

**Minutes of Over Hulton Neighbourhood Forum
12 October 2018 – 7.15pm**

Attendees: T Hewitt, N Taylor C Bevis N Taylor S Williams
M Bevis
N Douglas S Frewtrell, (by conference call)

Apologies

The purpose of this meeting was to update everyone on the recent meeting that TH, CB and ND had with Troy Planning + Design in Manchester on the 12 October 2018.

The meeting lasted 2.5hrs and during this time Troy Planning took us through their proposal and costings. It was apparent towards the end of the meeting that the OHNF was further on than they anticipated which they said reduced a good few months off their.

Troy Planning had clearly done their homework about our area and the proposal was very clearly set out with timelines and key stages. One of their Senior planners called Thomas O’Kane was previously a Case Officer at Bolton Council and knows a lot of the planning officers there.

They were very knowledgeable in the neighbourhood planning process and their technical expertise of designing over 20 other neighbourhood plans. They presented to us a neighbourhood plan which they had previously designed for Kingswood which had a lot of similarities to Over Hulton for an idea of what our plan could look like.

Troy confirmed that we would be entitled to receive a grant of £9k with an additional £8k should we go down the route of introducing a design code. They advised that they would also represent the forum at the Public Inquiry at Bolton Council for the Hulton Park proposal.

Next steps are for them to update us with their revised proposal and pricing based on our discussions today which will be shared to the Committee once received. If everybody is happy with the proposals then we would be looking to instruct Troy Planning following this.

The Planners also were very helpful to us by finding out key dates and timescales around when submissions could be sent to Planning Inspectorate around the Call In of the Planning Application and ironically, the deadline was by 11.59am today 12/10/18. Troy Planning did not feel it was being unreasonable to ask for a 30 day extension to put together our response being an interested party and given that Bolton Council should have made us aware of these timescales.

This could have been down to OHNF not speaking initially at the Planning Committee meeting stage as the forum was only three months away from being designated. So that we remain an interested party, TH has sent a short summary response today by email asking that our group is included and this has been acknowledged.

Date of next meeting

Troy Planning will join our next meeting so they can introduce themselves by conference call to the Committee. The dates earmarked for this meeting is either 24th or 26th October 2018.