the LDF may have for children and young people.

During the session a number of issues were raised. These included:

#### **Affordable housing for young people**

The affordability of housing for young people was seen as being an issue and JC agreed that this would be considered in the LDF as part of the broader questions around housing affordability.

#### **Developer funding/provision for services to meet the needs of developments**

In the interests of promoting development, we have not in the past required developers to make provision for or contribute to all the services (educational, health etc.) needed to meet the needs of new residents. JC agreed that the LDF offered an opportunity to review our policy on developer contributions and the new Community Infrastructure Levy may also provide an opportunity in this respect.

#### **Sustainability of housing**

JC agreed that the LDF offered an opportunity to review the policy towards the environmental performance of new development. This issue is referred to in the Issues and Options paper.

#### **Engagement with young people**

We need to engage children and young people in an interesting and engaging way. JC agreed this is quite difficult given the nature of the LDF Core Strategy but we needed to make this work - both as we move forward on the Core Strategy and other pieces of work more focussed on individual areas.

#### **Transport**

Transport to school sites and other facilities is a major issue. JC referred to the new Local Transport Plan (LTP3) as an opportunity to consider this as well as in the LDF.

### Health

Tackling obesity and coronary disease are top priorities in Knowsley and we need to use the LDF as an opportunity to promote a good network of greenspaces, walking and cycling. The need to control hot food takeaways e.g. near to schools was also an important issue - JC agreed that we need to look at this although taking account of the need to enable vacant properties in town centres to be brought back into use.

Jonathan Clarke

LDF Programme Manager

30.11.09

# CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL

## COUNCIL MEETING

**To:** The Chairman and Members of the Cronton Parish Council

Dear Councillor

A Meeting of the **CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL** will be held on **MONDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2009** at 7 Hampton Drive, Cronton, **commencing at 7.00 pm.**

### AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Declarations of interest
3. To receive the minutes of the Meeting held on the **19 October 2009**
4. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting
5. To receive Committee minutes
6. To consider correspondence
  - Halton – West Bank supplementary Panning Document Public Consultation
  - A meeting to discuss the proposed precepts and council tax bases on 4/12/09
  - Planning applications – 09/00323/OUT and 09/00478/FUL
7. To receive and consider **reports**:
 

(a) Police Liaison	(d) Merseytravel
(b) MAPTC	(e) Community and Youth
(c) Age Concern	(f) PWCKV Partnership Board
8. **Accounts**
  - (a) To receive the Council's Budgetary Control Reports as at 30/11/09
  - (b) To ratify/approve payments
9. To receive information on the Local Development Framework (LDF) (***Jonathan Clarke of Knowsley Council has been invited to give a presentation***)
10. To approve the meeting schedule for 2010 (to follow)
11. To consider matters relating to the Christmas tree 2009
12. Public Session

*Vitti Osborne*

Clerk to the Council  
23/11/09

## CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL

### COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on **30 November 2009** at 7 Hampton Drive, Cronton commencing at 7.50 pm. The following Members were

#### Present

Councillors

W Cook

Chairman of the Council

(in the Chair)

D Bray, S Cooper, G McGann, P M Green, A M O'Neill, G Pentin, and I Watson

**Attendance:** Mr J Clarke – LDF Programme Manager, Knowsley Council  
 Dave Rimmer (PCSTO)  
 2 residents

#### **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor D Rostance.

#### **1174. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

It was reported that no declarations of interest had been submitted.

#### **1175. MINUTES**

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on **19 October 2009** were received as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

#### **1176. MATTERS ARISING**

**Minute 1171 – Proposed Footpath Diversion Cronton No. 16** – The matter was considered by the Environment Committee on the 2 November 2009 and resolved that the Parish Council objects to the proposed diversion. The decision is *status quo*.

#### **1177. COMMITTEE MINUTES**

It was agreed that the proceedings and actions of the under-mentioned Committee meetings be adopted:

Finance and Policy Committee – 2/11/09

Environment Committee – 2/11/09

General Purposes Committee – 2/11/09

**NOTE:** *Mr J Clarke was invited to give a presentation, the Chairman agreed to take item 9 next.*

#### **1178. KNOWSLEY LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK CORE STRATEGY**

Mr Johnathan Clarke of Knowsley Council was invited to give a brief presentation on Knowsley Local Development Framework. It is an important plan and will guide the development in Knowsley up to 2026. The plan is at an initial stage of development and will be adopted in 2012. Borough wide issues and issues affecting Cronton were highlighted.

Although there have been lots of improvements in the Borough since 1990, a lot still needs to be done in areas such as North Huyton and Kirkby. New homes and jobs take an important part. To meet Government targets, an extra 10,000 new homes have to be built in Knowsley. Apart from affordable housing, it will include executive and council housing. Suitable sites have to be identified in the process. There is a leaflet sets out three options for how to address the housing issues.

Knowsley economies depend on a few large manufactures and the plan will cover support for local economic growth. Based on a consultation study, Tarbock is identified possible site for a wind farm.

The border of Halton neighbouring to Cronton is entirely built-up. Base on current policy for sustainable development, Cronton could be classified as a potential place for housing development in the future, which is a serious concern to the village. Cronton Colliery is part of the Connect 2 scheme. Agricultural lands are assessed regardless of their current use.

An 8-week public consultation runs from 27/11/09 to 22/1/10. Various consultation events are taking place in Knowsley. The Parish Council requested that Knowsley Council must keep them informed of any definite development on the proposal concerning Cronton.

Mr J Clarke has been invited to attend the next Neighbourhood Network meeting to be held on Tuesday, 12 January 2010. The Chairman thanked him for attending the meeting.

## 1179. CORRESPONDENCE

**(a) HALTON – WEST BANK SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT PUBLIC CONSULTATION** – The consultation was noted and the Parish Council had no comments on the document.

**(b) PROPOSED PRECEPTS AND COUNCIL TAX BASES** – The Parish Consultation Meeting to discuss the proposed precepts and council tax bases will be held on 4/12/09. The Chairman and the Clerk will attend.

### **(c) PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

APP. NO: **09/00067/PDENQ**  
 LOCATION: 40 Wheatfield Road Cronton Knowsley  
 PROPOSAL: LOFT CONVERSION  
**DECISION Planning Permission Not Required**

APP. NO: **09/00068/PDENQ**  
 APPLICANT:  
 LOCATION: 40 Wheatfield Road Cronton Knowsley  
 PROPOSAL: ERECTION OF A PORCH  
**DECISION Planning Permission is Required**

APP. NO: **09/00323/OUT**  
 APPLICANT: Clark Weightman  
 APP. TYPE: OUT  
 LOCATION: Land To The Rear Of 14/16 Hall Lane Cronton Knowsley  
 PROPOSAL: OUTLINE APPLICATION FOR THE ERECTION OF 1NO PAIR OF SEMI DETACHED DWELLINGS.



**Comments:** No dwellings have ever been built on that land. Limited information is available for comments. The Parish Council withholds approval of the planning application until detailed site plans for the proposed development are provided by the applicant.

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APP. NO: **09/00478/FUL**  
 APPLICANT: Miss Caroline Ravenscroft  
 APP. TYPE FUL  
 LOCATION: Lower House Farm Prescott Road Cronton  
 PROPOSAL: ERECTION OF 24 STABLES AND BARN. CREATION OF 18  
 ADDITIONAL CAR PARKING SPACES.

**Comments:** The Council has no objection to the planning application

## 1180. REPORTS

- (a) **POLICE LIAISON** – Dave Rimmer (PCSTO) reported that the off-licence is operating in accordance with the set conditions. Burglaries are relatively higher this time of the year so preventive measures should be taken. A lot of properties in Cronton have no burglar alarms. It was suggested that the Police could raise residents' awareness in the next village newsletter. Parking tickets were issued mainly outside the chippy. Fewer issues in anti-social behavior but there are problems behind the Holy Family Social Club. Playing ball games on the road is still a concern.
- (b) **MAPTC** – No report.
- (c) **AGE CONCERN** – No report.
- (d) **MERSEYTRAVEL** – A new Leisure Centre will be built. Transport for the new Leisure Centre is being discussed. There is a slight delay in the Connect-2 scheme. On the whole, everything is in place. The link between Fox's Bank Lane and Penning Lane is looking positive. The crossing and reducing speed at Fox's Bank Lane were being considered. The closure of Sandy Lane is moving forward. A crossing by the Community Centre was suggested. This will bring the three locations of the scheme together including Pex Hill. It was noted that the speed limit on Tarbock Road has been dropped from 40 to 30 with no physical blocks. The Clerk was requested to check the development of lowering speed limit on Cronton Road.
- (e) **YOUTH AND COMMUNITY** – The Senior Youth Club has been withdrawn as that age group is diminishing. The Junior Club is still going on. Community issues had been covered by the PCSTO.
- (f) **PWCKV PARTNERSHIP BOARD** – No report.

## 1181. ACCOUNTS

- (a) The Council's **Budgetary Control Report** as at 30/11/09 was approved.
- (b) **Receipts and payments** as listed in the Appendix were approved/ratified.

Total Payments (4 cheques) = £138.93  
 Direct Payments (2 payments) = £60.57  
 Standing Order (1 payments) = £514.75  
 Receipts (1 receipt) = £2.55

**1182. MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2010**

The meeting schedule for 2010 was set in accordance with the Standing Orders.

**RESOLVED:** That the meeting schedule for 2010 be approved and accepted by the Parish Council

**1183. 2009/2010 NATIONAL FINAL SALARY AWARD FOR LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS**

**NALC Employment Briefings E12-09 :** Payment settlement 2009 **and E13-09 :** 2009/2010 National Final Salary Award for Local Council Clerks and minimum leave entitlement were noted. The Car Allowance for Local Councillor Clerks was also noted.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk's salary for 2009/2010 be adjusted as confirmed by the National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC).

**1184. CHRISTMAS TREE 2009**

A site meeting had been held with Knowsley Council at Coronation Gardens. The Parish Council agreed to have a ball-root tree this year. Knowsley Council will maintain the tree for the Parish Council.

**1185. PRECEPT FOR 2010/11**

Members received a draft precept 2010/11 for discussion. Provision for depreciation at the agreed percentage is £2,350.30 which takes a significant percentage of the total precept. Provision for Gate and Fences alone is £1,804.90. The gates and fences are expensive to replace and the Parish Council is most unlikely to be able to bear the total cost. It was suggested just to provide enough money for routine maintenance and to apply for grants when the gates and fences are due for replacement. Part of last year's budget was funded by Uncommitted Reserve. The balance as at 19/10/09 is £2,451.72. If the situation allows, the total precept for 2010/11 should be raised accordingly. After discussion it was suggested that the increase in precept should be capped at 5%. The precept will be further discussed at future meetings.

**1186. PUBLIC SESSION**

The Pasture – Mr A Roberts was concerned about the sand in the new play area being contaminated by animals waste. Knowsley workers were also seen using the area behind the mount as toilet. The Clerk was instructed to request Knowsley Council to inspect the sand to ensure there is no biological contamination of animal and human waste.

Minutes **1174 to 1186** received as a correct record on the **4 January 2010**.

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Chairman of the Council

(The meeting closed at 9 pm)

**PRESCOT, WHISTON, CRONTON AND KNOWSLEY VILLAGE AREA  
PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

**LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK WORKSHOP**

**3rd December 2009 - 9.30am**

**AGENDA**

	<u>Estimated time</u>
1. Introduction (IG)	10 minutes
2. Presentation (SB)	30 minutes
3. Questions on LDF process	5 minutes
4. Themed discussion	(15-20 minutes each theme)
• Employment issues	
• Housing and quality of place	
• Town centre and shopping issues	
• Greenspaces, leisure, heritage and environment	
5. Conclusion and next steps	10 minutes

## **PRESCOT, CRANTON, WHISTON AND KNOWSLEY VILLAGE AREA PARTNERSHIP BOARD – 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER 2009**

### **Issues and Options Consultation Workshop**

#### **Themed Discussion Notes**

##### **General Notes**

- Knowsley Village and Cranton Village not received leaflet?
- Question as to whether Town Councils should respond as a body or as individual members? Suggested that at this stage, there may be more value gained from everyone responding together.
- There is a need to broaden consultation, including events in both Cranton and Knowsley Village, especially given the poor public transport links to these areas
- Other organisations should be included in the consultation, including residents' associations (sheltered housing), church consultations, shopping centre drop-in sessions. Explanation that it may be more appropriate to consult these specialist groups at the Preferred Options stage.
- It would be useful to have a better explanation of the summary leaflet – not clear where housing numbers have come from, all the maps look the same.

##### **Three Spatial Options**

- When comparing option B with option C – why has Stockbridge Village regeneration been removed? Explanation that this has been taken away from Option C in order to keep options intact. Reminder that options are not mutually exclusive, but can be mixed up and a combination of different elements chosen as the Preferred Option.
- What happens if we don't meet housing targets? Explanation that the Council would lose out financially for failing to meet targets, but that this would also lead for less choice for Knowsley residents in terms of the housing offer. The Borough may not then be able to meet demand in terms of offering units for concealed households, or for accommodating population growth for example.
- Why would we build new houses when there are vacant units in Knowsley? Explanation that there is a vacant homes strategy which addresses this problem.
- What happens when housing needs change over the plan period? Explanation that this is something that the LDF is trying to address through a detailed assessment of the housing market which will be updated. The LDF actually has the scope of asking developers to supply the required mix on different sites.
- Why is Option A included when it is not a viable option? Explanation that Option A is a viable option, but that we would be relying on

neighbouring districts to meet housing targets – it is the implications of choosing Option A that are important to consider at this stage.

- We need to make sure that decisions are based on community needs rather than ensuring that Knowsley remains viable as a district. Reminder that all aspects of the LDF must be proven to be deliverable, so the Council must make decisions about what to include very carefully.

### **Housing and Quality of Place**

- Builders will insist on making housing sizes smaller and higher density to increase profitability. The challenge is to address existing and future needs rather than catering to what builders want.
- Noted that there are opportunities through the LDF to address a more appropriate mix. Now there is a need for affordable housing provision; this previously hasn't been a problem in Knowsley. Long term affordability will be addressed, so that affordable units cannot be sold on at market rates a few years later.
- Question as to how housing figures have been derived? Have changing household structures and other issues been accounted for? Explanation that housing target comes from government. The Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment determines how much land is available and therefore how many houses could be accommodated using existing supply. Densities have been considered as part of this. The Strategic Housing Market Assessment will look at needs.
- The need for specialist housing has been identified in existing Housing Needs Survey, working with colleagues from KHT. Noted that there is an ongoing need for affordable single-storey housing (i.e. bungalows) for older people. Preferred Option could include a more detailed local area plans.
- Question as to who will deliver all this new housing? Explanation that it will be variety of parties, including RSLs and the private sector.
- Affordability is not a constant – how will the LDF account for changing circumstances of people in terms of their ability to afford housing? Explanation as to how shared equity schemes work. Recognised that there are complex issues around grants for housing / housing benefits, etc.
- Up-to-date housing needs survey should need for two bedroom houses and larger houses with gardens (i.e. 4/5 bedroom executive homes). The latter is to address the fact that higher earners tend to live outside of the Borough. There is a lack of bungalows in Knowsley. Reference to large, executive-style estates in Halton, which were not considered to be attractive. View expressed that executive estates should be exclusively large houses if people are going to want to live there.
- There should be a mix of housing types and tenures in residential areas. Recognised that this does not always work. Executives do not always want a mix of housing and would prefer exclusivity. Social cohesion in residential areas is a good idea but does not always work well. Response that there are some mixed communities that work very well, for example Allerton / Sefton Park in Liverpool and Prescot.

