

Minutes of the New Carrington Masterplan Kick Off Meeting

Statutory and Non-Statutory Project Group 4 December 2023, 1430 - 1600, Trafford Town Hall

Attendees:

Caroline Wright (TC), Sarah Todd (TC), Paul Lewis (TC), Stephen James (TC), Liz Patel (TC Cllr), Janet Baguley (NE), Petula Neilson (NE), Andy Davies (EA), Helen Telfer (EA), Siobhan Martin (EA), Adam Johnson (NH), Neville McKenzie (NH), Daniel Skinner (NH), Omar Opoku-Addo (NH)*, Richard Clowes (TfGM), Mia Crowther (TfGM), Andrew Leyssons (UU), John Cartledge (UU), Ross Harding (CWT), Joe Philips (CWT), Melusine Velde (CWT), Rachel Giles (CWT)*, Tim Hollins (Sustrans)*, Mandy Loach (TPT)*, Christos Kaloudas (ENW)*, Michael Keddy (ENW)* and Mike Taylor (ENW)*

Apologies:

Emma Feddon (HE) and Adam Brennan (UU)

Minutes of the Meeting

Caroline Wright (Trafford Council) gave a presentation on the New Carrington Masterplan. A copy of the presentation is available to view on the Trafford Council website (https://www.trafford.gov.uk/planning/strategic-planning/docs/NCM-KO-Meeting-Presentation-04.12.23.pdf)

The key issues / questions raised:

- Desire to be involved in setting the scope for evidence base documents, such as Ground Investigations. Particularly in relation to the methodology and interpretation of the data. – Trafford Council to consider this when work begins on this phase of the Masterplan.
- Given the confidentiality around certain ecological information, can this be shared with professionals? Trafford Council will consider this at the relevant points in the process and will ensure the process is as transparent as possible.
- Given the large area covered by the New Carrington masterplan, will there be separate areas of focus? – The masterplan will cover the whole site, reflecting the requirement for a comprehensive, site wide Masterplan in PfE Policy JPA33. However, there may be areas where a focused study is required for certain issues.
- The Environment Agency and Natural England can offer a discretionary advisory service, which may be the most appropriate route if detailed input is required Noted by Trafford Council.
- Will there be any interface between the different project groups? There will be opportunities for joint input / working across the stakeholder groups. Trafford Council to consider the mechanics of this once consultants are appointed.
- There is a need to link with Salford City Council, particularly in relation to the proposed Port Salford allocation – Trafford Council have a close working relationship with Salford City Council and will involve them as required.
- Some discussion about the Terms of Reference and any comments / amendments will be provided to Trafford Council by the agreed date.
- A number of Statutory and Non-Statutory consultees asked if a similar process is being undertaken for the Timperley Wedge allocation Trafford Council to confirm the process for this.

- Concern that elements such as the natural environment will get ignored in the Delivery Strategy. –
 Trafford Council clarified that Part 1 and Part 2 of the masterplan will overlap and there will therefore
 be an iterative process between the two.
- Request from Natural England for all Ground Investigation information that is currently available, in relation to peat, to be made available on the Trafford Council website. – Trafford Council to consider this.
- Will the Masterplan consider development density? Indicative development densities for New Carrington are set out in the PfE JPA33 policy, but the masterplan will need to consider these in more detail.
- Has there been any indication of developers promoting BNG on the retained Green Belt land within the allocation boundary? – No detailed discussions at this stage, but this will be considered as part of the Masterplan.
- Current issues around existing planning applications coming forward within the New Carrington allocation. – Trafford Council is aware of the complexities around this and Strategic Planning are working closely with the Development Management service.
- Whether any consideration has been given to assets such as the electricity network within the New Carrington allocation boundary. – Not at this stage, but this will be a key requirement of the Delivery Strategy.

Actions:

The following information needs to be provided by 22nd December 2023 and sent to newcarrington.masterplan@trafford.gov.uk:

- Final comments on the Terms of Reference
- Confirmation of contact details for each organisation