

LINTON AREA MEETING

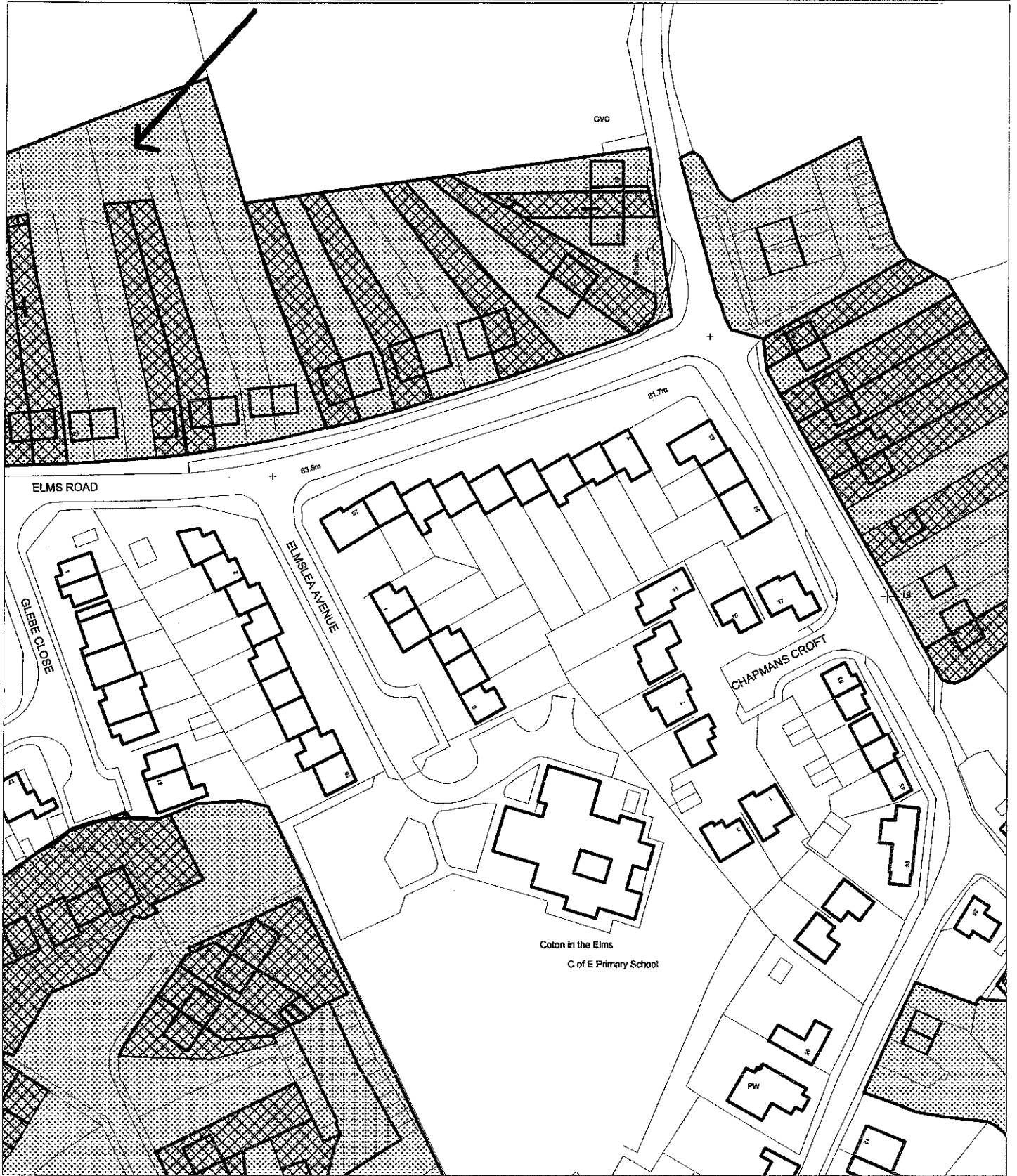
**AGENDA
AND
REPORTS**

TUESDAY, 3RD FEBRUARY 2004

**Coton-in-the-Elms Community Centre,
Elms Road,
Coton-in-the Elms**

7.00 p.m.