- Social problems / problems with community cohesion are not necessarily due to different types of housing, but are due to employment problems.
- We don't need to be scared of density – there are examples of highly successful housing areas with thriving communities where the units are densely packed together, emphasis should be upon functionality of neighbourhoods and communities.
- Knowsley has been grateful for any development in the past. Explanation that through the LDF, we can afford to be more choosy about what we want, and we can now work alongside developers to ensure residential development better meets community needs.
- Noted that the LDF offers opportunities to demand high quality residential development and needs to incorporate strict design guidance. Minimum space standards are to be introduced again through Homes and Communities Agency, may become legislation in 2010.
- It would be good to incorporate local heritage and character into new development. Explanation that the LDF could provide more detailed local guidance through Supplementary Planning Documents or development briefs, which could include local design characteristics.
- Green Belt release for housing:
  - Would be a definite “no” from Cronton Parish Council
  - Recognise that a unique aspect of Knowsley's environment is its extensive green belt areas. We don't want Knowsley to look like just any other Borough. Green belt is irreplaceable – only get one chance at developing it properly.
  - There are real opportunities for green belt development to be very high quality.
  - Recognition that expanding communities through green belt development could increase viability of existing areas through providing additional population, and hence providing the critical mass to support localised services and shopping facilities.
  - Priority should be to protect green belt areas that are well used and are publicly accessible.
  - Green belt release should be phased so that developers do not go for the green sites straight away and so that focus on brownfield regeneration is not lost.

### **Employment Issues**

- We need a balance of jobs, capitalising on existing skills and linking to historic local industries.
- Important sites in this APB area include: Pirelli site, BICC site, Prescott Trade Centre and sites left after demolition of unused schools.
- Smaller sites could play an important role. There is a need to change the mind-set from large industrial parks to focus in on the smaller scale and small, localised employment sites. However, we still need large sites to attract significant inward investment. Variety is the key, as well as appropriateness of location.

- There has been past inefficient use of existing employment land - there is a need to up-grade existing larger business parks, increasing emphasis on attracting the businesses we want in Knowsley and the type of jobs we want.
- Suggestion that changes of use and review of existing employment land may be a good strategy for tackling existing unsuccessful areas. We need to ask companies what type of premises they want to ensure that we achieve a workable mix.
- There are transport problems associated with accessing the larger industrial areas, and therefore it may be beneficial to choose to develop smaller sites closer to residential areas.
- The first question we should really ask is what jobs do we want? E.g. do we want to rely on services? Should we be looking to attract more heavy industry? We should ask what jobs are needed in the Borough. There definitely needs to be a good mix, including jobs that are wealth creating as well as service sector jobs. We need to attract more high tech and financial sector jobs.
- There are problems with some people who don't want to work or who can't do jobs. We must consider up-skilling the population.
- Location is a driving force for jobseekers. Common experience is that people will adapt to the job offer as long as it is in the right location. This includes whether they can physically get to the location and also the support mechanisms in place to help them access employment, including whether they are near to family or childcare facilities, for example. In essence, whatever we can get locally, we should be able to find local people who want to work there.
- Call centres are popular employers – good range of jobs in these places.
- We need to accept that there is no manufacturing here any more, reflecting the national trend. Knowsley is suffering like everywhere else in the North West. We now sell goods manufactured elsewhere, hence recent focus on retail development.
- The fragility of foreign companies locating in Knowsley should be recognised – they could pull out at any time and re-locate elsewhere.
- We should recognise that high tech companies are doing well; this could be a fast growing area.
- The benefits of large businesses locating in Knowsley are noted – they support local facilities (e.g. shops and pubs) and also support local community development.
- Encouraging business start ups is a good idea, but it is unlikely that these will be the sources of major employment opportunities for local people. However, worthwhile remembering that BICC was a local company that did very well in Prescot.
- If we upskill, this would be the key to attracting new business to Knowsley, ensuring that a skilled workforce is in place. There also needs to be good transport links.
- There is potential job growth in recycling sector – there is already an example of a successful and expanding employer in this sector in Huyton. Potential for other environmental technology based industries?

- Noted that it would be helpful to look at other successful areas and question what makes them so successful. More links to higher education facilities may aid in this. Suggested that we should push for sixth-form provision within Knowsley and look to encourage higher education campuses from the larger universities to locate in the Borough. Could we make sixth-form provision a must in Learning Centres? Could link into local areas of interest (e.g. sports and leisure) or local employers and/or schools. We should approach universities including Liverpool, LJMU, Liverpool Hope and Edge Hill regarding this issue. Education will raise employment aspirations of local people.
- Art is a key issue and can play an important role in local regeneration.
- Support for high-tech jobs and businesses is lacking in Knowsley. We could offer courses for business development for example in software development, web development, computer games or computer repair, which are growth sectors and appear recession proof.
- Raising aspirations is key to ensuring that higher paid jobs are within the reach of Knowsley's young people.
- There is evidence of past inefficient use of employment land. There is an opportunity within the LDF to reconfigure and intensify development in employment areas – a remodelling exercise.
- The most difficult aspect could be to make people want to come to Knowsley. Branding and marketing of employment areas needs to be wrapped around the LDF process.

### **Town Centre and Local Shopping Parades**

- Prescott is different to other centres. Needs a specific local plan to address key issues and connect with unique attributes.
- In Prescott an independent business association now exists – Prescott is different to Huyton due to the amount of independent retailers as opposed to lots of national chain multiples.
- Prescott centre is not legible; there is a lack of parking. Recent signage improvements but more required.
- Pedestrianisation issue – Eccleston Street in Prescott but this is not modernised as in other areas, e.g. Huyton.
- There is potential for an embryonic business district in Prescott town centre, using existing vacant retail units, including potentially artistic and creative industries.
- There are valuable heritage aspects in Prescott – this should be capitalised upon.
- Concerns over the divide between the town centre and the retail park – potential for increased linkage?
- The role of rural businesses could be recognised through encouraging farmers market in Prescott, potentially every two months.
- It is recognised that there are good transport links through Prescott to St. Helens and Liverpool.
- It would be good to have people working in and circulating around Prescott town centre.



- Developing the evening economy in town centres needs to be linked a specific offer / cultural attraction / another hook like a student population. We need to make the most of existing transport links and introduce new uses / improve retail offer.
- Whiston South is a problematic area for retail opportunities. Local people would welcome increased population if it brought with it a new local centre and/or facilities.
- Local parades need viability levels through passing trade – failing parades could be removed or redeveloped to improve functionality for local communities – less parades but better quality.
- We need to build local communities rather than just housing estates.
- Question whether we should redevelop existing failing centres / rationalise existing units / relocate failing businesses? Could move these to a more appropriate location?
- Suggestion that this all comes back to employment – people with jobs support local centres.
- Addressing the town centre in Prescott is an opportunity, whereas addressing retail problems in Whiston is a necessity.
- We need to deal with parking carefully. Some people will be car-obsessed and will only use this form of transport – we do need to account for this choice. Pedestrian circulation should be high on the agenda.

### **Greenspaces, Heritage and Environment**

- There are good parks but no added value in these areas. Poor management in these areas. E.g. Stadt Moers could be divided up to be better used for specific purposes – lack of identity and inefficient use at present.
- There is potential to do something different in Prescott, e.g. tourist draw to add value. We are not appreciating what is already there.
- The play pathfinder has had recent successes in provision of play facilities for children.
- Whiston has a shortage of greenspace, but good general accessibility to greenspaces in the wider area. – Cronton similar.
- There is a role for better advertisement and marketing e.g. for the Safari Park, ensuring that the tourism offer is more holistic rather than just visiting one place / facility and then going home – we need a full day experience.
- We could create excellent country park facility in Cronton colliery. There is potential to expand flower meadow offer.
- A pleasant green environment nearby can increase attractiveness for employment investment. Need to look towards a mix of uses.
- Some areas are experiencing image problems – good spaces / poor perception.
- Need for integrated strategies with housing and employment.

### **Transport**

- General agreement that north to south transport links across the Borough are very poor
- There is a direct service from Prescot to Kirkby (no 292), but this takes 45 minutes.
- There is very poor access to Long View leisure centres from Prescot, but Arriva are aware of this problem.
- There is no direct public transport access from Knowsley Village to Liverpool
- Suggestion that the Council needs to push for de-regulation of bus services through the Local Transport Plan process (LTP3). London transport works well because it was not privatised. There is too much local reliance on Arriva and other companies to provide bus services, and they will only run services that are profitable.
- There are accessibility problems in accessing bus stops and hence bus routes, across busy roads. Priority should be a good level of accessibility for employment opportunities.
- There is a rising cost associated with bus use, leading to increased costs of accessing work opportunities. Also increased travelling time to access employment.

**KNOWSLEY LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK  
MEMBERS WORKSHOP**

**MONDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2009 (2.00 pm)**

**AGENDA**

	<u>Estimated time</u>
1. Introduction (LH/SB)	10 minutes
2. Presentation (JC)	30 minutes
3. Questions on LDF process	5 minutes
4. Themed discussion	(15/20 minutes each theme)
• Population and housing	
• Employment	
• Town centres and shopping	
• Greenspaces and environment	
5. Conclusion and next steps	10 minutes

## MEMBERS EVENT, HUYTON SUITE – 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2009

### Issues and Options Consultation Workshop

#### Themed Discussion Notes

##### General Notes

- Suggestion that the Council need to inform the general public accurately that the proposals are just options for comment at this stage – concerns expressed that opposing political parties are using the consultation period as an agenda to misinform the public regarding the loss of greenspace / green belt for housing / employment.
- Statistics within the presentation referring to average pay for Knowsley employment positions appears excessively high relative to resident averages – suggests that main employers like the Council are importing too much labour / commuters who don't live in the Borough – increasing need to retain high earners within Knowsley.
- Heavy emphasis upon deprivation levels in Knowsley – some residents are often unfairly labelled and given a negative perception via the categorisation – need for different categorisation and assessment? – poverty is different from the incidental factors comprising multiple deprivation indices – issues such as crime and median incomes do not reflect the significant variation in areas and ongoing investment / improvements that are taking place.
- Concern about talking down areas – need to strike a better balance between recognition of problems / challenges and identifying / emphasising positives.
- How does the government arrive at the housing and employment targets? Answer: The government has identified the levels of housing and employment needs for the country, this is assessed at a regional level (RSS) to identify the level of need – housing offered to Authorities in proportions – not entirely transparent how the individual targets are reached – Knowsley linked to Liverpool – employment figures have a greater basis on local assessment of recent economic and development trends.
- Knowsley Council have not been hard enough on developers.
- Poor perception of Liverpoolians can prove a barrier to attracting investment – need to emphasise a positive image of Knowsley.
- LDF appears to provide strategic basis for the development of Knowsley – cannot control investment, developers and ownership issues which can all provide a barrier to deliver the objectives – need for public and stakeholder support of the process.
- Public should be included in the decision making process – not just officers – there is a need to be more selective about development, i.e., make developers deliver on promises (hasn't occurred in the past), stronger legal constraints on development and delivery of infrastructure before housing / employment development.

- Need to be clear that it is the citizen's decision – not officers of the Council who should be reinforcing issues and communicating potential for public participation to take away the political emphasis on the process.

### **Three Spatial Options**

- Each option has benefits and drawbacks – possibility that elements of each Option could provide a more suitable preferred option?
- Option A – if chosen could constrain development like the UDP / Kirkby situation – there is a need for Knowsley to be more ambitious in the future to realise regeneration potential.
- Option C – clear that the Council favours this option – if pursued, must be completed in phases – urban regeneration focus first – phased release of green belt land possible? - Response; Government has a tight policy on the green belt – Option C must be justified as last resort with a phased approach if the LDF is likely to be considered sound in the adoption process.
- Option C - green belt review (if necessary) – potential to identify whether any areas of land are more suited to come forward than others, i.e., accessibility, land constraints, etc – response offered that green belt study is being undertaken as part of LDF evidence base.

### **Housing and Quality of Place**

- Decision by the Council to commit to private housing in 1990 protected Knowsley's population and resulted in the present stability.
- Existing housing stock requires regeneration / replacement to adapt to changing demographics and local requirements – viability of current schemes made more difficult by the existing economic climate.
- LDF should really focus on what type of housing is required to accommodate the residents of the future and which locations are suitable to address local community requirements – shortage of 2 bed housing and 4 / 5 bed housing.
- 9 000 new houses over the period since 1990, but no increase in population suggest that people are still leaving – concerns expressed about public image / perception of Knowsley together with the poor leisure offer which makes the area a less attractive place to live.
- Separate view offered that household sizes are reducing and an ageing population – need for new development, particularly sheltered housing and bungalows to accommodate people who are looking to scale down the size of their house as they get older – too many large houses in the Borough are under occupied often by individual older residents who have difficulty finding suitable alternative accommodation – particularly those in private sector ownership – public sector / KHT has existing schemes that provide assistance if the housing stock is available – waiting lists though are too long at present – development can have the ability to free up additional housing stock – need to create positive options for older people – review of housing strategy?

- Possibility of providing an older people's community in Knowsley? An example in St. Helens appears successful and attracts Knowsley residents – suggests demand and need for similar facility being needed more locally.
- Current housing also does not adequately cater for younger people – affordability is an issue outside of regeneration areas – need for policy – inclusion of options such as shared ownership, shared equity and rent to buy – need for link to income levels rather than reliance upon government approach that building more houses will lower overall price – supply / demand economics not presently working.
- Need for consideration of previous successes – integration of housing with employment at Kings Business Park – appropriate layout / design and connectivity determined success – negotiation between the Council and the developer was a key driver and identified opportunities – need for greater stakeholder working?
- Developers are not delivering through S106 agreements in association with new housing development – too lenient in the past in accepting investment – process needs better monitoring and review.
- Gypsy and travellers – need to provide a small site in Knowsley (10 pitches) – identifying the site through LDF and delivery encouraged as it could help address illegal encampments.
- Consideration of re-use of housing.

