

SOUTH NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM AGENDA



Friday, 19 February 2010

at 10.00 am

**in Owton Rossmere Resource Centre,
Wynyard Road, Hartlepool**

MEMBERS: SOUTH NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM:

Councillors C Akers-Belcher, S Cook, Flintoff, Gibbon, Hill, James, A E Lilley, G Lilley, A Marshall, Preece, Turner, Wistow and Young

Resident Representatives: Mary Green, Ray Harriman, Rose Kennedy, Iris Ryder, Sally Vokes and Mike Ward.

- 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**
- 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 3. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**
- 4. MINUTES**
 - 4.1 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 18 December 2009
 - 4.2 Matters arising
 - 4.3 To receive the minutes of the meeting of the South Police and Community Safety Forum held on 29 January 2010

5. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

6. **ITEMS FOR CONSULTATION**

No items

7. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION and/or INFORMATION**

- 7.1 Planning Aid– *Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods*
- 7.2 National Policy Statement on Nuclear Power Generation & Identification of Site for new Power Station at Hartlepool – *Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods*
- 7.3 Core Strategy – Public Consultation on the Preferred Options Report – *Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods*

8. **ITEMS FOR DECISION**

- 8.1 Minor Works Proposals – *Neighbourhood Manager (South)*

9. **WARD ISSUES**

10. **DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the South Neighbourhood Consultative Forum will take place on Friday 9th April 2010 at 2.00 pm at Owton Manor Community Centre, Wynyard Road

The next meeting of the South Area Police and Community Safety Consultative Forum will take place on Friday 23rd April 2010 at 10.00am at Owton Manor Community Centre, Wynyard Road

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SOUTH NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM

18 December 2009

MINUTES OF THE MEETING



The meeting commenced at 10.00 a.m.
in Seaton Carew Community Centre, Elizabeth Way, Seaton Carew, Hartlepool

PRESENT:

Chair: Iris Ryder (Resident Representative)

Councillor Christopher Akers-Belcher	-	Rossmere Ward
Councillor Shaun Cook	-	Rossmere Ward
Councillor Steve Gibbon	-	Fens Ward
Councillor Cath Hill	-	Seaton Ward
Councillor Alison Lilley	-	Fens Ward
Councillor Geoff Lilley	-	Greatham Ward
Councillor Michael Turner	-	Seaton Ward
Councillor Gerald Wistow	-	Owton Ward

Resident Representatives:

Mary Green, Rosemarie Kennedy, Sally Vokes

Public: Donna Hotham, Tricia Penfold, Jean Unwin

Officers:

- Denise Ogden, Assistant Director (Neighbourhood Services)
- Simon Cuthbert, Operations Co-ordinator
- Dave Frame, Neighbourhood Manager (South)
- Dave Mitchell, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator
- Sue McBride, Neighbourhood Development Officer (South)
- John Smalley, Principal Environmental Health Officer
- Derek Reynolds, Project Technical Manager
- Hannah Watkins, National Graduate Trainee
- Sarah Bird, Democratic Services Officer

Housing Hartlepool Representatives: Lynn McPartlin

Police Representatives: Sergeant Ali Sah

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Marjorie James, Ann

Marshall, David Young and Resident Representative Mike Ward.

29. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

30. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOUTH NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM OF 16 OCTOBER 2009

These were accepted as an accurate account with an amendment to item 26 – Household Waste Recycling ‘Resident Joan Smith asked whether old clothing could be put out for recycling and was informed that it was accepted and if it could not be re-used it would be shredded.’

31. MATTERS ARISING

Saltaire Terrace – Councillor G Lilley thanked officers for doing such a good job with the resurfacing of the road.

Newark Road – Councillor A Lilley asked whether consultation had taken place with residents in relation to the creation of a mound and was informed that the 2 affected residents had been spoken to, however the Neighbourhood Manager agreed to consult with other residents.

Wainwright Walk – The Chair pointed out that there was work currently being done by the Water Board on the newly resurfaced road. The Neighbourhood Co-ordinator said that this would be emergency work as utility companies were notified prior to the resurfacing work being carried out as a matter of course.

32. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOUTH AREA POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM HELD ON 13 NOVEMBER 2009

These were received by the Forum.

33. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions raised by members of the public.

34. DRAFT PUBLIC CONVENIENCE STRATEGY

The Assistant Director (Neighbourhood Services) attended in order for the Forum to consider the proposed and newly developed policy for the future provision of public conveniences in Hartlepool.

Current service provision of public toilets was outlined and details of the refurbishment of the facilities at the Clock Tower in Seaton Carew and the provision of new toilets near to the car park in Coronation Drive and other sites across the town. In an effort to deter vandalism on these sites, CCTV would be installed when funding opportunities became available. As it was unlikely that there would be funding for additional toilet facilities, it was proposed to encourage businesses to open their amenities to the general public in return for an incentive. Another way of increasing numbers of public conveniences in the town would be via a clause when new developments were given planning permission. Details of the toilet provision for the Tall Ships 2010 event were outlined.

