



## MINUTES

### COLDEAN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING FORUM

Open Forum Meeting held on 12 November 2021 at St Mary Magdalene Church Hall, Coldean.

Item	Subject	Action
<b>Part A - Preamble</b>		
1	<p><b>Present:</b> Patrick, Deborah, Anant, Ashley, Nicola (minutes)</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Manish, Annemarie</p> <p><b>Interested parties:</b> Philip and Eileen Jenkins; Malcolm (Rushlake Road), Arthur Elsie, Joanna Falkowska, Merrie Pryor, Maria Krassowska, Deborah Annells, Polly Eason (Coldean Community Organisation (CCOrg)), Zoe Johns (local Councillor), Robin Berry.</p>	
3	<b>Dates of future committee meetings: None set at meeting</b>	
<b>Part B – Main Business</b>		
4 Introduction	<p>Minutes of the last meeting sent via email to members prior to the meeting:</p> <p><b>Agreed</b></p>	

	<p>Patrick updated the meeting on progress in attaining designation for the proposed Coldean Neighbourhood Planning Forum, now that the consultation period has ended. Brighton &amp; Hove City Council (BHCC) approval was expected by 25 November (via its Tourism, Equalities, Communities and Culture (TECC) Committee), and South Downs National Parks Authority approval expected shortly thereafter.</p> <p>Patrick noted the Forum’s commitment to ensuring open channels of communication with the people of Coldean, including through working closely with existing groups such as Coldean Residents Association (CRA) and Coldean Community Organisation (CCOrg).</p>	
5 Forum aims	<p>Ashley set out the Forum’s main aims as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• restore Coldean as principally a community of families by including a ‘tipping point’ restriction on the number of houses of multiple occupation (HMOs)</li> <li>• support ‘Retrofit’ carbon-reducing schemes</li> <li>• include development criteria for low-carbon, whole-life sustainability</li> <li>• support local retail businesses to achieve full and sustainable occupancy of existing retail properties</li> <li>• promote and support the City Plan for healthy food operations.</li> </ul>	
6 Interactive exercise	<p>Attendees were invited to write down their key concerns on sticky notes, rating them from 1–5 in order of importance. The two top concerns were <b>green spaces</b> and the <b>number of HMOs</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>12</b> protection of green spaces/limiting development and type of development</li> <li>• <b>8</b> number of HMOs</li> <li>• <b>3</b> road safety, in particular Coldean Lane</li> <li>• <b>3</b> low-carbon solutions and climate resilience</li> <li>• 2 improvements to recycling</li> <li>• 2 parking issues</li> <li>• 2 affordable housing</li> <li>• 2 sustainability and quality of retail outlets.</li> </ul>	
7 Next steps	<p>Patrick advised attendees of the Forum’s forthcoming meeting with Robert Davidson from City Planners, where prepared questions will be raised, including significant issues raised at this and other Open Forum meetings.</p>	
8 AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A question was raised as to whether BHCC have sufficient infrastructure to support the numbers of</li> </ul>	

	<p>students at universities. Zoe Johns (local Councillor) responded that universities are in charge of student numbers and associated needs, and BHCC cannot influence this. She suggested that HMOS were not exclusively occupied by students, although several Coldean residents contradicted this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was some discussion of the application to fell a further 19 trees at Site 21A on Coldean Lane, due to difficulties with drainage.</li> <li>• Polly Eason (CCOrg) raised the issue of climate and water resilience in the light of potential damage to Brighton's aquifer below Site 21A, and referenced previous flooding at Patcham, where proposed developments were reversed due to the risk of aquifer contamination and flooding.</li> <li>• Car parking was discussed in relation to the number of parking spaces at Site 21A. This was identified as an issue for CRA rather than Coldean Neighbourhood Planning Forum.</li> </ul>	
<b>9 Close</b>	<b>Meeting ended at 10.10pm.</b>	