### **Employment Issues**

- New sites should be identified on the basis of suitability of location and accessibility factors – Knowsley often doesn't utilise advantages of transportation network effectively.
- New for consideration of competition beyond the boundaries of Knowsley to identify areas of need for new development – i.e., new employment development in Halewood should not be replicating or competing directly with existing business parks in Speke if vacancies exist – ability to manage local employment needs / capacity in certain sectors without the need for new development through a co-operative approach at sub regional level?
- Inequalities of opportunity for local residents – false economy in some areas – people have cultural / behavioural tendencies to not seek employment – rely on benefits or criminal activity – implications of the black economy – can the LDF assist strategies to address educational deficiencies and increase local aspirations?
- Need to identify emerging employment sectors and the likely changes in employment needs whilst diversifying uses - over-reliance upon large businesses and certain sectors may result in sudden bursts of unemployment as previously experienced and often resulting from national trends rather than being able to be influenced at a local level – need for development to be adaptable.
- Will the consideration of new employment sites include the Cronton collieries site that is within the green belt and has significant remediation issues? Answer: The Council is looking to identify all sites

that are suitable for new employment demand to meet local needs through the evidence base that will inform the LDF Core Strategy – emphasis is upon deliverability of sites for employment following assessment – existing site constraints therefore may preclude certain sites - however individual viability assessments on sites have not been undertaken, so an indication of those likely to be included cannot be offered at this stage.

- Vacant sites in Knowsley – not enough available to meet requirement of 110Ha until 2026.
- There remains a possibility of utilising areas of land currently designated as green belt but offering little value in amenity, aesthetic or policy objectives – some areas have good connectivity through transport links and would be more suited to industry / employment uses – need for review of some sites in the green belt and consideration of justifying their exclusion in the future?
- Need not to replicate mistakes of the past – 1995 survey identified land in Halewood for employment that subsequently was found to be flood plain and therefore was not deliverable – will the Council be considering these type of sites again?

### **Town Centre and Local Shopping Parades**

- Need for facilities, infrastructure and improvements to Knowsley's town centres.
- Knowsley needs to demonstrate spending power and retain expenditure within its boundaries – population stabilisation and development of retail provision in all centres will address unacceptable levels of present leakage.
- Huyton – cheap low end retailers are too predominant – needs a better retail mix to address expenditure leakage and increase attractiveness of the centre – limited retail response to local need – new development not effectively utilised despite suitability for mid market retailers.
- Asda development in Huyton was massively important for regeneration – provided retail levels that supported local employment market and offered opportunities to the community – need for complimentary retail to support function at the higher end and expand the retail offer of Huyton – multiples and national retailers are the only sectors showing growth and therefore should be the current focus.
- Town centre opportunity at Sherborne Square in Huyton – why did the Council discourage potential development schemes? – potential investment in offices and apartments would compliment recent retail development nearby. Answer: No awareness of specific scheme referred to – LDF able to introduce consideration of housing in town centres if deemed necessary.
- Kirkby – no major foodstore other than Somerfield – need for new development of the town centre notwithstanding the negative outcome of the Destination Kirkby scheme – local perception that if the Council fail to pursue an alternative, Kirkby will remain a lower priority than Huyton that has had recent development / improvements – need for Kirkby to attract retail investment and required alterations to

infrastructure – lack of commercial interest beyond Tesco at present – footfall will remain low unless an improvement of retail offer is made – nevertheless Kirkby market provides a basis to build from.

- Halewood lacks any real retail provision – probably 100% leakage of retail expenditure to areas outside the Borough – critical need for new development to be brought forward notwithstanding land ownership issues that have caused previous delays via the legal process.
- Need to address the unbalance of retail provision within Knowsley – Huyton has recent town centre development / improvements and Prescott has the successful Cables Retail Park – need to direct investment to Halewood and Kirkby to ensure areas are on par for community served in terms of scale of retail provision available.
- Need for different areas of Knowsley to work together politically to assist improvements to the areas of the borough most in need.

### **Greenspaces, Heritage and Environment**

- Importance of quality greenspace – loss of areas of fringe green belt that does not serve any worthwhile purpose – could assist pressure for development of greenspace areas in urban areas – help retain amenity space of high value.

### **Transport**

- Delivery of infrastructure before housing / employment development – legal agreements attached to development.
- Need for better integration of public transport to improve accessibility of hard to reach areas of the Borough – LTP to deliver?



## Women's Group (WOW) – 10<sup>th</sup> December 2009

### Notes from Local Development Framework Workshop

- Why would regeneration areas change over time? Explanation of the process within Option B (i.e. expand regeneration projects to other appropriate areas when original projects have been completed)
- How does the New Deal for Communities scheme work? Will project be completed? Explanation that second phase is delayed due to the current economic climate. Kick-start funding has been applied for. Explanation of level of support for owner-occupiers in the area.
- What are the impacts of the plan on women?
  - Option C may have impacts for travelling. Women are less likely to move and hence have increased spending power. There is an important link between employment levels and the maintenance of local services.
  - There is a need to encourage smaller shops to provide services, e.g. local electrical shops, which are in accessible locations for all (i.e. town and local centres). Local shops and employers affect community ownership and local relationships.
  - Could there be more effort made towards attracting and retaining local retailers? Women need alternatives to out-of-town retail parks and to Brighthouse (usually the only locally available furniture / white goods / other homeware retailer).
  - There is a need for more choice and vibrancy in town centres, investment in the physical environment and attract other inward investment. Town centres are a good audience for consultation / planning events because there is a sense of community, a good range of people of different ages using the facilities (e.g. school children, older people, sometimes families of different ages / generations using the town centre together).
  - Need to build on already good services for vulnerable people.

## Kirkby One Stop Shop Consultation Event – 14<sup>th</sup> December 2009

### Points raised:

- What is happening to the land south of Cherryfield Drive which was included in the proposals for Destination Kirkby? Will this land be sold for housing?
- If population is to increase in accordance with the provision of 10,000 new houses, then why are primary schools closing in Kirkby?
- How did the housing target of 450 per annum come about? Why would the Council lobby for more houses than the previous regional target?
- Leaflets have not been delivered to the Westvale area of Kirkby
- General suspicion that views will not be taken into account and “swept under the carpet” as for Destination Kirkby. Accusations that the power is held in Huyton and that Kirkby does not get a fair deal.
- Consultation should not take place in December due to the Christmas period – people are busy and don’t have time to get involved.
- Publicity of the consultation events has not been wide enough, no-one knew about the event in Kirkby Leisure Centre.
- Consultation has not been wide enough and should include the following: events in the town centre, publicity materials (e.g. posters) in the town centre, events held in private rooms where conversations can be held confidentially, events for the Neighbourhood Networks and PET, events held in schools and other accessible locations.

## Housing Partnership – 14<sup>th</sup> December 2009

### Notes from Local Development Framework Workshop

#### 2. Future Regeneration Areas

- Prioritising different areas will be dependent on the resources available to promote / deliver regeneration projects – element of funding and market dependency in all cases.
- Prioritisation of different areas should be driven by evidence and should have a statistical basis. This will need to be reviewed on a regular basis to ensure that up-to-date information is being used and the areas of most need are being addressed.
- NDC area in North Huyton should be the focus following bids for Kickstart funding – it will be important to push on with this project.
- Potential in revisiting NDC to push developers to deliver a better mix of housing, but this must make commercial sense.
- Successful regeneration must combine housing redevelopment with employment opportunities, helping to address affordability problems.
- There is potential for innovation and the introduction of new delivery mechanisms when regenerating Knowsley. This could include new ways of partnership working.
- Best practice of retail led regeneration in Liverpool city centre with the Liverpool One project – but could Knowsley attract this level of inward investment to its centres or other areas? There needs to be a strong marketing platform to attract investors to the Borough and improve the external perception of Knowsley at a national and international level.
- There is a need to ensure that employment links to areas outside of the Borough are recognised, e.g. Omega / M62 corridor. There should be a regional perspective, looking east as well as west towards Liverpool.
- There is a problem with high level of non-retail expenditure outside of the Borough. There are no book shops in Knowsley, and there is a very poor night time economy. But is it appropriate for Knowsley to play this role, and should it even try to compete with the attractions of Liverpool?
- North to south linkages in the Borough are poor and the Merseytram scheme will probably not now happen.
- There should be basic amenities within or near to residential areas, like bus stops, a local shop, a pub, a school. Some local parades are not viable and should be reassessed.
- Development of the Kirkby Industrial Park is important but there are problems with transport links. We need to ensure that we are facilitating access to jobs for non-car users.
- What next to Kirkby? There is also a role for retail-led development in Prescott to complement the existing Cables retail park.
- Transport is a key overriding issue – areas of employment are not linked and suffer from poor public transport service provision.

**HALEWOOD AREA PARTNERSHIP BOARD****LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK WORKSHOP****16th December 2009 - 9.30am****AGENDA**

	<u>Estimated time</u>
1. Introduction (SB/JO)	10 minutes
2. Presentation (JC)	30 minutes
3. Questions on LDF process	5 minutes
4. Themed discussion	(10 minutes each theme)
• Employment issues	
• Housing and quality of place	
• Ravenscourt regeneration	
• Greenspaces and environment	
5. Conclusion and next steps	5 minutes

## HALEWOOD APB – 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2009

### Issues and Options Consultation Workshop

#### Themed Discussion Notes

##### General Notes

- 8 week consultation – too short a time period for such a major decision with implications until 2026 – leaflets don't provide an adequate level of information to inform residents.
- Consideration of different regime / government? – the whole LDF process could be affected by an imminent political change.
- Limited information in the leaflets regarding Halewood – document will not interest or inform local people – therefore less likely to encourage public participation. Response; Halewood identified on the map but not in the text – leaflet is more strategic than localised information - more specific information on townships is available via Issues and Options paper.
- Issues and Options paper isn't provided to local residents – therefore information provided as part of the consultation process remains insufficient to allow Halewood residents to form an opinion. Response; the LDF leaflet offers a broad Borough wide spatial strategy – more township specific information is available via Issues and Options paper – intention at this stage is to get feedback on the strategic spatial options affecting the entire Borough – text therefore outlines main challenges and implications only.
- Waste disposal – rumour that the Jaguar plant could be utilised for combined heat and power facility. Response; Dealt with through the Merseyside Waste DPD jointly prepared at a regional level and entirely separate from the LDF process – approach to dealing with Merseyside's municipal waste is being considered through this process – therefore a number of sites are being considered within Knowsley and other areas of the region – includes Crab Tree Rough (part of Jaguar plant) – definitive information at this stage cannot be offered as the identification of the sites is a separate process with no confirmation at present.
- Waste DPD should feed into the LDF – otherwise decisions on LDF are worthless in terms of site allocations. Response; The Waste DPD is a separate process dealing with waste – because it is at a regional level Knowsley cannot limit itself as part of the LDF when it may be the case that sites are brought forward elsewhere including extant permissions.
- Depth of consultation at the next stage – need for contact with individual communities – single events not sufficient – should be a spatial approach to maximise community involvement. Response; Council will produce an integrated consultation strategy at next stage inclusive of feedback from the public events – will be approved by cabinet.
- Community needs to be onboard at all stages of the process and should be the priority.

### **Three Spatial Options**

- No specific mention of Halewood in the text on Option A, B or C – how can the people of Halewood therefore be expected to make a decision when it is unclear how it affects them.
- Only difference on the options maps for Halewood are the green belt shading on Option C – this should have been communicated in the text in terms of its effect upon Halewood. Response; early stage of consultation cannot be this specific regarding the green belt – the use of land surrounding Halewood is just an option to be explored, together with other locations, therefore not reasonable to be specific at a township level without undertaking the research that will underpin any decision in this context – more information likely via the Preferred Options stage in 2010.

### **Housing and Quality of Place**

- Affordable housing – Halewood has a need for housing that people can afford.
- Demographic considerations – particularly for those who may not be able to drive – poor access in certain areas to facilities and infrastructure – need to look at integrating infrastructure with new development or having it in place before permissions are implemented.
- Important for housing to be considered not just on the basis of numbers – housing types / mix, lifetime homes and facilities are all important considerations together with the accessibility of the location.
- Need to be tougher on developers to deliver facilities with housing.
- Knowsley Housing Trust are making strides in Halewood using pockets of land removing flats and opening up land – assisting affordability problems – removal of top floors in Maisonettes will require new houses to be built.
- Local policy for proportion of affordability required? – need to promote mixed communities – rent to buy, shared ownership, etc.
- Addressing housing issues requires a radical approach.
- Growth around Halewood? – green belt considered important and valuable to local character – concerns about potential loss through LDF process.

### **Employment Issues**

- Land identified by Knowsley in 1995 in the flood plain – not deliverable – will these types of sites be explored again and therefore the mistakes of the past repeated? Response; Issues and options is an early part of ongoing consultation process – long process seeking public responses – can't be specific about processes in the past, but LDF strategies will be formed by public response and an evidence base that hopefully identified unsuitable sites before the Core Strategy is adopted.

- Need for better access to jobs outside of Halewood both within Knowsley and elsewhere – too heavy reliance upon car use and poor public transport services at present due to isolated location.

### **Town Centre and Local Shopping Parades**

- Priority is the regeneration of Ravenscourt – not directly influenced by the LDF process – planning application expected in the New Year – to be completed by 2012 – complement new NHS shopping centre.

### **Greenspaces, Heritage and Environment**

- Climate change agenda should heavily influence the content to the LDF – important at a localised level not just decisions made in Copenhagen.
- Need for frequent train services stopping at Halewood – otherwise promotes reliance upon private car use – does not help the climate change agenda
- Public transport in North / South directions is a problem – need to improve public transport alternatives – otherwise impacts upon climate change agenda.
- Require new housing development to have solar panels – ability to retrofit – availability of grant funding?
- Value of greenspaces in Halewood for walking and cycling – high quality areas present that should be retained.

### **Transport**

- Public transport is an issue in Halewood – access to hospitals and elsewhere during the day in particular is made difficult by the poor service of trains and buses. Response; ability to influence transport operators is difficult due to consideration of commercial viability – new LTP may be able to address some of the present weaknesses.



**MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING  
17<sup>th</sup> December 2009  
Health and Wellbeing Partnership Report**

4.

