

April 24th, 2016

Outstanding issues have been resolved earlier than expected and the application for the Townhill Park Estate Regeneration project will now be presented to the Planning Panel on the 3rd May 2016, enabling the scheme to move forward more quickly. SCC has told us that the objection from Natural England has been withdrawn (after their review of the additional information submitted to them for consideration) and that the small development site by the bus turning circle (which received a substantial number of objections) has been withdrawn from the application.

The Planning Description of the application 15/01856/OUT Townhill Park is as follows:

'Enhancement and part-redevelopment of the Townhill Park Estate with 665 new dwellings following demolition, associated parking and replacement public open space. Hybrid planning application with a fully detailed phase 1 comprising the erection of 276 dwellings in buildings of up to 7 storeys, and subsequent phases in outline comprising the erection of 389 dwellings with Access, Layout and Scale submitted for approval with External Appearance and Landscaping reserved, and the erection of a retail store (up to 500sq.m) with all matters reserved. Application seeks to extinguish/stop up existing Rights of Way and enhance the existing highway network – Description amended following a reduction in height (and the loss of 2 flats) to Plot 5 and the removal of Plot 14 (8 houses) from the scheme.'

The report that will be submitted to the Planning and Rights of Way Panel (West) on the 3rd May is available on the Council's internet at

<http://www.southampton.gov.uk/modernGov/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=586&MId=3220&Ver=4> – the meeting starts at 6pm in the Council Chambers and it is our understanding that

all those that submitted objections have been invited to the panel, although note that there is only 15 minutes in total for all objectors to speak and no new information (e.g. photographs, plans or other printed material) can be presented on the day to the Panel which has not already been made available in good time to the Council to enable its available inspection for public viewing, in the interest of openness and fairness.

If you do not wish to attend or are not able to, you can monitor the progress of this application by using the SCC Public Access webpage at

<http://www.southampton.gov.uk/planning/planning-applications/default.aspx> and you can find out more about the process at <http://www.southampton.gov.uk/planning/planning-permission/planning-rights-way.aspx>. If you do intend to attend the Panel, then please would you let us (SO18 Big Local) know?