Coton in the Elms Community Centre



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SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

LINTON AREA MEETING

**(Covering Castle Gresley, Cauldwell, Coton-in-the-Elms, Drakelow, Linton,
Lullington, Netherseal, Overseal, Rosliston and Walton-on-Trent)**

**Meeting to be held at
Coton-in-the-Elms Community Centre,
Elms Road,
Coton-in-the-Elms
on Tuesday, 3rd February 2004
at 7.00 p.m.**

(Light Refreshments will be available at 6.30 p.m.)

Members:

District Councillors: Councillor Southern (Chair) and Councillors Mrs. Hall, Lauro and Shaw.

County Councillor: Councillor Mrs. Lauro.



BUSINESS

1. Apologies for absence.
2. To note the Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st October 2003 (copy herewith).
3. Chair's Announcements (if any).
4. Report back on issues raised at the last Meeting.
5. Public Question Time and suggestions for future local discussion items.
6. Date of Next Meeting.

Community Items

7. CVS Volunteering – presentation by Mr. R. House, CVS.
8. Consultation on the Council's Budget.

LINTON AREA MEETING

21st October 2003

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillors Mrs. Hall, Lauro and Shaw.

Mr. F. B. McArdle (Chief Executive), Mrs. D. Cook (Democratic Services Officer) and Mr. B. Jones (Helpdesk).

County Council Representative

Councillor Mrs. K.Lauro (Vice-Chair in the Chair).

Parish Council/Meeting Representatives

R. Palmer (Linton Parish Council), J. Blythe (Linton Parish Council), Dr. T. Elson (Walton-on-Trent Parish Council), S. Jackson (Castle Gresley Parish Council), C. Eley (Coton-in-the-Elms Parish Council), G. Edwards (Overseal Parish Council), D. Eaton (Cauldwell Parish Meeting), I. Sterritt (Overseal Parish Council).

Members of the Public

P. Cherry (Coton-in-the-Elms Parish Council), J. Dolman, P. Dolman, A. Ensor (Linton Parish Council), R. Ford, B. Ford, P. Smith, V. Taylor (Walton-on-Trent Parish Council), R. Wasley, L. Coombes (Burton Mail), B. Falkner, I. Falkner, J. Bradley, B. Gibbs, B. J. White.

Primary Care Trust

Mr. S. Elliott.

(Police Representative also present.)

LA/11. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillor Southern (Chair) and Inspector R. Hargreaves.

LA/12. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th August 2003 were received.

LA/13. **REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING**

County Councillor Mrs. Lauro reported that the traffic lights at Bailey Bridge, Walton were being looked at again to ascertain appropriate timings. Also, Mr. J. Waite of Derbyshire County Council had requested the Highway Care Manager to inspect the low replacement kerbstone at the crossroads at Overseal to see if this could be improved.

The dangerous parking of vehicles close to the junction of Main Street, Linton issue had been passed to the Local Beat Officer for action.

With regard to a proposed ban on drinking alcohol in public spaces for both Linton and Castle Gresley, a resident requested police support for such a ban. The Police representative present stated that such a ban would be

supported if appropriate resources were available. Concern was expressed that the Linton Recreational Ground was currently covered in glass and it was suggested that all incidents be reported to the Police. The Police representative advised that there was a need to analyse the problem but that resources were not currently available to 'police' such a ban. The Police had a high visibility of policing in this area. One resident suggested that the problem with underage drinking should be eradicated at source and it was noted that Trading Standards monitored sales of alcohol to the under 18's. Concern was expressed that vandalism was occurring as a consequence of underage drinking and that the antisocial behaviour needed addressing. It was suggested that the Local Beat Manager should visit the site on a daily basis and accordingly the Police representative agreed to undertake to pass on this request. The Police representative stated that a byelaw preventing drinking would not make a difference and that if an under eighteen year old person was caught with alcohol then the Police would remove it. S. Jackson expressed concern that adults were leaving 'The Crown' public house at Castle Gresley with alcohol. The Police representative agreed to take the concerns of the Meeting regarding underage drinking at Linton and Castle Gresley on board and endeavour to take the most appropriate course of action. He advised of 'Operation Glam' which had been very successful in targeting young people drinking alcohol.