**KNOWSLEY LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK**

<b>Purpose</b>	To update the Health and Wellbeing Partnership Management Board on the Local Development Framework (LDF); consider how the LDF can help support health and wellbeing in Knowsley and consider potential implications of the LDF for future health services.
<b>Recommendations</b>	<p>Members of the Health and Wellbeing Partnership Management Board are recommended to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Note progress to date on the Local Development Framework (LDF);</li> <li>b. Consider how the LDF can help support health and wellbeing; and</li> <li>c. Consider how the Partnership may wish to engage in the LDF (including in the Health Impact Assessment) given its potential implications for health service needs.</li> </ol>



<p><b>Background</b></p>	<p>The Local Development Framework (LDF) will make key decisions affecting the future role of our townships in the Liverpool City Region, locations of future development, housing growth, green spaces, how our town centres and shopping areas should develop and future regeneration priorities.</p> <p>Government targets require the LDF to identify land for nearly 10,000 dwellings up to 2026. Meeting these aims will be a major challenge - where should new development be located, what form should it take and what services will be needed?</p> <p>The LDF will therefore be a key delivery vehicle for the Sustainable Community Strategy and Local Area Agreement. It is crucial that there is full and extensive engagement as we prepare the LDF.</p>
<p><b>Consultation</b></p>	<p>The LDF will be a folder of different documents by far the most important of which is the Core Strategy. The process of producing the Core Strategy is lengthy reflecting the potentially contentious nature of some of the issues to be addressed.</p> <p>In summary the process is as follows (current stage highlighted):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Township workshops – summer/autumn 2008</li> <li>• Evidence base</li> <li>• <b>Issues and Options – public consultation - November 2009 until January 2010</b></li> <li>• Preferred options – consultation late summer/autumn 2010</li> <li>• Publication of submission document – early 2011</li> <li>• Submission to Secretary of State – mid 2011</li> <li>• Examination in public – late 2011</li> <li>• Adoption - early 2012</li> </ul>

	<p>As a first step we held a series of stakeholder workshops in 2008. These were arranged under the auspices of the Area Partnership Boards and included one workshop in each of: Huyton; Kirkby; Prescot/Whiston; Halewood and a fifth workshop which considered the Borough-wide issues. The report of the workshop findings<sup>1</sup> sets out what stakeholders said about the issues.</p> <p>A number of evidence base studies have also been completed covering issues such as: land availability for housing and economic development; the health of Knowsley's town centres; shopping patterns; flood risk areas; and housing needs.</p> <p>On 14th October 2009, Cabinet approved an Issues and options paper (the current stage) for consultation purposes. This is still not anything like the final LDF plan. Its purpose being to stimulate debate about the key choices to be addressed.</p>
	<p>It sets out some broad options as to how the Borough may develop which are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>"Urban Concentration"</b> - essentially concentrating new development into the current urban areas.</li> <li>• <b>"Focussed Urban Regeneration"</b> - this would involve a more ambitious regeneration agenda including (subject to feasibility/funding issues) further potential regeneration/ remodelling of areas such as Stockbridge Village/North Huyton, parts of Kirkby and Kirkby Industrial park, South Prescot and the town centres.</li> <li>• <b>"Sustainable Urban Extensions"</b> - This option would include potentially expanding our townships into areas currently protected as "Green Belt" (which currently tightly envelop our urban areas) mainly to accommodate development needs from about 2015-2018 onwards.</li> </ul> <p>A substantial consultation and engagement exercise is planned over an 8 week period from 27th November 2009 until 22nd January 2010. The consultation will be</p>

<sup>1</sup> "Plan Knowsley Stakeholder Engagement Workshops: an overview of the findings", November 2008"

	<p>wide ranging and include the methods set out in appendix 1 to this report. The engagement will continue through to 2012 as we take the LDF forward.</p>
<p><b>Impact on population group/targeted area</b></p>	<p>The LDF will have a major impact in different ways on all population groups. Specific LDF issues which have a "healthy lifestyles" aspect to them include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health and the built environment e.g. promoting walking and cycling as a means of getting from A to B</li> <li>• Greenspaces and opportunities for active sport and play</li> <li>• Housing needs of elderly people - this will be a major issue given the trend towards an ageing population by 2026</li> <li>• Links between health and economic development/reduction of worklessness</li> <li>• Potential restrictions on the numbers of uses such as hot food takeaways.</li> </ul> <p>Decisions about locations of future development (e.g. for the nearly 10,000 new dwellings that the LDF needs to make provision for) will also impact on health service needs.</p> <p>We propose to arrange a Health Impact Assessment as part of the LDF process. We would welcome the thoughts of the Management Board on how the Health and Wellbeing Partnership should be engaged in future stages of the LDF.</p>
<p><b>Resource implications</b></p>	<p><b>Financial</b> There are no financial implications from this report.</p> <p><b>Human</b> There are no human resources implications from this report.</p> <p><b>Information Technology</b> There are no information technology implications from this report.</p> <p><b>Physical Assets</b> There are no implications for physical assets from this report. In the longer term the LDF could however affect the requirements for health facilities to serve local areas.</p>

<b>Conclusion</b>	The Local Development Framework will be our strategy for the future physical development of Knowsley up to 2026. It will contain many links to health and wellbeing and potential implications for future health services. We have embarked on a major public consultation on issues and options. We will also be undertaking a Health Impact Assessment. We would welcome the views of the Management Board on how the Health and Wellbeing Partnership may wish to engage in the LDF as we move forward.
<b>Contact Details</b>	Jonathan Clarke, Tel. 0151 443 2299
<b>Appendices</b>	1. Consultation on LDF Core Strategy

## **APPENDIX 1)**

### **KNOWSLEY LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK - ISSUES AND OPTIONS CONSULTATION 27th NOVEMBER 2009 - 22nd JANUARY 2010**

#### **CONSULTATION METHODS**

- Leaflets to all Knowsley households - delivered late November 2009
- Drop in events - in all One Stop Shops and selected leisure centres and libraries
- Workshops for each Area Partnership Board
- Presentations to Town and Parish Councils
- An all Member event for KMBC Members
- Youth Parliament
- Use of the Council website, Facebook and Twitter and the Council's on line consultation system (Limehouse)
- Presentations to the Children and Young People Partnership (30th November 2009); Housing Partnership (14th December 2009); Health and Wellbeing Partnership management board (17th December 2009); and Economic Partnership Board (13th January 2010)
- Mail outs/e-mails to specific stakeholders including statutory planning bodies and local residents associations.
- Bodies representing the interests of specific population groups e.g. the Knowsley Disability Partnership
- A workshop with sub-regional partners.



## 1. Draft Minutes of the Health and Wellbeing Partnership Management Board Meeting held on 17 December 2009

<b>Present:</b>	<p><b>Anita Marsland (Chair)</b> – Chief Executive NHS Knowsley/ Executive Director Wellbeing Services</p> <p><b>Jan Coulter</b> – Director Health and Social Care</p> <p><b>Dr Diana Forrest</b> – Director of Public Health</p> <p><b>Dr Chris Mimmagh</b> – Medical Director NHS Knowsley</p> <p><b>Councillor Graham Wright</b> – Knowsley Council</p> <p><b>Ian Davies</b> – Director, Strategy &amp; Programme Co-ordination. NHS Knowsley</p> <p><b>Hassan Argomandkhah</b> – Community Pharmacist</p> <p><b>James Duncan</b> – Borough Treasurer</p> <p><b>Liz Gaulton</b> – Service Director – Family Support and Children’s Health Services</p> <p><b>Andrew McCormick</b> – Service Director Leisure and Cultural Services</p> <p><b>Tim Molton</b> – Chief Executive New Deal for Communities</p> <p><b>Sheila Bersin</b> – Knowsley Older People’s Partnership</p> <p><b>Frank Gleeson</b> – HealthInk/Community representative</p> <p><b>Jackie Fitzgerald</b> – Carer’s Representative, Carers Reference Group</p> <p><b>Frank Reppion</b> – Age Concern Knowsley</p> <p><b>Tony Foy</b> – Service Director – Modernisation and Partnerships</p> <p><b>Mark Keegan</b> – Clinical Lead for Education and Training</p>
<b>In attendance:</b>	<p><b>Shirley King</b> – Health and Wellbeing Partnerships Manager</p> <p><b>Jonathan Clark</b> – Strategic Planning Manager, DRES</p> <p><b>Rachel Cleal</b> – Programme Manager Personalisation</p> <p><b>Wendy Green</b> – Executive Support Assistant</p>
<b>Apologies:</b>	<p><b>Councillor Jayne Aston</b> – Knowsley Council</p> <p><b>Paul Brickwood</b> – Director, Finance and Commissioning, NHS Knowsley</p> <p><b>Jane Raven</b> – Director Human Resources &amp; Organisational Development</p> <p><b>Mike Harden</b> – Executive Director Corporate Resources</p>

	<p><b>Damian Allen</b> – Executive Director Children and Families  <b>Dale Milburn</b> – Service Director Economy and Employment  <b>Chris Roderick</b> – Knowsley Disability Concern  <b>Louise Carrington</b> – Integrated Commissioning Manager – Supported Living</p>
<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	Anita Marsland welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.
<b>Agenda Item 1</b>	<b><u>Minutes of the meeting held on 8 October 2009</u></b>
<b>What was this item about?</b>	The minutes of the meeting held on 8 October 2009 were reported back to the Management Board for amendment and/or approval.
<b>What was agreed?</b>	Minutes agreed.
<b>Agenda Item 2</b>	<p><b><u>Matters Arising</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Swine Flu Update</u></b></p> <p>Ian Davies updated the Management Board on the current situation regarding the Swine Flu outbreak to which there has been a significant decline nationally, although for those hospitalised there have been a number of deaths.</p> <p>Locally we have been successful in targeting various groups - 28,000 vaccinated (60%). The next group to be targeted will be 6 months to 5 year olds at Dr Kinlochs Practice. In the New Year a similar approach of 3 days per week will be taken to allow the vaccination to be offered to all under 5's by the end of January 2010.</p> <p>The next group targeted will be Carers around mid February although a number have been vaccinated already.</p> <p>The WRVS were particularly commended for their support.</p> <p>Jackie Fitzgerald informed the Board of two carers who had commented on how well the vaccination programme is organised and that good community spirit is being shown.</p> <p>Anita Marsland stated it was mentioned at Council as to</p>

	<p>how we could improve e.g. Forms to be completed beforehand. Jackie Fitzgerald confirmed there had been plenty of help with completing forms.</p> <p>Dr Chris Mimmagh informed the Board of the intention to engage in catching up with other types of vaccinations for the under 5's during the process.</p> <p>Anita Marsland thanked everyone who had contributed to this successful outcome.</p> <p><u>Health &amp; Wellbeing Forum</u></p> <p>Frank Reppion thanked the Management Board members on behalf of the Health and Wellbeing Forum for all their support during the year.</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 3</b> <b>What was this item about?</b></p>	<p><b><u>Partnership Sub Group Governance</u></b> <b><u>Terms of Reference of the:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b><u>Single Workforce Governance Group</u></b></li> <li>- <b><u>Pooled Budget Governance Group</u></b></li> </ul> <p>To update the Health and Wellbeing Management Board with details of the Terms of Reference that have been established for two new Sub Groups operating within the Health and Wellbeing Partnership's governance arrangements under the Section 75 (NHS Act 2006) Agreement.</p> <p>The Management Board was also asked to approve the Terms of Reference, as appropriate, and to note the progress made in establishing the Sub Groups.</p>
<p><b>What was discussed?</b></p>	<p>Shirley King introduced the report taking the Management Board through the detailed Terms of Reference for the Single Workforce Governance Group and the Pooled Budget Governance Group.</p> <p>The Single Workforce Governance Group will be Chaired by Jane Raven, Director of Human Resources and Organisational Development and the Pooled Budget Governance Group will be Chaired by Paul Brickwood, Director of Finance and Commissioning, Both will be members of the Management Board, attending as appropriate to report on the work programme and activities of each sub group.</p> <p>A general discussion took place as to whether there should be formal reporting of the minutes taken at both</p>



	<p>sub group meetings. It was suggested that the Chairs of each sub-group should feed back on the minutes of their meetings in future.</p> <p>Anita Marsland highlighted the importance of these two sub groups in respect of the efficiency savings required over the next 5 years and the need to ensure that services can still be delivered and quality maintained.</p> <p>James Duncan referred to the issues to be faced in identifying economies and the judgements that need to be made during this process.</p>
<b>What was agreed?</b>	<p>The Terms of Reference for the Single Workforce Governance Group and Pooled Budget Governance Group were agreed.</p> <p>It was also agreed that the formal minutes from the two sub group meetings will be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Management Board.</p>
<b>Agenda Item 4 What was this item about?</b>	<p><b><u>Knowsley Local Development Framework</u></b></p> <p>To update the Health and Wellbeing Partnership Management Board on the Local Development Framework (LDF); consider how the LDF can help support health and wellbeing in Knowsley and consider potential implications of the LDF for future health services.</p>
<b>What was discussed?</b>	<p>Jonathan Clarke thanked the Management Board for the invitation to draw out the health and wellbeing implications for the Local Development Framework and plans up to 2026.</p> <p>The main challenge in meeting Government targets is to identify land for around 10,000 new dwellings; where they should be located; services needed; and specifically meeting health service needs.</p> <p>Jonathan highlighted that the current consultation paper sets out 3 potential options as to how the Borough may develop:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Urban Concentration</li> <li>• Focussed Urban Regeneration</li> <li>• Sustainable Urban Extensions</li> </ul> <p>and the specific issues relating to health and wellbeing. For example, how we promote walking, cycling,</p>

greenspace for sports activity, ageing population needs and types of housing required. A full Health Impact Assessment Process is proposed regarding this.

Jonathan distributed a copy of the LDF leaflet which is being circulated to residents and welcomed any comments from the Management Board on how the Partnership should engage in future stages of the strategy.

Dr Diana Forrest said it was good to see links that are already being made and to continue in-depth work with Matt Ashton and the Health Promoting Environment workstream, as well as linking up with Knowsley at Heart. It would also be good to liaise with LINKs re Research by Liverpool University.

Tim Molton informed the Board of an area in North Huyton where there is an opportunity to do some research re New Deal for Communities, in terms of economic profile.

Diana Forrest agreed there is a need to identify opportunities for new communities coming into the area and to link this research with Margaret Whitehead (Liverpool University). Diana stated she will arrange for Matt Ashton to contact Tim Molton regarding this.

Ian Davies emphasised the need to link up with Jonathan on infrastructure issues which would include planning developments and the number of new dwellings as opposed to new population. Jonathan also highlighted the need to liaise on the type of dwellings required for certain areas i.e., Kirkby / Prescott, urban areas.

From a residents point of view Jackie Fitzgerald highlighted the importance of planning in urban areas as this will reflect on the feeling of wellbeing i.e., greenbelt issues.

Sheila Bersin highlighted the situation in Halewood as an example in that there is plenty of new housing but very few local shops.

Tim Molton mentioned North Huyton area and out of 10,000 homes there were only 3 bungalows.