In answer to a query from Councillor S Cook, the Assistant Director (Neighbourhood Services) stated that the toilet provision on Coronation Drive had cost £140,000 to build and they were cleaned three times a day.

Resident Representative Mary Green raised concerns over the provision of unisex toilets although it was pointed out that disabled toilets were always unisex.

Resident Representative Mary Green pointed out that the toilet facilities in the Middleton Grange Shopping Centre were

not well maintained and the Assistant Director (Neighbourhood Services) agreed to inform the Manager of the Centre.

Councillor G Lilley suggested that for public events such as the Tall Ships 2010 consideration be given to the provision of urinals as a speedier option and also that some of these could be at a child friendly height.

Resident Representative Rosemarie Kennedy asked whether Jackson's Landing could be utilised for toilet provision during the Tall Ships 2010 and was informed the Mayor is actively pursuing this with the owners but at the current stage it was unlikely that this would happen.

Councillor Mike Tumer asked whether the toilet provision at the bowling green in Seaton Carew was open to the public and was informed that it was at the discretion of the bowls club. Councillor Cath Hill expressed concern that there was no provision for children playing in the park and the Assistant Director (Neighbourhood Services) agreed to raise this issue with the bowls club.

Councillor Mike Tumer asked whether the Local Authority was a member of the British Toilet Association and was informed that it was not.

The Chair raised concern that the 8 cubicle provision at the old Seaton baths site was to be demolished but was informed that there were issues with drainage and it was a Health and Safety hazard.

The Chair thanked the Assistant Director (Neighbourhood Services) for her attendance.

35. DRAFT EMPTY HOMES STRATEGY

The Principal Environmental Health Officer (EHO) attended the meeting in order to consult on the main proposals within the Draft Empty Homes Strategy. This had been formulated following concerns from the community and Members on the numbers of empty private houses and associated issues. The Strategy aimed to bring empty private houses back into use, maximise the use of existing housing and contribute towards neighbourhood sustainability and community well being. There would be a focus on prioritising houses, streets and areas for action using an assessment form and the introduction of new options for the Council. Appendices to the report provided details of what action could be taken as well as areas of the town which had already been identified as a priority. There were no areas in the south area of the town currently identified as being priority areas and it was acknowledged that Housing Hartlepool was proactive in this part of the town

Councillor Geoff Lilley expressed concern stating that there were often complex reasons why homes were empty. He asked how owners and their assets would be protected. The Principal EHO said that the Authority would help owners to bring homes back into use through owner occupation or alternatively through the use of a social landlord although ultimately the Council could take ownership of the property through a compulsory purchase order if problems persisted.

Councillor Geoff Lilley stated that he hoped that owners would not lose out on rent now that housing benefit was paid directly to tenants rather than landlords.

Resident Representative Mary Green asked whether Housing Hartlepool would

take over premises which were for sale in areas where they already owned property. The Principal EHO said that he would raise this issue at the steering group.

Councillor S Cook commented that a number of the streets mentioned in the report had housing owned by landlords who were not resident in the town. He asked how the Authority could afford to take on further stock. The Principal EHO said that the intention would be to purchase the property but then transfer it to either an accredited landlord company or social landlord.

A resident asked whether there would be a minimum standard for private landlords to adhere to. The Principal EHO said that social landlords had set standards but it would be difficult to implement these with private landlords although action could be taken if hazards were identified. The report identified Acts which could be enforced to deal with the condition of the exterior of premises.

Resident Donna Hotham expressed concern that if a resident had bought a house to live in but did not have the cash to renovate it immediately an enforcement action could be taken. The Principal EHO advised the resident that grants were available to assist in such circumstances. Councillor Gibbon also suggested that if this was in an area where Housing Hartlepool properties were prolific then an approach could be made to Housing Hartlepool for assistance although there was no guarantee that this would be forthcoming.

The Chair thanked the Principal Environmental Health Officer for his attendance.

36. BUILDING SCHOOLS FOR THE FUTURE UPDATE

The Project Technical Manager for the Schools Transformation Team gave a brief update on the proposed outline planning applications for alterations to Manor College of Technology and Catcote School. Although no detailed proposals had yet been drawn up there were certain design and planning constraints which would have to be taken into account. Sport England had also imposed constraints on the Manor College plans to ensure that no sports playing fields should be lost. Pre-application consultations had been held on the school sites in November 2009 and public consultation would run to the end of January 2010 with a detailed planning application scheduled for October 2010. There were forms available at the meeting for anyone to pass on their comments.

Councillor A Lilley expressed concern at the felling of trees at the Manor School site. The Project Technical Manager confirmed that a tree survey had taken place and none had conservation orders but it was recommended that there should be at least the same number of trees at the end of the build as the start. The school had also asked for a science garden to be provided so this should enhance the landscape further. The Neighbourhood Manager agreed to pass the comments regarding the strength of feeling by Members that as many mature trees as possible should be retained, on to the arboriculture department.

The Chair thanked the Project Technical Manager for attending the meeting.

