

## **Meeting with Taverham Road Action Group (TRAG), 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

10 member present, plus John Pennells, Roger Morriss and Rachel Leggett

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### **Notes of meeting**

*Please note, the notes represent the views of individuals and not necessarily the group as a whole*

Twelve Members of TRAG were present and three members of TNP (Rachel Leggett, John Pennells, Roger Morriss)

The meeting was arranged by TNP with TRAG following the announcement by the Greater Norwich Local Plan Call for Sites 2018 and in particular TRAG's opposition to Site GNLP 2051 "151 Taverham Road Residential development-unspecified number". TRAG was set up to protest specifically against site GNLP 2051 being developed.

The meeting's intention was two-fold

- A) To receive the comments concerning Taverham Road developments.
- B) To inform TRAG of the TNP remit

The concerns of TRAG were largely centred around the current lack of infrastructure and how the shortfalls would be mitigated in the face of Taverham being targeted for unprecedented growth.

TRAG asked if the TNP or the Parish Council were members of the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE). The answer was NO.

TRAG was advised the Parish Council had at their Planning Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018 discussed the Call for Sites 2018 and had unanimously OBJECTED to both Taverham Road Sites GNLP2051 and GNLP2106.

It was recommended to TRAG that they write to Broadland District Council -Phil Courtier and/or John Walchester with their concerns, and arrange a face to face meeting.

TNP advised the group of the Draft Aims and Vision (18.09.18) which met with general approval.

Social housing was raised of which 30% must be provided.

As to the Character of Taverham it was quiet, drug free and a safe place to walk at night. Houses should be low density, with a variety of designs and include dwellings for older and retired people.

Parking off street (community parking) should be provided (not rear-house parking because of security) Road width was important to avoid "visual overcrowding".

TNP invited members of TRAG to become involved with the TNP and become committee members.

Rachel provided Jane (TRAG's email correspondent) with her TNP email address.

The meeting ended at 12.30pm.

## *OTHER NOTES*

### General

- Want a 'green belt' separating us from Drayton
- Very hard to get a doctor's appointment – needs to be more provision if Taverham is going to grow
- CPRE say that there is not the need for housing that the government are saying. One resident suggested we should be fighting development
- Wensum Valley is well loved and development should not impinge on it
- Concern about the assessment of sites is done by the GNLP/Broadland Council – want to know more

### Type of housing

- Queens Hill – the infrastructure came in too late
- Houses for older people are needed, which are good quality. Bungalows.
- Would be nice to have a little village within the village, particularly for older people.
- Character of Taverham now – it is spacious and airy. Want it to stay like that.  
It is also
  - Quiet
  - Community minded
  - Great access to the city
  - Low level
  - Low density
  - Variety of housing, not uniform little boxes
  - Feel safe to walk round the village any time of the day
- GNLP2051 is likely to be too high density for the current character of the area – will set a precedent
- Thorpe Marriot is a really lovely development, lets stop running it down
- Would like to see
  - cul-de-sacs
  - turning points
  - space between properties
  - good infrastructure
  - community parking
  - bollards for specified parking
- Concern about the height of buildings. No 3 storeys or more.
- Current properties off Mack Lane need a 60ft gap before the road, will any new houses need to?
- Concern that with more social housing residents won't feel safe any more. Social housing needs to be well integrated

#### Location of housing

- Preference for extension of Thorpe Marriot, off NDR. Don't want another Thorpe Marriot for the rest of Taverham
- NDR provides good access and away from small roads
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#### Transport and access

- Problem of congestion extends as far as Costessey
- Concern about congestion and safety around current schools
- Pavements are poor and narrow
- Visibility is poor in some areas
- Is Mack Lane adopted?
- Houses need good garages. Cars parking on roads make the place feel more dense, changing the character as people have got more cars

The group were encouraged to talk to Broadland Council about the GNLP2051 site.