Hassan Argomandkhah also raised the need to look at

	<p>commercial regeneration.</p> <p>Jonathan stated that at the moment they are looking at remodelling Knowsley Industrial Park alongside the Town Centres and acknowledged all the points that had been made.</p> <p>Jonathan indicated that he would be able to bring regular updates back to the Management Board, including the Health Impact Assessments.</p> <p>Anita on behalf of the Board thanked Jonathan for presenting the report and welcomed further updates.</p>
<b>What was agreed?</b>	The recommendations of the report were agreed.
<b>Agenda Item 5 What was this item about?</b>	<p><b><u>NST (National Support Team) visit – Health Inequalities Recommendations</u></b></p> <p>To provide the Health and Wellbeing Partnership Management Board with an overview of the recommendations made by the Department of Health’s National Support Team, and report on progress made so far with regard to these recommendations.</p>
<b>What was discussed?</b>	<p>Dr Diana Forrest introduced the above report regarding the visit made in September 2009 and highlighted the progress made.</p> <p>The main recommendation from the team concerned female life expectancy in Knowsley which had widened against the national trend. Diana Forrest highlighted there was a lot of work to be done to achieve the target for 2010.</p> <p>Work is currently ongoing with the ‘Knowsley at Heart’ Cardio Vascular Disease programme which shows more women attending CVD health checks than men. The smoking cessation programme is also attracting more women than men.</p> <p>The Scrutiny Working Group looked at the issue of cardio-vascular disease and how leisure services can help, especially around family activity.</p> <p>We now have a clearer understanding of the numbers of female deaths needed to be prevented (15 per year).</p> <p>The Public Health Intelligence Team are currently</p>

	<p>analysing the North West Ambulance Service data to understand emergency admissions more clearly.</p> <p>The emphasis is upon prevention, with the National Support Team focusing particularly on Primary Care and GP services. Engaging clinicians is the key to promoting the prevention agenda.</p> <p>Frank Reppion informed the Board of 160 volunteers involved in supporting Older People and how this is linked in to the Knowsley at Heart Programme. Four partners are running this project together; how to support, signpost, give guidance and raise people's awareness – complementing all the initiatives.</p> <p>Tim Molton queried the lack of area focus i.e., where do the Area Partnership Boards and neighbourhood based governance fit in?</p> <p>Tony Foy mentioned the work taking place through North Kirkby Area Partnership Board to tackle the high levels of smoking and a model that is being set up, using local intelligence and social marketing.</p>
<b>What was agreed?</b>	<p>The Board noted the content of the report.</p> <p>An updated report and action plan will be brought to a future meeting of the Management Board.</p>
<b>Agenda Item 6 What was this item about?</b>	<p><b><u>Working Neighbourhoods Fund Update</u></b></p> <p>To update the Health and Wellbeing Management Board on the position regarding the 2009/10 WNF Allocation to Health Inequalities projects.</p>
<b>What was discussed?</b>	<p>Shirley King read out a briefing provided by Paul Brickwood on the current position regarding 2009/10 WNF Allocation.</p> <p>It was considered appropriate to allow any approved project that has sufficiently demonstrated the need to carry forward WNF into 2010/11, to retain the level of funding as originally approved. If necessary, slippage of scheme funding in 2010/11 will be carried forward by NHS Knowsley into 2011/12 through agreement with the Borough Council to ensure that the schemes can deliver the anticipated benefits.</p> <p>James Duncan highlighted the need to be very clear it is</p>

	<p>a 2 year programme.</p> <p>Jan Coulter suggested that the Pooled Budget Governance Group monitor this fund to which the Board agreed.</p> <p>Diana Forrest queried what happens following the end of the 2 year programme.</p> <p>Jan Coulter confirmed that the Health and Wellbeing Commissioning Board would be looking at these issues.</p> <p>James Duncan stated that impact assessments will be very important in deciding these commissioning priorities.</p>
<b>What was agreed?</b>	<p>It was agreed the Pooled Budget Governance Group will monitor the Working Neighbourhoods Fund. In addition, Paul Brickwood's statement is to be circulated to Management Board members.</p>
<b>Agenda Item 7 What was this item about?</b>	<p><b><u>Local Area Agreement – Performance Update</u></b></p> <p><b>(i) NI120a&amp;b Life Expectancy</b></p> <p><b>(ii) NI130 Self Directed Support</b></p> <p><b>(iii) NI 141 Independent Living</b></p> <p>The above reports advised the Board of progress against performance targets and also confirmed to Government Office that the Partnership is monitoring performance regularly.</p>
<b>What was discussed?</b>	<p><b><u>(i) NI120 a and b Life Expectancy</u></b></p> <p>Diana Forrest briefed the Board on the latest performance data. All Age, All Cause Mortality is improving but not fast enough. Female mortality is not improving, and in fact has worsened over the current reporting period. The major causes of this are specifically lung cancer, respiratory disease and CVD – all of which have a strong link to smoking.</p> <p>A general discussion took place where it was noted there is a core group of individuals who do not want to give up smoking and are just dealing with day to day pressures of life and not looking to the future effects of smoking and poor diet. Liz Gaulton also highlighted the older generation of females who are reluctant to visit their GP's/request help and support.</p>

Targeted action will be undertaken to achieve both short-term improvement and sustained improvements for the future.

#### NI130 Self Directed Support

Rachel Cleal briefed the Board confirming that personal budgets are currently on target. It is anticipated that the target set for April 2010 will be met and 1000 residents will be in receipt of a personal budget.

Rachel circulated a brochure on the implementation of outcome focussed reviews which will help achieve this target.

Jackie Fitzgerald informed the Board that she is involved in this process now and is looking forward to the outcome.

Jan Coulter confirmed it is a positive step forward and it is about what people can do rather than what they can't do. Rachel agreed that views are very positive. In the future people will be able to support their own plans.

Tony Foy added that this is about bringing change as well as meeting targets.

Frank Reppion felt that local provision is strong to support the personalisation programme.

#### NI 141 Independent Living

In the absence of Louise Carrington, Tony Foy informed the Board that performance continues to improve and suggested a broader discussion regarding this item at a future Management Board meeting.

Jan Coulter raised the response to the Comprehensive Area Assessment findings regarding homelessness issues and how this briefing could provide a structure for the Partnership to bring together a full report.

Anita Marsland requested this item be included at the next meeting (presentation).

Tim Molton highlighted how young males are being moved out to very problematic areas and how these dynamics impact on the Homelessness Strategy. More

	<p>opportunities seem to be provided for males than females around Leisure Services / Building Schools for the Future.</p> <p>Jan Coulter to contact Louise Carrington to organise a discussion regarding these issues.</p>
<b>What was agreed?</b>	<p>The above reports were noted.</p> <p>Update on Independent Living to be discussed at the next Management Board meeting.</p>
<b>Agenda Item 8 What was this item about</b>	<p><b><u>Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector (VCF) Issues:</u></b> <b><u>Health and Wellbeing Forum</u></b></p> <p>To update members of the Management Board with details of developments with regard to the VCF Sector generally and the Health and Wellbeing Forum specifically.</p>
<b>What was discussed?</b>	<p>Frank Reppion thanked the Management Board for their support throughout the year.</p> <p>Frank referred to the development work currently being undertaken to introduce new ways of partnership working. It is hoped that there will also be a stronger role for the faith sector, while maintaining the clear focus around health and wellbeing.</p> <p>The Health and Wellbeing Forum meetings have been scheduled prior to the Management Board meetings to enable the Forum to feedback any issues. Anita confirmed this approach was well received at the Full Board meeting held on 14 December.</p> <p>Shirley King informed the Board that it is not just about re-naming / re-branding the Forum. It has been difficult in forming and bringing this group together and there is a need for commitment in attendance at the meetings. The Terms of Reference have been agreed and a 'core group' also established which should support this process.</p> <p>Jan Coulter highlighted the need for the Forum to inform the Management Board of how they can influence and support key agendas e.g., personalisation.</p> <p>Sheila Bersin raised the issues of the number of</p>

	<p>'partnerships' that the VCF Sector could get involved with – it was difficult to determine how they all fitted together.</p> <p>Frank Reppion referred to the wider partnership groups, such as Stronger Communities Partnership and Voluntary Sector Forum.</p> <p>Shirley King confirmed the current membership/contributors to the Health and Wellbeing Forum.</p> <p>Jan Coulter confirmed that the Forum needed to focus on Health and Wellbeing issues and not duplicate what is being done elsewhere; therefore its existence would be reviewed regularly.</p> <p>Frank Reppion, on behalf of the Health and Wellbeing Forum, formally thanked Jan Coulter, Tony Foy, Shirley King and Wendy Green for their support.</p>
<b>What was agreed?</b>	The above briefing was noted.
<b>Agenda Item 9</b>	<p><b><u>AOB</u></b></p> <p><u>Outdoor Green Gyms</u></p> <p>Sheila Bersin referred to the current campaign to secure funding for an Outdoor Green Gym for older people. A brief discussion followed on the potential health benefits of this equipment.</p> <p><u>2010 Year of Health and Wellbeing</u></p> <p>Jackie Fitzgerald highlighted that 2010 is the year of Health and Wellbeing. Anita Marsland informed the Board that Knowsley has contributed and that it is being badged as 'Liverpool &amp; the City Region'.</p>
	<p><b><u>Next Meeting:</u></b></p> <p>Thursday 11 February 2010 at 10am (Boardroom, Nutgrove Villa)</p>





**HALEWOOD TOWN COUNCIL**

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Dated this 10 December 2009

**To the Chairman & Members of the Town Council.**

**You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Town Council to be held on Thursday 17 December 2009, commencing at 7:30 p.m. in the Halewood Centre, Roseheath Drive, Halewood L26 9UH.**

**(Please note the venue for this meeting).**

*John Green*

**JOHN GREEN – TOWN MANAGER**

**AGENDA**

- 1. Apologies.**
- 2. Declaration of Interest in Items on the Agenda.**
- 3. Public Forum**

In accordance with Standing Order 47, members of the public, having made prior arrangements with the Town Manager, may be invited to speak to the meeting of the Town Council on a matter concerning the Township of Halewood. Although prior notice is appreciated, the Chairman may invite the public, if attending, to address the Council at this point.

- 4. Presentation – Knowsley Local Development Framework**

To receive a short presentation from Mr Jonathan Clarke, Strategic Planning Manager, Knowsley MBC regarding the Knowsley Local Development Framework.

## **5. Minutes**

To approve, and sign the minutes of :

- a). The full Town Council meeting held on 19 November 2009 – attached.

## **6. Town Managers Information Update**

To report progress on issues appertaining to the Town Council, which are not covered elsewhere in this agenda.-**FOR INFORMATION ONLY.**

## **7. Update – Proposed Torrington Drive Playground**

To receive the report of the Town Manager – attached.

## **8. Requests for Concessionary or Free Use, or Grants**

To receive the report of the Town Manager – attached.

## **9. Schedule of Payments**

- (a) To authorise and sign the latest schedule of accounts.

## **10. Reports from Conferences/Representative Bodies.**

To receive any verbal reports from the Town Manager and/or Members present who have attended conferences or representative bodies on behalf of the Town Council – **FOR INFORMATION ONLY.**

## **11. Correspondence.**

To consider the following items of attached correspondence received by the Town Manager since the last meeting with appropriate action to be taken.

- (a). KMBC List of Planning Applications received for the period. – **FOR REVIEW AND DECISION.**

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*The next scheduled meetings of the Town Council is the full meeting of the Town Council scheduled to take place on Thursday 21 January 2010 at The Halewood Centre, Roseheath Drive, Halewood, L26 9UH, commencing at 7:30 p.m.*



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**MINUTES OF THE PRESCOT, WHISTON, CRANTON & K VILLAGE**  
**COMMUNITY NETWORK**  
**12<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2010**

**PRESENT**

J Edmunds (mins) -Youatt Ave Community Assoc  
 R Hilton –PCSTO Merseyside Police  
 M Urdhin – NHS Knowsley  
 G Wildgoose – KMBC  
 S Gowland –Neighbourhood Services KMBC  
 B Lyon – Merseyside IBS

M Handley –Friends of Henley Park  
 C Leedam – PCSTO Merseyside Police  
 R Apser – KMBC  
 D Mitcheson – K Village Network  
 G Lyon – Merseyside IBS

1 **APOLOGIES**

Angela Pearlman      Heather Vaughan      Josie Bennett      Mike Kokolay

2. **MINUTES**

True record for accuracy proposed Denis, seconded Beryl.

3. **WELCOME/Introductions**

Introductions and a warm welcome was expressed to, Rachel, Gareth, Rebecca & Chris

4. **MATTERS ARISING** from December minutes

a) (Point 7c prev mins) re Christmas Lights in Henley Park – they were kindly paid for by Taylor Woodrow and not by Neighbourhood Services & the Friends Group as first thought. The Christmas tree and lights had been vandalised twice, and needed a metal frame surround to prevent any further damage.

5. **NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING** update

- Theft from motor vehicles – this has increased, due to the weather & people running their car engines, but leaving the vehicles unoccupied.
- Confrontational burglary took place in McVinnie Road Prescot at 8pm on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan, fleeing in the victims BMW car. 3 youths arrested on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> in connection with confrontational burglaries across Merseyside
- Anti social behaviour – trying to identify youths who have been involved in snowball bombardment etc.
- Alison is dealing with Tenancy Enforcement today and is out on the High Hills estate with KHT Officers.
- Traffic Operation Nemesis – just before Christmas, in the Week of Action. 13 endorsables for speeding or using hand held mobiles whilst driving.

**Maurice:** very concerned re his mother in law, who received a phone call from BT re special offers on reducing her phone bill & asking her for bank details etc, what action should they take?

**Steve:** advised to get the credit card details changed.

**Geoff:** EEC Home Securities contacted them today, they asked for a secret password. Rebecca & Chris took details and offered to look into it.

**Janet:** next door neighbour received a phone call re a free shredder & security check, supposed to be visiting her today at 1pm. (contact details given to CSO's to follow up on)

Discussion followed

### **Shopwatch scheme for Prescot**

**Janet:** received an Informational email from Mike Kokolay on 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 09 it read: 'Some exciting news about the official launch of the Prescot Shopwatch scheme'

It will offer retailers the benefit of:

- A designated point of contact
- A link radio to communicate between stores and the Police direct.(NB only for those that have link radio system)
- Bi-monthly Crime Bulletins with images of those arrested and known to be responsible for criminal activity within the locality.
- Crime reduction advice and literature
- Monthly Police Newsletter highlighting the work that has been undertaken by the Police & Partner agencies to reduce such incidents occurring in the future.
- Banning Orders for those found/caught continually causing Anti Social Behaviour or committing a criminal offence.

All of those that are part of the scheme have signed a Data Protection agreement in order to receive this information.

This will enable retailers to feel safer in the work place, and visitors benefit from a better customer experience when shopping in Prescot with regular Police presence, awareness posters to be displayed in windows to enforce a positive message that action will be taken against offenders.

If you do have any questions please contact Mike on 777 6332 or via email

## **6. HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE FUTURE OF KNOWSLEY**

Rachel & Gareth spoke on the 1<sup>st</sup> stage of the Local Development Frame Work Scheme  
This is an import plan that takes a number of years to produce & will shape development in Knowsley for years to come

Some of the bullet points:

- **Issues and Options Consultation November 09 & ends in Jan 2010 – Autumn 2010 Preferred Options Consultation: - Mid 2011 Submit to Government: - Late 2011 Adopt Plan**
- Strategy requirements that consultation takes place in Knowsley.
- 10.000 new homes need to be built, to beat the regional target
- Create attractive places for people to live, work and spend their leisure time.

**Maurice:** Housing & Environment is a very sensitive issue, as it can cause problems if not done correctly.

- Creating opportunities for new employment
- Making the best use of Green Spaces
- Specific policies for Area Partnership Board areas
- Strategy that the public are satisfied with.

**Questions:**

a) **Denis:** what take up have you had so far?

**Rachel:** couple of hundred responses so far.

b) What is the preferred option scheme?

**Rachel:** A & C split seems to be the majority.

c) **Janet:** What proportion should be private?

**Rachel:** It depends:

- Need to identify were the demand is: gap in 1<sup>st</sup> time buyers property, bungalows for elderly etc

d) **Denis:** Housing is for life & needs to have access for wheel chairs.

e) **Maurice:** how does it fit in with the UDP plans? (Unitary Development Plans)

**Gareth:** all UDP Policies will remain in force, 1has been removed from the Town Centres due to implications which had succeeded the Unitary Development Plan.