37. WARD ISSUES

Kildale Road – Councillor Hill said that shrubs had been planted in an area left by developers for children to play on. The Neighbourhood Manager said that this was not an officially designated play area but secondary fencing would be erected in appropriate areas following comments made at the last meeting.

Owton Manor Lane – Resident Representative Mary Green asked whether a traffic survey could be taken at the staggered junction with a view to having traffic lights installed. The Neighbourhood Manager agreed to contact the traffic and transportation department.

Disabled Parking at Fens Shops – Councillor Gibbon expressed concern that enforcement tickets could not be issued for those using the disabled bays unnecessarily. The Neighbourhood Co-ordinator said that appropriate signage had been ordered and once this was in place, enforcement could commence.

Balmoral Road – Councillor C Akers Belcher thanked officers for alleviating the problem of taxi drivers dropping litter in this location.

Rossmere Park – Councillor C Akers Belcher thanked officers for the provision of more bins in this area.

Fens School – Councillor A Lilley asked whether the grassed area at the school could be the subject of a dog banning order. The Assistant Director (Neighbourhood Services) stated that there would be problems with implementing these in schools as the land was not owned by the Authority. It was a problem with all schools in the town and a strategy was currently being devised to overcome this.

Egerton Terrace – Councillor G Lilley expressed concern that after the Water Board had carried out repairs in this area, the highway had not been reinstated to its previous condition. The Neighbourhood Management said that there was a requirement to do so, but there should be more robust monitoring of this.

Coronation Drive – Councillor Turner asked how this area of land would be used during the Tall Ships 2010 event and was informed that a member of the Tall Ships team would be invited to the next meeting to give an update on plans for the event.

Car Parking – A resident informed the meeting that the roads on Navigation Point would not be adopted by the Council and the owners had indicated that they would be introducing car parking fees. It was agreed that the Traffic and Transportation Manager be invited to speak at the next meeting.

Meeting Venues – Venues for future meetings were suggested and the Democratic Services Officer and Neighbourhood Manager agreed to investigate whether it would be possible to use these venues.

The meeting concluded at 11.40 am.

Chair

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***SOUTH POLICE &
COMMUNITY SAFETY
CONSULTATIVE FORUM***

29th January 2010

MINUTES OF THE MEETING



The meeting commenced at 10.00 am at
Jutland Road Community Centre, Jutland Road, Hartlepool

PRESENT:

Chair: Councillor Ann Marshall – Rossmere Ward

Vice Chair: Resident Representative Iris Ryder

Councillor Christopher Akers-Belcher

Councillor Bob Flintoff	- Rossmere Ward
Councillor Steve Gibbon	- Owton Ward
Councillor Alison Lilley	- Fens Ward
Councillor Geoff Lilley	- Fens Ward
Councillor Mike Turner	- Greatham Ward
Councillor Gerald Wistow	- Seaton Ward
	- Owton Ward

Resident Representative: Rosemarie Kennedy

Residents: Dorothy Clark and H Oxley

Officers: Dave Frame, Neighbourhood Manager (South)
Nicholas Stone, Senior Anti-Social Behaviour Officer
Sue McBride, Neighbourhood Development Officer (South)
Jo Wilson, Democratic Services Officer

Cleveland Police: Inspector Mick Brown, Sergeant Dave Galloway

Cleveland Fire Brigade: Peter Bradley, Dave Charnley and Stu Simpson

Housing Hartlepool: Natalie I'Anson and Linda Smith

Safe in Tees Valley: Christine Davidson and Genevieve Crawford

10. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Arthur Preece and David Young.

11. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 NOVEMBER 2009

The minutes were confirmed as a true record.

12. MATTERS ARISING

Councillor Geoff Lilley advised that Jutland Road Community Centre was not on a bus route and requested that this be considered when booking future venues. The Chair indicated that given the high rental costs of alternative venues during her tenure all meetings of the South Forum would take place at Owton Manor Community Centre.

13. UPDATE FROM THE POLICE

Inspector Mick Brown provided an overview of crime in the Cleveland Force and also the South area of Hartlepool. Force-wide figures were down for House Burglaries, Violent Crime, Criminal Damage, Vehicle Crime and other theft while Drugs activity had risen. This positive trend had continued in Hartlepool, with the exception of violent crime which had risen by 8.6%. The numbers of arrests, cautions, charges, warrants, AS13s and Street encounters in the South area of the town were also given.

Inspector Brown also highlighted a number of items of interest including Police and Communities Together (PACT) and Operation Vantage. Members were advised that following information from residents there had been several drug seizures in the South area. Partnership working had also helped

alleviate anti-social behaviour problems at Fens Shops.

The following issues were then raised:

Children and Young People – Resident Representative Mary Green commented that police were no longer an authority figure to children and more should be done to encourage them to be scared of the police. She disagreed with the practice of putting a desk in schools and trying to be friends with children. Inspector Brown felt this was a valid point but the fact that children were more ready to engage with the police could only be a good thing. It was important that police were not aloof and that the views of children were heard. He acknowledged that some children could be cheeky to the police but this was true of some adults too and officers were always told to stand their ground in such situations.

