

RNP – REVIEW POLICY RV2 – MEDICAL FACILITIES WORKING PARTY

DRAFT Minutes of the meeting of the **RNP – POLICY RV2 – MEDICAL FACILITIES WORKING PARTY** held on 9 May 2024 at 2:30pm in the Radlett Centre, 1 Aldenham Avenue, RADLETT.

Present: Cllrs E Samuelson (Chair) & T Butwick, HBC Cllr L Selby, A Fernando, C Wilkins, J Weisser, N Stetson, P Vyas, R Dyke, S Nagler, S Balsam & G Taylor.

1. Welcome & Introduction

Cllr E Samuelson thanked everyone for attending. She then asked everyone present to introduce themselves and say why they had joined the working party.

2. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from County Cllr C Clapper & R Gray.

3. A short explanation regarding the Radlett Neighbourhood Plan - Policy RV2

Cllr E Samuelson gave a brief introduction to the Radlett Neighbourhood Plan, and in particular Policy RV2 - Medical Services. The Policy supports the retention and enhancement of medical services in Radlett and states that they should be located in the Village centre unless no viable and deliverable site can be found. She referred to the recent Appeal by the developer of the 'Land to the South of Shenley Hill' who was proposing to include a new medical building on the site as they believed this was the only viable site option available. The Appeal was dismissed by the Inspector but has now gone to Judicial Review.

4. To discuss and agree the 'Terms of Reference' for the working party.

These had been circulated prior to the meeting and were adopted.

5. How to liaise with The Red House surgery re their requirements?

There was a long discussion on this matter with those present asking whether a new medical facility was definitely needed given that doctors interact with their patients in different ways since the Covid pandemic.

Cllr E Samuelson informed the group that she and other councillors had met with some of the partners of the surgery previously. At that time they had stated that capacity would soon be reached, especially if additional housing is built in their catchment area. There was also a letter, provided by the Red House Surgery to the Inspector of the Planning Appeal on 'Land to the South of Shenley Hill' where they stated that they had been functioning at full capacity for a number of years.

It was agreed that members of the working party should meet with all the Red House surgery partners and the practice manager to ask for more information including capacity, provision of other services etc. It was then

Agreed that Cllr E Samuelson, C Wilkins & S Nagler meet the partners of the Red House Surgery to make them aware of the formation of the working party, to try to understand their concerns and inform them that the working party wishes to work with them going forward.

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6. Discuss possible location sites for new Medical Services in the centre of the Village and investigate their viability.

It was noted that there were three locations stated in the RNP

- The Village Institute (corner of Watling Street/Theobald Street)
- Land to the rear of Royal Mail Sorting Office
- Regency House (former petrol station in the High Street)

Those present also asked if Newberries Car Park could be considered.

In the Hertsmere Borough Council draft 'Local Plan' there is provision for a site on Theobald Street opposite the current row of bungalows. However, some of those present felt that this may not be a suitable site for a medical facility.

7. Look at the Local Plan and see if any sites within it could incorporate a new easily accessible Medical Centre.

All those present were encouraged to reply to the current consultation being undertaken by Hertsmere Borough Council on the latest draft Local Plan and in particular to look at what infrastructure such as medical facilities etc are being proposed.

8. Next Steps.

- a) Contact Red House Surgery to arrange a meeting with all the partners - Cllr E Samuelson, C Wilkins & S Nagler.
- b) Contact Royal Mail re-the sorting office site. - APC Manager
- c) Contact Regency House developer for an update - APC Manager
- d) Contact Hertsmere Borough Council re Newberries Car Park - Cllr. Lucy Selby

9. Next meeting date
20 June 2024 at 2pm. (Provisional)

Meeting finished at 4pm.