**Rachel:** massive infrastructure plan needed to talk to all services i.e. BT, Water Utilities etc.

Rachel & Gareth was thanked for their input & enlightenment.

For more information log on to [www.knowsley.gov.uk/LDF](http://www.knowsley.gov.uk/LDF)

## 7. **PRIMARY CARE TRUST** updates (now known as NHS Knowsley)

- Community Development workers now in place, who will help to deliver key targets for 2010/2011.
- With the team being a commissioned service, there is a greater emphasis on evaluating all health & wellbeing initiatives in the community
- Community Health Development Officers will be expected to create more projects & develop more robust methods of evaluation, than they have previously in place.
- **Key targets for Health & Wellbeing:**
  - Early Years
  - Year 5 primary school children – aged 8 & 9
  - 40+ women

The targets will include continuing to deliver initiatives on reducing the rate of heart disease, overweight and obese Knowsley residents. Therefore, many initiatives will incorporate an element of physical activity and will aim to work more closely with Sports Development.

Healthy Schools have established a list of 11 priority schools that are at risk of having overweight/obese children.

Development Officers will focus their work mainly with year 5 (8/9yrs) and year 6 10/11yrs old) in the following schools;

- **Knowsley Village School** (Sugar Lane)
- Malvern Primary – Huyton
- Park Brow – Kirkby
- **Whiston Willis – Whiston**
- Nine Trees – Stockbridge Village
- Ravenscroft – Kirkby

- St Gabriels – Huyton
- **Our Ladys – Prescott**
- St Maries – Huyton
- St Brigids – Stockbridge Village
- St Margaret Marys – Huyton

### PWCKV Health Forum

When Marianna goes on her career break, Joanne Cotter will act as her replacement for the four months she is away. (Marianna, members wish you well, have a great holiday)

- Agenda, shaped by forum members for 2010 is almost arranged.

### Measure Up - Weight Management

- Programmes booked for PWCKV – 2010

Cronton Community Centre: Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April - July 8<sup>th</sup> **NB** this programme has been postponed until 2011 (due to staff shortages) to be replaced by an exercise class, which is to be confirmed later.

Whiston Town Hall: Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September - December 9<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm

### Ageing Well Plus

Out of 28 people who joined Measure Up in Knowsley Village (2009) 16 completed the full course, as a result of including a session on exit strategies on the programme, 8 members have now joined the Ageing Well Plus initiative.

The Ageing Well project works to recruit & train people aged 50+ to become peer health mentors. They complete an 8 week training programme and then they are encouraged to pass on important health messages to family, friends & other older people they come into contact with. It has been found to be really successful in getting important health information out into the community in both Kirkby & Halewood.

**Janet:** The Health Forum held on the last Friday of the month at Bryer Road Community Centre is getting the same (if not more) important health messages out to the community not just 50+ people. (I think Marianna should get some recognition & thanks for the work she has done to date)

### **8** ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Geoff:** Invitations have been sent out to visit St Edmund Arrowsmith RC Centre. On 20<sup>th</sup> January from 9.30am.
- Marianna:** Lady wanting to know where she could find a course on needlework. Signposted to people who could help.
- Steve:** Waste collection update - they will be gritting 24 - 48hrs before the refuge men are due to collect. (starting for Wednesdays collection)

Meeting closed 2.45pm

Date of next meeting  
**Tues 9<sup>th</sup> February at 1pm**  
 (One Stop Prescott)



AGENDA  
For the meeting of:  
Prescot, Whiston, Cronton & Knowsley Village Community Network  
9<sup>th</sup> February 2010

1pm  
One Stop Shop Prescot

1. Apologies
2. Minutes
3. Matters Arising
4. Welcome, introductions
5. Neighbourhood Policing updates
6. NHS Knowsley updates?
7. KMBC Neighbourhood Services
8. Any Other Business
9. Next meeting



**KNOWSLEY ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETING  
TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2010 (1600 – 17.30)  
CONFERENCE ROOM, YORKON BUILDING, HUYTON**

**AGENDA**

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|--|----------------------------|
| <b>1. Welcome and Apologies</b>  | <b>Chair</b>               |
| <b>2. Agree minutes &amp; action points of meeting held 22.10.2009</b> | <b>Chair</b>               |
| <b>3. Agree amended Terms of Reference</b>                             | <b>Barry Fawcett</b>       |
| <b>4. Destination Kirkby update</b>                                    | <b>Chair/Nick Kavanagh</b> |
| <b>5. LDF presentation &amp; discussion</b>                            | <b>Jonathon Clarke</b>     |
| <b>6. Knowsley Renewable Energy Action Plan</b>                        | <b>Maurice Gubbins</b>     |
| <b>7. Date of Next Meeting</b>   | <b>ALL</b>                 |

## Economic Partnership Board

13<sup>th</sup> January 2010

### Item 5: LDF Presentation and Discussion

The Board received a presentation regarding the Local Development Framework, focussing on the Issues and Options consultation. This involved an overview of the LDF process, an explanation of the relationship of the LDF with the current Unitary Development Plan and Sustainable Community Strategy, an explanation of the importance of evidence base, as well as a short summary of the ongoing Core Strategy Issues and Options consultation. The presentation then focused on the economic impacts of the LDF, with a particular focus on the strategic issues and options for Knowsley's economy. This included highlighting the following:

- The importance of links with surrounding areas, including neighbouring authorities and other partners, and the significance of their plans and strategies for Knowsley.
- The priority of bridging the current gap between the average earnings of a Knowsley resident and those of people working in Knowsley, moving towards ensuring that Knowsley's highly paid jobs are taken by Knowsley residents. This involves raising aspirations of the workforce, as well as ensuring that up-skilling occurs.
- The importance of attracting new residents to Knowsley, growing the population to build sustainable communities, and ensuring that those people living and working in Knowsley also spend their money in the Borough's centres.
- Knowsley's reliance on relatively limited employment sectors and a few major employers, resulting in a lack of diversity in Knowsley's economic base.
- There are relatively low business start-up rates and VAT registrations within the Borough.
- The role of large employment sites in Knowsley, with relatively limited supply of other types of employment land, which may not need the needs of modern business and hence could endanger employment growth.
- The importance of managing retail expenditure leakage from Knowsley to neighbouring authorities and the need to enhance the shopping offer within Kirkby, Huyton and Prescot centres.

Subsequent the presentation, a number of other points were discussed by the Board:

- The importance of ensuring that people who work in Knowsley also live in the Borough and spend their money within Knowsley's town centres.
- The critical importance of ensuring that Knowsley's economy develops in a sustainable manner, with regard to low carbon emissions, renewable energy and sustainable design.
- Consultation with economic partners is important, with a good response received from the business community for the Issue and Options consultation; it is also important that respondents raise any points that may have been overlooked by the Council.
- The LDF is a good opportunity to think about place-shaping rather than just planning policy, and presents a chance to bring partners together with the aim of sustainable development. The LDF can encourage behavioural change.
- The LDF also presents an opportunity for removing barriers and being aspirational about where Knowsley is going for the next 15 years.

- There are potential difficulties in aligning the LDF process with other plans and strategies produced by the Council and its partners. It will be important to ensure links, e.g. with employment and skills policies, are recognised. The LDF could become a vehicle to consider the “bigger picture” priorities.
- Wide-ranging consultation will be critical to the success of the LDF, with a particular focus on Knowsley’s younger people – it will be important to understand their views.
- There will be important links between the LDF and the Local Economic Assessment; this is being done at the city-region level, but there will be some local input. In addition, links with the Multi-Area Agreement, Regional Strategy and local economic and regeneration strategies will be critical.
- The LDF will need to account for city-region partners, and will need a maturity of cooperation to ensure that effective partnership working occurs.
- Issues of Green Belt change are emotive and will need to be dealt with carefully; however, to date, consultation responses received have been relatively positive about this.
- Knowsley needs to increase its attractiveness as a business location, for example for conferences and meeting venues.
- There needs to be careful consideration given to the transition between land uses in Knowsley. There has traditionally been stark contrast between different areas, and there could be an opportunity to increase amenity, for example, the use of and access to green spaces, through enhancing linkages.

**Cronton Neighbourhood Network Meeting  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January  
7.00pm**

**at Holy Family Club, Hall Lane**

**AGENDA**

1	Welcome & Introductions	5 mins
2	Minutes of last meeting	10 mins
3	Matters Arising	10 mins
4	Measure Up!	10 mins
5	PACT session (Police And Community Together)	30 mins
6	Local Development Framework	30 mins
7	Draft Constitution for the Network	10 mins
79	Any other business	10 mins

PLEASE CAN EVERYONE MAKE SURE THAT THEY HAVE SIGNED IN  
MANY THANKS

## **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK**

### **KNOWSLEY OLDER PEOPLE'S VOICE - 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2010**

#### Purpose of the Event

The event was part of the Council's Local Development Framework Issues and Options consultation and was attended by 21 members of Knowsley Older People's Voice representing the views of the older community from the various townships within Knowsley.

This document is a record of the comments made by individual attendees, but does not aim to represent an agreed statement of what all attendees thought as people may well have individual views which differ from some of the comments.

Although the event was held outside of the formal consultation period due to scheduling constraints, the issues raised during workshop discussions will be considered carefully as we move forward with the Local Development Framework.

#### General questions and issues relating to the presentation

- There are problems associated with the continued blight of brownfield areas, meaning that regeneration for residential use continually fails.
- Concern about continued vacancy rates, and questions raised about mass demolition when there is a need to meet government house building targets. Best possible use should be made of existing housing stock before moving to the development of Greenfield and Green Belt land.
- Problems with high vacancy levels in apartments / flats, and questions as to whether there is anything the Council can do to force private landlords to charge lower rents.
- Question how seriously we should take government house building targets when there could be a change of government in May this year?
- Not all of the residents within the local area have received leaflets, this needs to be addressed.
- Very concerned that there is a continual lack of response from the Council on key issues.

#### **Group Discussions**

#### Process and consultation arrangements

- For future sessions, it would be beneficial if enough time was allowed for all those wishing to ask a question or make a comment to be able to do so. It was also requested that speakers ensure that they account for the order in which requests were made to ask a question, so that no-one is left out of the process.
- General comment that the consultation is too vague and too difficult for people to understand.
- Could it be arranged that in the future, copies of consultation documents are made more widely available, for example as loan copies from libraries or distributed to neighbourhood groups so they can be shared around.
- Generally across the Council there are too many committees and it is difficult to get a message across. There is a lack of communication with local people. Older People's Voice and the Link schemes are good, but more could be done e.g. half hour sessions at committee meetings for local people to have their say.

- There is potentially too much reliance on IT for communication, as not all people have access to the internet and emails. Would prefer personal face-to-face discussions and meaningful debate with others.
- The plans must be seen through until the end – local people are getting tired of repeated consultations
- Halewood was missing from the presentation, although it does have an elected Town Council - a bad mistake.

### Points raised by the groups

#### *Housing*

- Concern about the validity of present housing calculations given the possibility of a political regime change at the next general election.
- A mix of housing would be supported so that isolated areas are not created to avoid concentrations of people with specific problems or who cause anti-social behaviour. This should be a mix of housing types and of tenures, including affordable units.
- What evidence does Knowsley MBC have regarding housing mix and local housing demand?
- A range of house types need to be provided to meet the needs of those who live in them i.e. not just general solutions. For example, apartments may be more appropriate than houses for those who do not want a garden.
- Shared ownership is a good option to pursue.
- Often it is not the actual buildings quality which is relevant; it is the problems caused by the occupiers - anti social behaviour. Tower Hill is an example of this.
- Problems have been noted with the co-location of too many larger (e.g. four bedroom) houses in the local area. This can lead to overpopulation of a small estate with many large families.
- Older people feel trapped in houses too large and unsuitable to their requirements – need for more Older Peoples Bungalows in the Borough to provide choice in local areas and release stock of larger private housing that is currently under-occupied.
- There is a need for bungalows to be provided by both the private sector and the social rented sector. There should be less provision of flats, as there are already too many of these.
- Need more specifically designed retirement homes e.g. retirement villages.
- Need for more sheltered accommodation, as there are waiting lists for many of the existing sheltered schemes.
- Frustration at high vacancy rates and the amount of vacant / underused / abandoned land around Knowsley.
- Construction quality of houses is important - need to reduce energy bills. For example, triple glazing is very important.
- Some reasonable examples of housing in Knowsley (e.g. Twickenham Drive, Huyton) but have to pay a lot for quality. New houses are too expensive.
- Problems of too many apartments having been built e.g. on the Quarry in Huyton which have not been occupied despite having been built several years ago.
- Play facilities also important and houses should have own parking spaces.
- Car parking should be provided off street, but car parking courts should be avoided.
- Empty properties are a huge issue.

- How will existing stock be utilised and existing areas regenerated? New development alone will not entirely address existing pockets of deprivation throughout the Borough.
- Unfair bias in terms of housing delivery, renewal strategies and public funding in the Borough, everything seems to be focused upon Huyton or Tower Hill – why are other areas in Halewood and Kirkby overlooked?
- Need for partnership working with Registered Social Landlord's to ensure delivery and availability of suitable properties in individual townships to address local needs.
- Hard to let properties may need to be demolished.
- Renewal of housing does not necessarily address the fundamental social problems of an area.
- Cantril Farm was built in poor quality brick.
- Perception that housing delivery and funding for public sector housing maintenance was better managed under Liverpool City Council prior to reorganisation in 1974.
- Carr Lane / Long view area – question whether the reasons why flats have been pulled down is because there is a Council aspiration for that area to be used as a road?
- Regarding the Thingwall Hall housing area, question whether the land is classed as Greenfield or brownfield land, and whether the appropriate remediation works are proposed as part of the most recent planning application for the area.
- Why are decisions taken to knock down perfectly good houses?
- What uses could there be for abandoned land? How can the Council force owners of land to invest in it rather than leave it vacant for many years? What role is there for compulsory purchase powers?
- Provision should be made for disabled access to new properties. Support for the Building for Life initiative for adaptable housing.
- Design of new homes is sometimes problematic. For example, within bungalows, it would be preferred if the living room overlooked the front of the house (i.e. street side) rather than the rear of the house.

### *Town Centres*

- Unfair bias in terms of retail development and funding in the Borough, everything seems to be focused upon Huyton first and foremost – Halewood and Kirkby are sidelined.
- New shopping facilities are a priority in Huyton town centre and Kirkby town centre is in clear need of regeneration.
- In Kirkby some of the buildings are of poor quality – concerns over the delivery of new development and the constant delays – not enough local control over the process and too much reliance on meeting developer needs.
- Town centres need more clothes shops (desperately in the case of Kirkby).
- Kirkby - need to locate the new supermarket in the current town centre boundary i.e. where the old Asda was on the north side of the town centre.
- The substantial renewal of housing areas in Kirkby suggested by Option B would put even greater pressure on the town centre and existing infrastructure which could not cope in present form.
- Prescott has a very high vacancy rate in the town centre and this may well be due to the retail park. Some units have been vacant for many years. Within the Cables retail park, the units are too far spread out, making walking between them difficult. Prescott used to be a great centre, where you could buy many

comparison goods, e.g. clothes and shoes. There is a perception that the Tesco in Prescot has now irreparably damaged the old town centre.