Visual audits and PACT – Councillor Geoff Lilley commended officers on the PACT meeting at Fens Shops, commenting that he felt this was more user friendly than visual audits. Inspector Brown advised that he was keen to give the public more opportunities to engage with the police. If people wanted to attend they could. Visual audits gave a further opportunity for public engagement. Councillor Christopher Akers-Belcher indicated that the timings of the visual audits were inconvenient for anybody who worked, something he had brought up previously with no response. He was still receiving reminder notifications but his position had not changed. He asked that officers reconsider the timings as the visual audits would be less effective without key personnel in attendance. Inspector Brown advised that previously the timings of visual audits had been changed and less people had attended. The dates and times were not set in stone but at the same time they had to be set at a time when the majority of people were

able to attend. Officers would contact Councillor Aker-Belcher to try to find a solution to the problem.

Seaton Carew – Inspector Brown confirmed that Acting Sergeant Chris Stonehouse would be the new officer for Seaton Carew.

The Chair thanked Inspector Brown for attending the meeting and answering questions.

14. REDUCING REOFFENDING TEAM

Due to the unavailability of the CJIT Operations Manager this item was withdrawn from the agenda.

15. UPDATE FROM THE FIRE BRIGADE

The Fire Brigade representative, Peter Bradley, gave details of the number of incidents in the South Area of the town between November 2009 and January 2010, where there had been a drop in all types of fire. It was acknowledged however that the inclement weather may have contributed to these figures. The work of the arson task force was highlighted.

The Neighbourhood Manager referred to youth provision work at Brierton Sports Centre and Jutland Road, funded through various sources including the Home Office Participatory Budget, the Criminal Justice Community Cashback scheme and Neighbourhood Action Plan Budgets. Resident Dorothy Clark highlighted the current risk to Greatham Community Centre which was used by people of all ages and queried who was responsible for distribution of funding. Councillor Geoff Lilley supported these comments, saying that the community centre fulfilled a desperate need. A drop in funding would lead to an increase in charges

which could affect the viability of groups such as the breakfast club and karate club, both used by young people. The needs of the elderly were also a major issue. The Neighbourhood Manager acknowledged this but advised that the work at Brierton Sports Centre and Jutland Road was funded using monies specifically targeted at youth provision. Greatham Youth Group had been a recipient of such funding the previous year. The future of Greatham Community Centre was a much wider issue.

The Chair thanked the Fire Brigade representative for attending the meeting.

16. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR UNIT UPDATE

The Senior Anti-Social Behaviour Officer gave details of recent activity in the unit, including information on which categories complaints had fallen into, whether cases had been closed satisfactorily and what action had been taken to close the case. This information was provided for the Anti-Social Behaviour Unit and Housing Hartlepool, as was information on customer satisfaction rates. Details were also given of take-up of the Good Tenant Scheme.

Members were advised that a number of categories relating to anti-social behaviour and good citizenship had been introduced to the annual Pride in Hartlepool awards. Highlighted in particular was Resident Donna Hotham's award for the Individual making the greatest contribution to community safety for her work at St Patrick's Shops. Information on various awards to staff from the Anti-Social Behaviour Unit and Housing Hartlepool was outlined and members were advised that the Anti-Social Behaviour page on the HBC website had recently been updated with details of anti-social behaviour. The annual anti-social behaviour awareness

event would take place at the Borough Hall 8th-11th February 2010.

Playbuilder - Resident Representative Mary Green referred to recent decisions by the Planning Committee to reject proposed Playbuilder sites. The Senior Anti-Social Behaviour commented that he had not been personally involved in that process but any development had to be looked at in terms of its effect on community safety. All interested parties had given their opinions on the proposals prior to the decision being made.

Funding – Councillor Gerald Wistow felt that the work of the Anti-Social Behaviour Unit underlined the need for early intervention and prevention. Local Government spending was expected to be cut by the next Government and early intervention had traditionally been a targeted area. Councillor Wistow felt that the proven effects of early intervention should be highlighted to Council. It would be self defeating to cut these services. Councillor Geoff Lilley drew members' attention to a recent discussion on Radio Hartlepool on the positive effects of early intervention on the Owton Ward in a short space of time.

The Chair thanked the Senior Anti-Social Behaviour Officer for attending the meeting and answering questions.

17. SAFE IN TEES VALLEY ASSERTIVE OUTREACH SERVICE

Christine Davidson, Cleveland Police Youth Manager, gave a brief presentation on the work of the Safe in Tees Valley Assertive Outreach Service. This was a service for children and young people which identified vulnerable children and young people to try to reduce and prevent anti-social behaviour by challenging inappropriate behaviour and signposting them to local activities and services. Details of the service core elements,

introductory key performance indicators and introductory delivery were outlined and contact information given. Since the service started in November 2009 work had been undertaken in King Oswy Drive, Clavering, Fens Shops and Milbank Road.

