



**Neighbourhood Forum**  
**Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 5.30 pm**  
**Trust Administration, Meeting Room 6**

**Attendees**

Cllr Andrew Simcock
Cllr Chris Paul
Dave Roscoe – Manchester City Council
Andy Wilson – Warren Roscoe
Maggie Doyle – The Christie
Roger Spencer – The Christie
Tim Barber – The Christie
Karen Bullen – resident
James Bromfield - resident
Doug Edwards - resident
Don Berry – resident
Madeline Rose – resident
Colleen Scott – resident
Sue Carragher - Minutes

**Start: 5.30 pm**

**01/14 Standard business**

- a Chair's welcome
- b Introductions and apologies for absence
- c Minutes of last meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2013

To be discussed at the next meeting

An update was provided to the meeting regarding the Maggie's Centre. Chris Watson, property director and Darren Haycock, architect of Maggie's Centre had visited the Trust during the day for project updates and informal planning meetings as they are close to submitting a planning application, and had stayed on site to update the forum.

Chris Watson updated on the background to Maggie's – this build would be the 16<sup>th</sup> centre in the UK and would represent the biggest Maggie's Centre to date. The size of the building is decided by the population it will service. Maggie's is a non clinical centre for supporting

patients and their families affected by cancer. Various classes are provided at the centre such as yoga and tai chi.

Darren outlined the reasons behind choosing the location for the Maggie's Centre. The design is a single storey building with an integrated garden design.

DB asked for clarity about the non clinical aspect of the centre and the fact that it was for patients. DB stated that residents' understanding was that the Kinnaird site would not be used for patients. Chris reiterated that it was a non clinical building which has been designed to feel homely and to provide non clinical support to patients and their families.

DB highlighted that in the strategic planning framework document, when talking about parking, it is stated that the Maggie's Centre would not create any additional parking requirements – he had heard different views and that it would attract people who had been treated elsewhere. Chris stated that the principal use of the centre would be for Christie patients who would already be making the journey to the site for appointments/treatment.

The background to how the Maggie's Centres started was outlined and it was explained that the centres are funded by charitable donations.

DB asked about the possibility of a multi storey car park being built behind the Maggie's Centre building. Darren stated that they were aware the site is earmarked for further development and they would prefer that any future building work be kept low to ensure adequate sunlight etc.

## **02/14 Current status of the Strategic Planning Framework**

The background to the document was outlined. It was prepared by, and on behalf of The Christie. Manchester City Council endorsed the document at its executive meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> Nov. The Council are not responsible for delivering the framework.

A public consultation is now underway. Any views will be reported back to the city council executive who will advise whether the document needs amending following consultation. If the document is endorsed it becomes a material consideration in future planning applications

A number of residents expressed their concerns about the level of their input into the development of the Strategic Planning Framework document. They felt the document implied they had endorsed it, when they hadn't.

DE asked for clarification around material consideration and planning consultation.

DB felt reassured by the explanation of material consideration and that it won't weigh any more heavily than residents objections.

DB expressed his delight there is a framework which will be a significant document for a long period of time. He raised concerns that the first phase being completed by March is a short timeframe and that if this is set in stone and there are revisions, will they go out to consultation again – DR advised this would be a matter for the council's executive to decide.

CS expressed her concern that she felt the document does not deal with the volume of traffic. She stated that more developments would impact on residents.

## **03/14 The proposed consultation process for the Strategic Planning Framework**

AW stated that it was important to ensure that as many people as possible are aware of the framework document and can contribute to it. The framework and executive report is on the City Council website. The Council will issue a press release to alert people to forthcoming drop in sessions and to advise how they can comment on the consultation. Postcards will also be distributed to residents advising of the consultation. AW suggested a consultation end date of 31<sup>st</sup> January. After discussion and following feedback from residents, it was agreed the consultation will conclude on 28<sup>th</sup> February.

Discussion took place on how many responses are usually received and what impact they

would have.

MR asked about the feedback and how it is evaluated i.e. do more responses generate more reaction.

A discussion took place about public meetings taking place without the executive and the Christie being present

AS asked whether these meetings would be similar to the ones held in St Cuthbert's and it was suggested that residents would organise their own meeting independently of the Neighbourhood Forum.

Residents stated they had no objections to the Maggie's Centre planning application being submitted.

CS stated it would be preferable if the application for the Maggie's Centre supported the green travel plan.

Discussion about venues for meetings took place - Withington library may be too small, St Paul's church hall or the Methodist church were suggested to the Council as preferred venues

**04/14 Discussion about the content of the Strategic Planning Framework**

To be discussed at the next meeting

**05/14 Next steps**

Discussion took place about the date of the next meeting

**06/14 Any other business**

There was no other business

**07/14 Date of next meeting**

February 19<sup>th</sup> at 5.30pm