- Concerns expressed over the influence that Tesco exert in the Borough and the unwillingness of the Council to control the detail of schemes or deliver development intent on community benefit rather than private commercial gain.
- There is limited consideration of Halewood's future – limited existing facilities for local people's retail needs and no apparent strategy in the Local Development Framework.
- Need to support small businesses more in the face of competition from the supermarkets e.g. in Huyton.
- Shopping parades - who controls the rents charged, as this is why shops stand empty and derelict?
- Concern that Tesco are allowed to take over a lot of land interests within Knowsley.
- General concern that there is a lack of large, attractive retail units in Knowsley (i.e. anchor stores like Marks and Spencer). It is felt that such a store would bring more investment to the Borough's centres.
- Huyton has a particular problem with charity shops. It used to be a great centre, with a Chinese restaurant, etc.
- We do not need more pubs in the town centres (around Huyton there are several vacant pubs) and when we provide eating facilities these are often of poor quality e.g. in Huyton.
- On local shopping parades, there are too many off licences. There is a need for a better range of shops. The lack of a local shop can affect the community and can lead to social problems.
- Kirkby market is a good facility but the other shops in the town centre are very poor.
- There is a severe lack of community facilities in Knowsley. There is nowhere for families to go, for example cinemas, bowling alleys, restaurants, community centres. We need to look to Spain for good examples of integrated communities focussed around a community centre.
- Tarbock Green suffers from a lack of facilities and shops. There is no local shop, greengrocer or community centre. There is concern that too much farmland is being built upon in the local area. There are very poor transport links to local centres like Huyton.

### *Employment*

- Land within Knowsley Industrial Park not efficiently used – scope for remodelling to address employment land requirements.
- There is major dereliction on Wilson Road industrial area. There is more vacancy than use on Ellis Ashton Street.
- Frustration at high vacancy rates and the amount of vacant / underused / abandoned land around Knowsley.
- Poor educational attainment needs to be addressed to raise the employment aspirations of young people in the Borough.
- Need to create more diverse employment opportunities within the Borough.
- Job creation from new developments can be overstated - e.g. Tesco claimed 1,000 new jobs but would this number really have been provided?
- Area around Brown's field in Prescot suffers from poor pedestrian access.

### *Health, Social Wellbeing, Education and Public Infrastructure*

- Very strong feeling overall that the community needs to be built back up.



- Schools and hospitals which are being built are of very high quality - the type of development that we could aspire to.
- What will happen to land made vacant by reorganisation of schools? This could be used for community benefit.
- St. John's Estate suffers from a lack of community spirit. There are no activities in the local area for children.
- Question why the Council spends lots of money on state of the art leisure centres when a lot of people don't want to swim or do sports - prefer a smaller community centre facility, which would be much cheaper to build.
- Leisure facilities - we are spending a lot of money on the new leisure centre in Huyton but concern that these should be to standards e.g. for international sport.
- Problems with access to Whiston, St.Helens and Fazakerley hospitals. Lack of access to cemeteries by bus. Lack of bus stops on the 89 route in Prescot.
- Links to Aintree hospital from Kirkby are quite good however.

### *Urban Design*

- Skelmersdale and Runcorn are examples of where some aspects of the urban design are of less good quality.
- Control over the design of new development is important to ensure the mistakes of the past are not replicated – i.e, divided communities and anti social behaviour caused by areas with poor public surveillance.

### *Green Belt*

- Need to protect the Green Belt from development; we need to maximise re-use of previously developed land to facilitate this.
- More efficient use of existing brownfield land for new housing could relieve the pressure for Green Belt release – enough vacant areas of land in the Borough to avoid green belt release.
- Worried that no-one seems to be able to say definitively which sites will be kept within the Green Belt at the moment.

### *Greenspace, Green Infrastructure, Public Open Space and Biodiversity*

- Knowsley has good quality green spaces and plenty of them.
- Young peoples needs are a priority when planning green spaces.
- Some green spaces may be a little large and difficult to maintain, i.e, Stadt Moers, need for more localised provision that is smaller but higher quality and with better accessibility.
- Need for more 'village greens' as these are policed by the residents and would therefore be a safe playground for the young.
- Questions raised about the expansion of the King's Business Park area. Does the Council own all this land? This area has some biodiversity value which should not be overlooked.
- School sites vacated as part of Building Schools for the Future – should be made available as open space for communities.
- Need to educate people on the responsibility for local facilities.

### *Transport*

- Motorway links in the Borough are a positive, but non-car based travel from Kirkby to Halewood remains almost impossible and is not good enough when the townships are both within Knowsley.

- De-regulation of bus services has caused real problems. Whilst we occasionally get special bus services many scheduled services are very poor. For example, it is impossible to travel from Halewood to St Helens by bus; links to Whiston hospital are a problem.
- Another example is that there are no bus services from the Moss Croft estate after 6.30pm.
- Concerns about safety and potential anti social behaviour if the Liverpool – Manchester line through Huyton is electrified as proposed.
- Southdene / Princes Road / St. Davids – what is happening in this area? Is there going to be a motorway continuation scheme?

*Climate change / Renewable energy*

- NHS/PCT Resource centre and public buildings are these automatically fitted with solar panels, etc?

**Knowsley Local Development Framework  
Core Strategy Issues and Options Consultation  
Sub-regional Partner Workshop**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2010**

**AGENDA**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>TIME</b>
1. Welcome and Introduction	10.00
2. Presentation: Knowsley's Issues and Options Paper	10.05
3. Discussion – Sub-regional Issues	10.30
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Town Centres</li><li>• Housing issues and land supply</li><li>• Employment issues and land supply</li><li>• Infrastructure</li></ul>	
4. Discussion – Cross Boundary Issues for Townships	11.20
5. Future Sub-regional Working	11.45
6. Close	12.00

## SUB-REGIONAL PARTNERS WORKSHOP – 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2010

### Knowsley Core Strategy Workshop

#### Themed Discussion Notes

##### Town Centres

- This policy area is clearly a very important issue for the sub-region.
- The need for Kirkby regeneration is recognised by neighbouring authorities, but there are important considerations around matters of scale and degree of this regeneration. It is also recognised that supermarket-led town centre regeneration may be the only option available to Local Authorities in the current economic climate.
- Part 2 of the Knowsley Town Centres and Shopping Study will set out scenarios for town centre expansion and policy recommendations for the distribution of growth around the three town centres within Knowsley. This is likely to state that more comparison shopping could be sustained in Knowsley's town centres – more than just a new supermarket is arguably needed in Kirkby, for example.
- Stonebridge in Liverpool will be subject to a new Supplementary Planning Document – it should be highlighted that this could be a potential rival node for Kirkby. The development in this area would not be a new district centre, but there is local pressure for food retail in the Stonebridge area.
- It is recognised that a large proportion of comparison expenditure will leak from Knowsley to Liverpool City Centre and Liverpool One – this is only to be expected when Knowsley is in such close proximity to the regional centre.
- There is clearly a need to increase spending power to attract investors into Knowsley. There is also a role for creating an attractive portfolio of sites available for investment. A Unitary Development Plan compliant scheme within Kirkby Town Centre could support this approach. Therefore the priority should be to construct a scheme that this both attractive to developers and addresses policy.
- It is not surprising that expenditure leakage from Kirkby is so high when there is no supermarket anchor in the town. A new anchor supermarket is the way forwards, but this must be within the right location in the town centre.
- Within the Knowsley Core Strategy Preferred Options stage, there will be policies to deal with the distribution of development between the Borough's centres. The Preferred Options paper will set out indicative floorspace figures for each town centre.
- Apart from the issues in Kirkby already discussed, there are significant issues to consider for Prescott town centre, for example due to the traditional nature of some of the retail units, and the Cables retail park development adjacent to the town centre.
- It is recognised that Huyton is probably the most successful town centre in Knowsley, if the Cables retail park is excluded from

consideration. It may be possible to pursue this Huyton model in Kirkby. The model may also be appropriate for other centres within the sub-region of a similar nature, for example Skelmersdale in West Lancashire.

- There may be significant delivery problems for town centre regeneration plans. Noted that Tesco have ownership of large parts of Kirkby and hence is a key stakeholder for this centre.
- There is a need to tackle the relatively poor evening economy and leisure offer within Knowsley. This is significant for all three town centres. Policies within the Preferred Options document will seek to promote a diversity of uses, particularly in Kirkby where there are opportunities to enhance the leisure offer associated with the town centre regeneration plans. It is recognised that development of the leisure offer and the evening economy may be heavily dependent on supermarket-led investment. Knowsley does need new ways of prompting investment, particularly in Prescott town centre.
- New regional policy (i.e. RS2010) is likely to maintain a relatively light touch on retail development, following on from the existing Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS). It is not likely that there will be much change in the existing retail hierarchy. Overall efforts should be made to keep scale and degree of town centre regeneration in Knowsley's centres aligned with regional policy and in compliance with the RSS.

### **Housing / Land Supply / Green Belt**

- Note that land supply issue should now be considered to 2027, as the Knowsley Core Strategy should account for a period 15 years from its adoption (i.e. 2012 – 2027). Knowsley barely has five-year housing land supply – this is a short term problem for the district.
- When considering whether it is appropriate to move housing land supply around districts (i.e. one district accommodating some of the housing land from another), there are key consideration around capacity, deliverability and sustainability.
- There is concern from Liverpool City Council about the potential for Green Belt release in Knowsley and elsewhere. There is an important role for the sub-regional overview study (forthcoming) to deal with this. In any case, Liverpool's land supply could only meet some of neighbouring authorities' needs, not all of them. There are potential difficulties around proving that need could be met in other districts – for example, there would be a need to link precise sites in Liverpool to a housing need arising in Knowsley or Sefton. This mechanism could be extremely hard to establish and could be considered to be an over-the-top response, particularly when relationships between the districts concerned are so close anyway.
- Knowsley would consider that in order for its housing need to be accommodated in other districts, there would need to be clear demonstration that a) there are sufficient sites available, b) that the precise housing needs of Knowsley could be met and c) that deliverability was clearly demonstrated. Could this be proven? In

addition, there would need to be a legal agreement in place to formalise the arrangements.

- There is a potential role for the overview study's work on housing markets to feed into this. Suggestions that this problem could be solvable within the remit of regional planning. A regional perspective would certainly be helpful on Green Belt issues.
- Phasing of housing sites so that Green Belt sites are released last would clearly be beneficial for urban regeneration, however it is likely that the development industry will argue that green field sites are more deliverable and hence viable to come forward first. This could lead to brown field sites being pushed aside, and existing urban regeneration schemes being prejudiced, both within Knowsley and within the wider sub-region (e.g. Housing Market Renewal in Liverpool / Wirral). Hence there are questions around how the Local Authority can effectively manage the release of housing sites.
- Liverpool CC are broadly happy with the scale of housing (i.e. housing numbers) to be delivered in Knowsley over the plan period, but are not happy about the Green Belt element. There is a fear that households moving to the sub-region would stop off in attractive, Green Belt sites in Knowsley rather than travel to areas of Liverpool to settle.
- There is a need to address household size decrease across the sub-region, as even to keep the population level in districts there is a need for a lot of new housing. To achieve population growth, there is an even greater need.
- There is a role for the joint Green Belt study and its site selection criteria in establishing which sites would be released as urban extensions. The criteria include the usual things like compliance with PPG2, infrastructure provision, deliverability, compliance with local plans. It is recognised by the Local Authorities involved that the preferable way of dealing with Green Belt studies is at the regional level. The Local Authorities want to ensure that partners and stakeholders are comfortable with the proposed methodology for site selection.
- In Greater Manchester, Local Authorities are looking to take forwards Green Belt sites under their respective Local Development Frameworks (LDFs), though these are changes to the Green Belt of a local rather than a strategic nature. Cumulatively, lots of local changes could be considered as amounting to strategic change, hence will need to be tackled directly through the LDF process in Core Strategies.

### **Housing Types**

- There is a major affordable housing problem in Knowsley. The authority does not want to introduce an affordable housing policy in isolation from neighbouring authorities.
- Liverpool CC have recently commissioned a Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA), as the authority does not currently have up-to-date evidence to support any affordable housing policy. The Liverpool 2007 Housing Needs Survey indicates that an affordable housing policy set at a level of 40-45% would be appropriate, while deliverability

considerations would be likely to push this down to approximately 25%. There are some arguments in Liverpool that there is no need for a policy, and that existing delivery mechanisms for affordable housing are sufficient for at least a five-year period. Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) evidence will need to be used in assessing the tolerability of sites. Might look to introduce a policy of approximately 25% from 2015/16 but this is yet to be established.

- In Knowsley deliverability problems for affordable housing are anticipated. Approximately 35% might be appropriate – targets will need to be set within the Core Strategy.
- A more pragmatic approach to affordable housing is now welcomed by Planning Inspectors, with a recognition that affordable housing targets are usually up for negotiation. Viability studies are often a contentious element and are frequently challenged. It should be borne in mind that affordable housing is only one element to be accounted for in viability testing, Local Authorities might want to consider setting a wider remit for their respective viability studies.
- In addition to focus on affordable housing, there is a need sub-regionally to look at the provision of high-end market housing. There should be a balance between targets for affordable housing and aspirational housing.
- There is some confusion around the different types of affordable housing, for example for rent and for sale. Should the focus be on the Registered Social Landlord (RSL) sector only? What about people who will never be able to afford to buy? We should be accounting for the rise of the private rented sector nationally. There should be a debate about what type of housing product we should be providing.
- West Lancashire towns are experiencing similar problems to those within Knowsley. For example, in Skelmersdale, there is movement within the town rather than those moving in and out of the area. Poorer housing stock is vacated and left vacant, as existing residents move up the property ladder. Problems such as bad school results are self-perpetuating. There is a need to look at the offer of the whole place, rather than just the housing offer, in a particular area. In Knowsley, there is a poor choice of private sector low price housing, and hence people are moving elsewhere rather than staying in the Local Authority area.
- West Lancashire have introduced a flexible model for affordable housing, dependent on site circumstances and an assessment of scheme viability. Noted that such models tend to be complex and require frequent updating with new information.

### **Employment**

- Sub-regionally there will be a continued primary focus on Strategic Investment Areas (SIAs) and existing industrial parks. In Knowsley there is pressure to remodel underperforming areas such as Knowsley Industrial Park. Briefs could be shared with other authorities (e.g. West Lancashire) regarding the ascertaining of consultants opinions regarding options for the remodelling of such areas.