Timings - Councillor Steve Gibbon referred to a previous initiative which had been ineffectual because of the timings. The Youth Manager advised that the Assertive Outreach Service was provided as and when required and the times were varied. Details of the current programme would be emailed to Councillor Gibbon.

St Patrick's Shops - Resident Representative Mary Green queried a previous reference to parking problems at St Patrick's Shops. Genevieve Crawford advised that the mobile unit had previously been parking on the main road because the school gates were shut and this had not been felt to be ideal. Members suggested that Safe in Tees Valley officers contact the school to try to work round a solution.

Leaflets – Councillor Alison Lilley asked if the leaflets given out on the mobile unit were verbally reinforced given potential illiteracy problems amongst the young. Genevieve Crawford confirmed that they were and that officers would always confirm the writing skills of anyone being asked to complete a form.

The Chair thanked the Cleveland Police Youth Manager and members of her staff for attending the meeting and answering questions.

18. CRIME AND DISORDER CO- ORDINATION UPDATE

Sergeant Dave Galloway gave a brief update on the work of the Safer Hartlepool Partnership in reducing crime and disorder. A major aspect of this was

funding and ensuring that monies from Government Officer North East were used effectively. People could apply for funding through Community Cashback and Community Cohesion. Members were also advised that an event heralding the success of participatory budgets was due to be held at Belle Vue Community Sports and Youth Centre on 17th February 2010. A representative from the Home Office would be in attendance. Anyone wishing to attend was asked to inform the Safer Hartlepool Partnership in advance.

The Chair thanked Sergeant Galloway for attending the meeting.

19. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No issues

20. ISSUES RAISED BY COUNCILLORS AND RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Seaton Carew - Councillor Mike Turner requested that the benches on the front be repainted. He also referred to requests for an improved crossing at the end of Warrior Drive and Coronation Drive. The Neighbourhood Manager to highlight this with the highways department.

Fens Car Park - Councillor Geoff Lilley reported that there was still no signage for the disabled parking bays. The Neighbourhood Manager to chase this up.

Jutland Road Police Station – The Chair requested an update. Inspector Brown advised that he had made a commitment to retain the Jutland Road station. However there were funding issues and there had been some discussion between senior officers and various agencies regarding a move to Wynyard Road. Inspector Brown felt

completely pulling out of Jutland Road would have a dramatic negative effect on the community. Members agreed that the Chair should write to Cleveland Police requesting that the Jutland Road station remain open

The meeting concluded at 11.40am

Chair

Report of: Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods

Subject: Planning Aid

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform the Forum of the services of Planning Aid. A presentation will be made by Kevin Lillie, the Regional Manager of Planning Aid North.

2. BACKGROUND AND INFORMATION

- 2.1 Kevin Lillie, the Regional Manager, of Planning Aid North, will give a presentation on Planning Aid.
- 2.2 Planning Aid is part of the Royal Town Planning Institute. It offers free and independent professional planning advice to community groups and individuals who cannot afford to pay professional fees. It works with communities to help them play a role in the planning process. Planning Aid is completely independent being neither part of Central Government nor the Local Planning Authority.
- 2.3 Planning Aid helps communities to understand the planning system and to comment on planning applications. It also helps people to comment on national policy statements and nationally significant infrastructure projects
- 2.4 Planning Aid can be contacted ntco@planningaid.rtpi.org.uk

5. RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 That the service offered by Planning Aid be noted.

Report of: Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods

Subject: NATIONAL POLICY STATEMENT ON NUCLEAR POWER GENERATION & IDENTIFICATION OF SITE FOR NEW POWER STATION AT HARTLEPOOL.

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform the Forum that the Government has issued for public consultation until 22 February 2010 a draft National Policy Statement on nuclear power generation and the siting of a new nuclear power station in Hartlepool.

2. BACKGROUND AND INFORMATION

- 2.1 On 9 November 2009 the Government issued a number of draft planning policy Statements on energy issues. One of the draft National Policy Statements relates to nuclear energy and identified Hartlepool as one of 10 potential sites for a new nuclear power station in England & Wales. The others sites are Bradwell, Braystones, Heysham, Hinkley Point, Kirkstanton, Oldbury, Sellafield, Sizewell and Wylfa.
- 2.2 The Government is encouraging residents of the town and others to have their say on the Government's draft Nuclear National Policy Statement (NPS) and a list of Power Station sites, which includes Hartlepool.
- 2.3 The draft National Policy Statement explains the assessment of each power station site, why nuclear power is needed and also outlines Government policy on managing radioactive waste.
- 2.4 The new plant would be built by EDF Energy, which now incorporates British Energy, and could be up and running by 2025. The lifespan of the existing Hartlepool plant takes it to 2014, but there is the option of applying for an extension in three years time.
- 2.5 In an initial phase of public consultation in May 2009, the Government asked views on the information supplied by EDF Energy relating to its case for proposing Hartlepool as a possible site for a power station in Hartlepool. In response to that consultation, Hartlepool Council said that the nomination of the town as the site for a new power station merits consideration by the Government.
- 2.6 Following the issue of the draft National Policy Statement the Government's Department of Energy & Climate Change undertook a short public consultation event at the Hartlepool Maritime Experience.