- There is a massive under-supply of employment land in Knowsley. There is also pressure for Green Belt release in order to accommodate employment development (as indicated within Local Authority Employment Land Reviews) within the sub-region, including Knowsley. Liverpool area is broadly in balance, with a potential oversupply. The Local Authority is experiencing pressure to release B1 use land for other uses, e.g. leisure uses, but this is only experienced in Liverpool.
- Historic take-up rates appear to be the most popular forecasting mechanism, but the historic trends of delivery create implications for reliability.
- In Knowsley, there has been much success in job creation in recent years, but there is a need to ask who has been taking the new jobs. In Knowsley, many jobs are taken by those living outside of the local area. There are still major problems with up-skilling and there is a need to make a real effort to marry up job creation with tackling local unemployment and skills deficits.
- There are transport problems related to employment growth. Delivering a Sustainable Transport System (DaSTS) study in the North West is examining links between transport, economic growth and deprivation. Poor transport issues are very common in areas of high deprivation. In Knowsley, car ownership levels are low but taxi usage is high – this is not uncommon in such areas.
- The Highways Agency would be very keen to see transport issues tackled within the Knowsley Core Strategy Preferred Options paper. Such considerations should be strongly linked to spatial development policies on housing, employment, retail, etc.
- It is worth highlighting the possibility that targets for employment growth may in the future be set on numbers of new jobs created rather than on amount of employment land available. Roger Tym and Partners are looking at this issue at the regional level, and a workshop for Local Authorities should be provided soon.
- In Knowsley logistics is a potential growth sector. This type of use accounts for large amounts of employment land but does not deliver as many jobs as more land-intensive employment uses.

### **Infrastructure**

- The production of a suitable Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) is considered to be a key challenge for the Knowsley LDF. There have been recent discussions around what is meant by “critical infrastructure”, i.e. that which is definitely required to support new development. For example, surface water drainage is critical but tackling congestion problems may not be. There are therefore questions around what an IDP actually needs to include, for example, should it address strategic development and its critical infrastructure only?
- There is a need to conduct a detailed infrastructure audit as well as an assessment of future need. There are lots of uncertainties. The issue of how to deal with planning obligations has been considered in the Knowsley Core Strategy Issues and Options paper, for example,



whether to pursue the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). The Conservatives may bring forward a “son of CIL” arrangement for planning obligations. Councils will need to consider how and when they might go about introducing a tariff-based system for obligations.

- West Lancashire have pursued stakeholder engagement events, but are no closer to producing an effective IDP. Have experienced that organisations such as United Utilities are hard to pin down. It is very difficult to determine what counts as critical infrastructure.
- There needs to be commitment from developers at examination of Core Strategies and other LDF documents for development on large or strategic sites. Hence there is a need to establish what does need to be delivered to ensure that development can go ahead. It will be easier to do this if there is one developer involved in each strategic site, but in many cases there will be a number of interested parties and coordination between these may present problems. For “broad locations” identified in LDFs, the detail required may be less, but will still need to focus on key elements such as water and power. Cumulative impacts of smaller developments will also be hard to deal with. It may be appropriate for the Core Strategy to set out a route map for how LDF infrastructure planning will develop in greater detail with later LDF documents.
- It may be a worthwhile activity for Local Authorities to look at recently adopted LDF documents, including Core Strategies and their accompanying IDPs to establish the level of detail required to get through examination.


### **Cross-boundary Issues**

- Being close to south Liverpool, the development of Halewood may be of interest to neighbouring authorities. There is a small food store planned for the new centre in this area, to accompany existing development at the Halewood Centre.
- Regeneration in North Huyton could impact on outer areas of Liverpool. This includes the North Huyton Revive programme as well as regeneration in Stockbridge Village.
- Expansion of Liverpool John Lennon Airport will have implications for Knowsley as well as Liverpool and Halton. The Eastern Access Transport Corridor (new access road) will involve a new junction partly affecting Knowsley’s area east of Halewood. There are also implications for Green Belt areas in Liverpool and Halton. A common approach to these developments would be welcome.
- The Mersey Gateway scheme in Halton may have secondary implications for Knowsley and other neighbouring authorities in terms of increased accessibility. There are identified regeneration impacts in Halton as well as benefits for the logistics sector – these may extend across the sub-region.
- West Lancashire are working with Merseytravel to assess the feasibility of extending an electrified railway line out to Skelmersdale. The first stage of a GRIP study is underway. In Knowsley, there are still

proposals for a new railway station in Kirkby on this Merseytravel network.


### **Future Sub-regional Working**

- Greater Manchester is a good example of joint working, as the ten Local Authorities are working on a Greater Manchester Spatial Plan to sit alongside LDFs and the Multi Area Agreement. This is anticipating a potential new architecture in regional / local planning. The more joint working the better, as the sub-regional agenda is likely to remain a high priority. The impact of new governance arrangements in the Liverpool City Region could be taken advantage of.
- Recognised through experience of joint Waste Development Plan Document that joint working does present many challenges.
- Liverpool CC offered to host another sub-regional partners workshop, relating to matters within the emerging Liverpool LDF – this is welcomed by all.




# KNOWSLEY LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

## Issues and Options Presentation




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## Structure of presentation

1. Update on progress
2. Key Issues e.g.
  - Future development needs (housing and employment) up to 2026
  - Town Centres
  - Others e.g. climate change
3. 3 Strategic options
4. Next steps
5. Questions and discussion




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## LDF: What should it achieve?

- 15 year vision for future of Knowsley
- Delivers the priorities in Knowsley's Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS)




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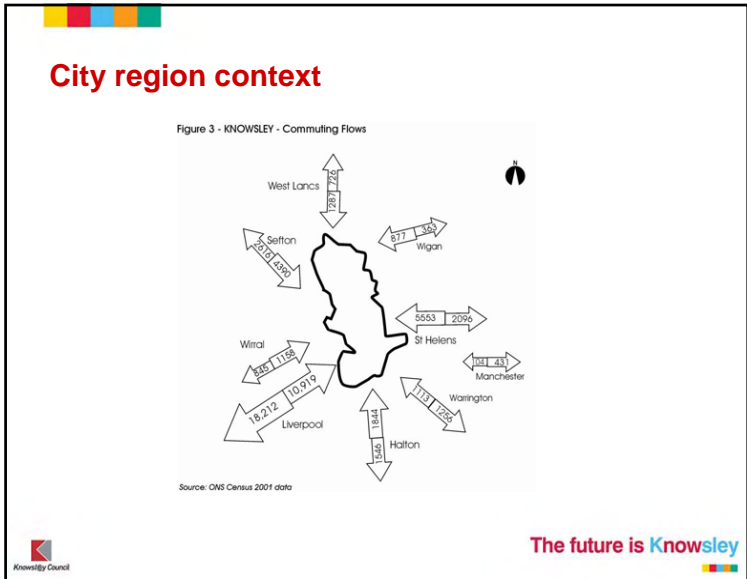


## Where we are in the process

- Township workshops – summer/autumn 2008
- Evidence base
- **Issues and Options – autumn 2009**
- Preferred options – Summer 2010
- Publication of submission document – early 2011
- Submission to Secretary of State – mid 2011
- Examination in public – late 2011
- Adoption- early 2012



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### How prosperous is Knowsley?

Average weekly wages:

- For those who **live** here - £474 per week – (other Merseyside authorities all £500-538)
- For those who **work** here - £546 per week – the highest on Merseyside

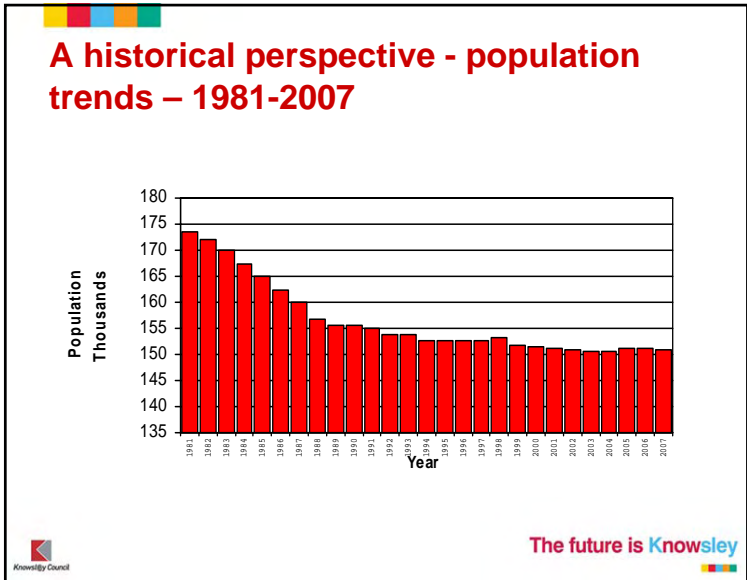
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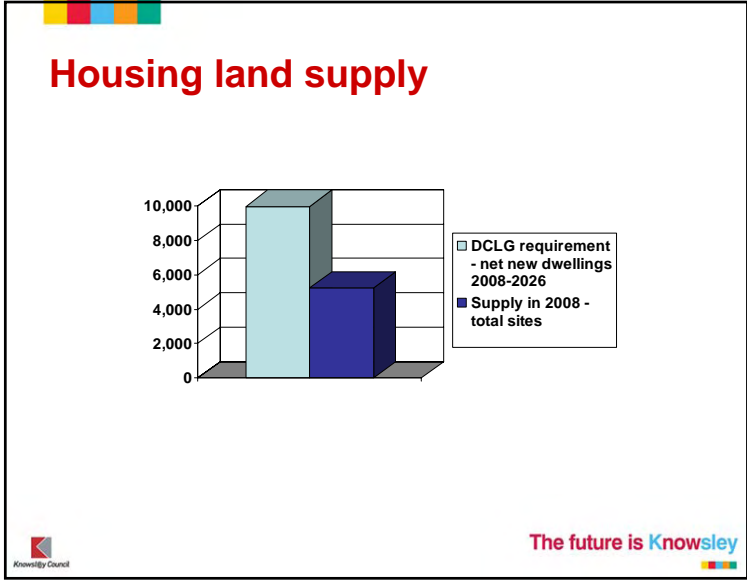
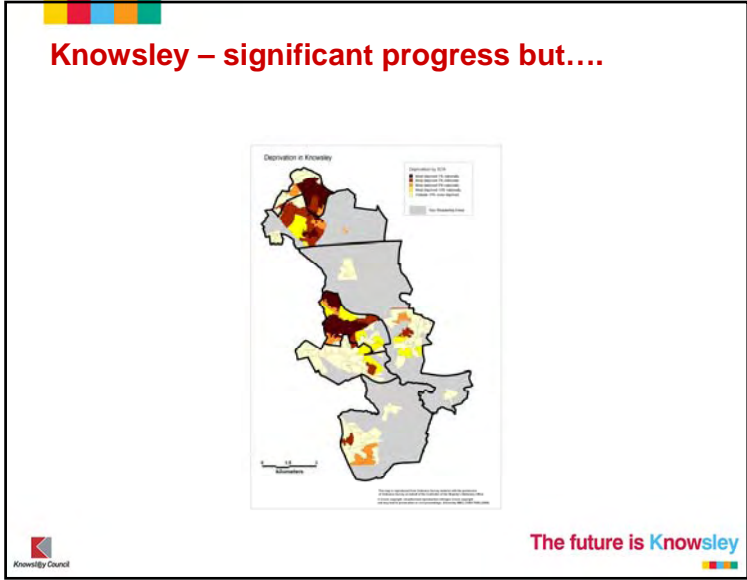
### Vision – key elements

By 2026, Knowsley will have.....

- **Successful suburban townships** with a sustainable, diverse population and a wide choice of housing.
- The gap in **deprivation levels** will be narrowed.
- A stronger and more diverse **economy**.
- vibrant and welcoming **town and local centres**
- **Better connected** communities
- Enhanced sporting/leisure/cultural opportunities enabling residents to pursue **healthier lifestyles**
- Reduced **carbon emissions**

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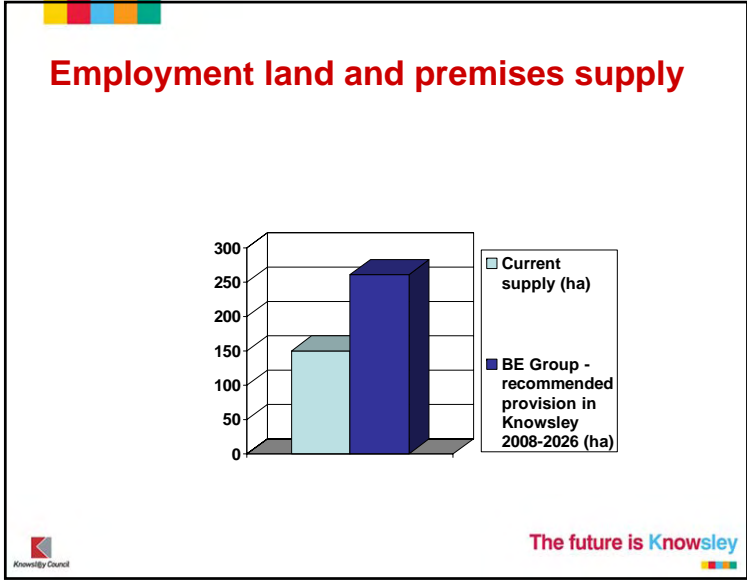




### Supporting economic growth

- Strong economic growth since 1990s but still....
- Heavy reliance on specific sectors
- business start up rates/VAT registrations low
- Pressure on land supply – e.g. Kings approaching completion-need for a successor site?

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## Town Centre issues

- 83% of non food (and 43% of food) shopping expenditure still “leaks” to neighbouring districts
- Huyton improved in retail rankings since 2000
- Kirkby about the same as in 2000
- Prescot – Successful modern retail park but issue of linkage to older town centre



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## Other key issues covered

- Township priorities
- Local shopping centres/parades
- Housing affordability and type
- Sites for gypsies and travellers
- Quality of place and heritage
- Greenspace
- Renewable energy/sustainable design
- Waste sites (covered separately by waste DPD)



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## Three strategic options

- “Urban Concentration”
- “Focussed Urban Regeneration”
- “Sustainable Urban Extensions”



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## Next steps

1. 8 week **public consultation (27/11/09 until 22/1/2010)**
  - Consultation with Town/Parish Councils
  - Leaflets to all residents
  - “Drop in” events
  - website
  - Area Partnership Board events
  - LSP partners
  - Youth parliament; Older Peoples Voice
2. “Preferred Options” consultation – mid/late 2010
3. Submission & Adoption – late 2011



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## **Appendix F – Web Link to Report of Consultation (Limehouse)**

The below link is to the full Report of Consultation, as hosted on the Council's web consultation portal, using Limehouse software.

<http://consult.knowsley.gov.uk/portal>

It is possible to view all of the full, detailed comments submitted on...

The Full Issues and Options Paper:

[http://consult.knowsley.gov.uk/portal/planning\\_consultation\\_homepage/issues\\_and\\_options\\_1](http://consult.knowsley.gov.uk/portal/planning_consultation_homepage/issues_and_options_1)

The Summary Leaflet:

[http://consult.knowsley.gov.uk/portal/planning\\_consultation\\_homepage/issues\\_and\\_options\\_2](http://consult.knowsley.gov.uk/portal/planning_consultation_homepage/issues_and_options_2)