- 2.7 In addition the Borough Council undertook its own consultation exercise to give more information to residents and elected members so they can form their views on the issues.
- 2.8 On 26 January 2010 the Council held a Question Time session at the Hartlepool Maritime experience attended by over 72 people.
- 2.9 The Borough Council also undertook an online consultation during January 2010 when 158 people responded.
- 2.10 Cabinet on 15 February 2010 is considering the responses from the Council's consultation on the National Policy Statement and will form the Borough Council's own response to the consultation.

3. NEXT STEPS

- 3.1 It is still possible to make comments on the draft National Policy Statement direct to the Department of Energy & Climate Change.
To do this and to view the Government's Consultation documents visit www.energynpsconsultation.decc.gov.uk and respond on the electronic form.
- 3.2 Whilst DECC has encouraged responses to be made via the website they can also be made on hard copy paper forms or by letter, fax or email to Robin Clarke, OPM, 252b Gray's Inn Rd, London, WC1X 8XG Fax: 0845 055 1700 (FAO Robin Clarke)
Email: energynpsconsultation@opm.co.uk

The Government 's consultation closes on 22 February 2010.

4. RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 That interested parties be encouraged to submit any comments on the draft National Policy statement and the siting of a new nuclear power station in Hartlepool direct to the Department of Energy & Climate Change by 22 February 2010.

Report of: Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods

Subject: HARTLEPOOL CORE STRATEGY – PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE PREFERRED OPTIONS REPORT

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform the Forum of the public consultation arrangements for the Preferred Options Report for the Hartlepool Core Strategy.

2. BACKGROUND AND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The Preferred Options Report forms part of the second stage in the production of the Hartlepool Core Strategy. The Core strategy is the main planning document covering the next 15 years.
- 2.2 In 2007 & 2008 the first stage had involved the publication of an Issues and Options Report which highlighted the various issues which are relevant in setting out a strategy for the Borough. It set out a number of possible options on where new development might be. Feedback from the consultation on that report has been assessed and where appropriate used in the selection of the Preferred Options.

The Preferred Options Report sets out the spatial vision for Hartlepool for 2026 and explains why certain options have been selected.

The consultation will be wide ranging and in accordance with the adopted Statement of Community Involvement and will last for eight weeks until the 26 March 2010.

3. The Preferred Options Report

In brief the Preferred Options report sets out the following broad principles for the development of the town up to 2026:-

- a south western and western expansion of the town for new housing with a new road access northwards off the A689.
- small expansions at Wynyard Woods and Tunstall Farm for Executive Housing
- Wynyard Park remains as Key Employment Site in line with Regional Spatial Strategy
- Victoria Harbour now allocated as port related uses
- the Town Centre boundary extended to include the Mill House Area and the football ground

- Improvements and extensions to green wedges around the town, notably an extension towards the town of the Middle Warren green wedge and new green wedges in the Claxton area to minimise the impact of new housing development
- Part of the Southern Business Zone including Graythorp is identified as an area for a centre of excellence for environmental waste management / eco industries
- Potential new Nuclear Power Station identified

4. THE NEXT STEPS

- 4.1 The Preferred Options Report has been published so that the community has an opportunity to make comments on the proposed strategy. The report is available for consultation until **Friday 26 March 2010**.
- 4.2 During the consultation period there will be displays in the Libraries, in the shopping centre and at other locations including the main town centre supermarkets, with the aim of getting as many people as possible involved in guiding the future direction of development in Hartlepool through the Core Strategy
- 4.3 There are various ways to submit comments. Either complete a questionnaire and return it to Bryan Hanson House, Hanson Square, Hartlepool TS24 7BT – questionnaires are available at Bryan Hanson House, the Civic Centre and the Central Library or can be requested by phoning 01429 523280 or emailing planningpolicy@hartlepool.gov.uk. Alternatively the questionnaire can be completed on the Borough Council's online consultation website at <http://planningpolicy.hartlepool.gov.uk>. Comments by letter can also be sent to the Planning Policy team at Bryan Hanson House or may be email to planningpolicy@hartlepool.gov.uk.
- 4.4 All representations put forward within the eight week period will be considered, and will be used in the preparation of the next stage which is the publication of a full draft of the Core Strategy. For further information regarding the Core Strategy please ring 01429 523280.

5. RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 That the report be noted and that interested parties be encouraged to submit any representations on the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report during the consultation period which ends on 26 March 2010.

Report of: Neighbourhood Manager (South)

Subject: MINOR WORKS PROPOSALS

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To consider improvement schemes for potential funding from the South Neighbourhood Consultative Forum Minor Works Budget.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Minor Works Budget available for the financial year to 31st March 2010 amounts to £17,054 (**Appendix A**).
- 2.2 A number of schemes are detailed below to address concerns raised by Elected Members, Resident's Representatives and Residents of the South Forum Area.

3. PROPOSALS

3.1 Horticulture Schemes

(i) Fens

- (a) Catcote Road and Spilsby Close - £400 - (Appendix B – to be tabled at the meeting)**

It is proposed to remove the existing crab apple trees at the above locations and replace each with a *Betula utilis* 'Jacquemontii' 14/16cm girth as recommended by the HBC Arboricultural Officer. This proposal is the result of residents having raised concerns that the fruit from these trees has been used in various acts of anti-social behaviour in the area.

(ii) Seaton

- (a) Kildale Grove - £850 - (Appendix C to be tabled at the meeting)**

In order to prevent youths playing football on a small piece of land adjacent to houses, and distressing the residents there, it is proposed to enhance the aesthetics of the area by creating three shrub beds to

approximately mirror the opposite corner of the street, which was undertaken as a Minor Works Scheme last year. The price includes:

- Create and shape new shrub beds
- Supply and install weed control fabric
- Supply and spread bark mulch to site
- Plant with Hebe and Phorium as specimen plants

3.2 Lighting Schemes

(i) Fens

(a) Newark Road – £1,500 - (Appendix D to be tabled at the meeting)

After concerns were raised by Elected Members regarding the poor lighting at the above location, given that it was a popular dog walking route, it is proposed that one column be installed to improve the lighting in the area therefore making it a safer place to walk on an evening.

(b) Crowland Road - £10,200 - (Appendix E to be tabled at the meeting)

In order to improve the lighting in Crowland Road it is proposed to install 12 new columns which will be a significant upgrade to the existing old concrete columns. This proposal was recommended by the HBC Street Lighting Manager after requests were made by Elected Members to improve the lighting on the Fens.

(ii) Seaton

(a) The Green - £3,775 - (Appendix F to be tabled at the meeting)

In order to continue the development of this area as a conservation area it is proposed to remove the existing old lighting columns and install two new Period Style Lighting columns.

Total Contribution for all above Schemes £16,725

Remaining budget for the year 2009/10 £329

4 RECOMMENDATION

4.1 The Forum is asked to consider the above scheme. Approved schemes will need to be presented to the Neighbourhoods and Communities Portfolio for final approval.

SOUTH AREA – MINOR WORKS 2009/2010 £87,000.00 BUDGET

FORUM APPROVED DATE	LOCATION	WARD	WORK	TOTAL COST OF SCHEME	COST TO FORUM	TOTAL
24/7/09	South Area	All	Dropped Crossing Programme		£3,500.00	£3,500.00
24/7/09	South Area	All	Contribution to Pride in Hartlepool		£5,000.00	£8,500.00
24/7/09	Pickering Grove	Rossmere	Verge reinstatement with Tarmac		£6,400.00	£14,900.00
24/7/09	Callander Road	Rossmere	Verge reinstatement with Tarmac		£7,930.00	£22,830.00
24/7/09	Innes Road	Fens	Verge reinstatement with Tarmac		£2,230.00	£25,060.00
24/7/09	Farndale Road	Seaton	Verge reinstatement with Tarmac		£8,400.00	£33,460.00
24/7/09	Duncan Road	Owton	Verge reinstatement with Tarmac		£8,000.00	£41,460.00
24/7/08			Housing Hartlepool Contribution		£4,000.00	£37,460.00
24/7/09	Lovat Grove	Owton	Verge reinstatement with Tarmac		£3,830.00	£41,290.00
24/7/09	Greenock Road	Owton	Verge reinstatement with Tarmac		£2,400.00	£43,690.00
24/7/09	Hamilton Road	Owton	Verge reinstatement with Tarmac		£4,300.00	£47,990.00
24/7/09	Bransdale Grove	Seaton	Tree planting		£900.00	£48,890.00
24/7/09	Coningsby Close	Fens	Tree Planting		£600.00	£49,490.00
24/7/09	Elizabeth Way	Seaton	Bollards		£2,000.00	£51,490.00
24/7/09	High Street	Greatham	Traffic Calming		£10,000.00	£61,490.00
16/10/09	Saltaire Terrace	Greatham	Verge reinstatement/resurfacing		£6,200.00	£67,690.00
16/10/09	Thetford Road	Fens	Tree Planting		£153.00	£67,843.00
16/10/09	Lincoln Road	Fens	Tree Planting		£153.00	£67,996.00
16/10/09	Newark Road	Fens	Open Space re-profiling		£350.00	£68,346.00
16/10/09	Pickering Grove	Rossmere	Lighting Scheme		£1,600.00	£69,946.00



January 2010 project update

200 days to go celebrations

Sponsors and partners of The Tall Ships Races are attending a celebratory lunch today hosted by Hartlepool United Football Club to formally thank them for their continuing support and update them on progress.

Creative local pupils, led by Amanda Smith of Cleveland College of Art and Design, have designed and produced a Tall Ships mural which will be erected in Middleton Grange Shopping Centre.

A Sustainable Event

Work has continued on Hartlepool's commitment to ensure that the Tall Ships event is delivered in accordance with the new, internationally recognised framework BS8901 'Sustainable Event Management' and Hartlepool's Tall Ships event is the first and largest event in the region to be delivered to this standard. A multi agency working group has been set up to develop a policy, and key objectives and performance management tools, to ensure that the event is delivered in a manner which maximises the positive impacts of the Tall Ships event on the economy, environment and also the health and well being of the local community and the wider region.

Hartlepool Borough Council has committed to delivering all future events in accordance with this standard and it is expected that this will set us as a 'beacon of excellence' with regards to event management, both nationally and internationally, as this standard is set to become one of the key requirements especially with regards to sponsorship and funding for future events such as the World Cup 2018.

Fleet update

Total number of ships coming to Hartlepool has now risen to **54**. 51 of these ships are taking part in The Tall Ships Races from Kristiansand in Norway to Hartlepool and 3 additional ships are coming to join the start of the North Sea Regatta leaving Hartlepool on Wed 11th August. The registered fleet comprises 18 class As, the largest ships. Details on the ships registered can be found at www.sailtraininginternational.org Click on Races and Festivals – 2010 - vessel entry list.

Permission has been received from Schroder for the public use of the Jackson Landing promontory. This means that the event can berth Tall Ships adjacent to this location and hopefully avoid the need for pontoon access which may have been necessary at other locations.

Volunteering

We estimate we will need around 200 volunteers to help out on each day of the event and the volunteer recruitment programme was launched by our Chief Liaison Officer on 24th October. Since then we have already received **175** on-line applications from people wanting to volunteer to be part of the event.

Training for the first group of volunteers begins in February 2010 and there will be a rolling programme until June 2010 with monthly social events and an on-line forum to keep people up to date. The online application form and details of all available volunteering positions can be found at www.hartlepooltallships2010.com

Tall Ships in the Sunday papers

Our event was listed in The Observer's Escape supplement on Sunday 10th January 2010 as one of the 30 New Trips for 2010. "From a cycle tour through New England to a little-travelled corner of India – via Switzerland, Shanghai, Montenegro and Hartlepool...."

Website

Our official Tall Ships website www.hartlepooltallships2010.com is getting better and better and is the best place to find out up to date information on the event.

The completion of the Animmersion software which details the Tall Ships Village site in particular has been of great benefit in outlining the layout of the Tall Ships Village and this 3D interactive tool is now available to view on the Tall Ships website.

A pre-booking payment system for Park and Ride will be available via the website by Easter with a generous discount being offered for those who book in advance.

- 23,308 unique visitors since January 2009.
- 6419 downloads of the site plan.
- 150,168 impressions (i.e. that is how many times the event graphic has been viewed on the pages it has been placed on)

Tall Ships Hospitality Experiences

We are now working in partnership with Topsail Events and Ramside Event Catering to offer a range of corporate and public hospitality experiences. These can be anything from an afternoon day sail or an evening canapé party while the ship is berthed at the quayside. Packages are being well received by event sponsors and business across the region.

We are currently offering members of the public the opportunity to purchase a 'Ticket to a Tall Ship' which will give them a unique 3 hour day sailing experience on board the Class A 'Wylde Swan' which is a newly built tall ship. Tickets are £85 per person and include a glass of wine on arrival and a hot fork buffet. These tickets are proving popular with people wanting to celebrate a special birthday or anniversary at the event. If you'd like more information please contact Katie Hammond on katie.hammond@hartlepool.gov.uk

Sail Training International Visit

The Tall Ships Office is preparing for 5 officials from STI to visit Hartlepool in February to carry out the final inspection before the event. Their last visit in October 2008 went very well and we're confident that they will be satisfied with how planning is progressing.

Access Issues

The Tall Ships Access Statement and Access Plan have now been agreed. The Access Statement outlines our commitment to equality, inclusion and accessibility and, to our knowledge, Tall Ships is the first event in England to have a dedicated event Access Statement. The plan was compiled in consultation with various disability groups and the draft final versions were taken to the Hartlepool Life Chances Partnership Board and the Hartlepool Learning Disability Partnership Board in December 2009 for final consultation where they were positively received. The plan is centred on issues relating to transport, the Tall Ships Village site and event related information as these have been highlighted as the key issues of concern.

Entertainment update

The artist has been selected for the Railway Station mural which will be installed as part of the Railway Station improvement expected in May 2010. The "Talking Heads" promotional film has been contracted and will be used on site on the big screen, on the website and other venues such as the BBC TV big screen in Middlesbrough. The big stage entertainment programme is beginning to take shape and it is expected that as bands are contracted they will be announced and made public with a final line up being complete by April 2010.

Did you know?

A "square meal" is used to describe a good, solid dinner. It's a nautical term dating back centuries when any significant meal eaten on board a ship would be served on large square wooden trays which sailors could carry back to their posts and then store away easily and securely.

If you have any comments, questions feedback, please don't hesitate to drop me a line on michelle.daurat@hartlepool.gov.uk