LA/14. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE LOCAL DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Mr. Dolman of Drakelow expressed concern that a Parish Council/Meeting did not exist for the Parish of Drakelow and expressed the need for this Parish to be represented. He suggested that a person could be co-opted onto the Area Meeting. The Chief Executive advised that endeavours had been made in the past to establish a Drakelow Parish Meeting and Officers would research this matter and respond to Mr. Dolman accordingly.

The Meeting had received a letter from Mrs. B. Ford, expressing concern regarding the volume and speed of traffic at Rosliston Road South, Drakelow and advised that the speed restriction sign at Rosliston Road South was not visible to motorists travelling from the Stapenhill direction over the railway bridge which created a danger. Also Mrs. Ford advised that hedges required cutting opposite the dwellings on the roadside between nos. 15 and 43 at Rosliston Road South, Drakelow. Councillor Lauro advised that the 30 mph speed limit needed enforcing and accordingly Councillor Mrs. Lauro agreed to pursue the matters raised. A resident advised that he currently rented a field and the above mentioned hedges formed the boundary of that field. He was reluctant to reduce the height of these hedges for security reasons but agreed to action if possible. Mr. Ford of Drakelow expressed great concern regarding the speed and volume of traffic passing through Drakelow and one resident referred to the casualty statistics for that stretch of road. He stated that heavy goods vehicles travelled on the road at an average of one per minute. V. Taylor suggested noting the registration numbers of the HGV's and reporting them to the County Council for action. Councillor Mrs. Lauro also advised that if such registration numbers were passed to her she would take the appropriate course of action. Councillor Mrs. Lauro agreed to bring Mr. Peter Leigh of the County Council's Highway Department to Drakelow to discuss the problems outlined. Concern regarding the missing seven and a half tonne weight limit sign at Rosliston Road South was expressed together with the poor lighting on the Drakelow Bridge. It was outlined that joint

action with East Staffordshire Borough Council was required for improved lighting on the Bridge.

County Councillor Mrs. Lauro invited suggestions for traffic calming for the Parish of Drakelow. A resident advised that strips had been put down but checks had not been done and accordingly Councillor Mrs. Lauro agreed to pursue this matter.

Mrs. V. Taylor requested speed calming measures for Walton-on-Trent. She also referred to a planning application where houses had been built at the end of an unadopted road. The Chief Executive advised of the current planning guidance but agreed to report the concerns expressed.

LA/15. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was reported that the next Linton Area Meeting would be held on Tuesday, 3rd February 2004 (venue to be determined).

LA/16. **PRESENTATION ON THE LOCAL IMPROVEMENT FINANCE TRUST (LIFT) PROJECT**

Mr. Steve Elliott, Assistant Director, Commissioning Service Improvement, Derbyshire Dales and South Derbyshire Primary Care Trust was in attendance at the Meeting to discuss the LIFT Project. He advised that the Primary Care Trust had been in existence for 18 months and was undertaking health assessment work. He advised of the rising population in the Swadlincote area and the increase in the proportion of younger people. He stated that the area suffered from a higher than average death rate from conditions such as cancer and heart disease. There was a shortage of GP's and dentists etc. in the area. For the past two years there had been a lack of revenue funding but increased funding was on the horizon. With regard to capital funding, he advised of the Government's new LIFT Scheme.

Mr. Elliott reported that the five PCT's in Derbyshire had formed a partnership with Excel Care. A new building would be erected on the former Ambulance Station site in Swadlincote forming the base for many health services. A formal consultation was taking place regarding this project which would end on 27th November 2003. Mr. Elliott advised that he was happy to talk to voluntary groups regarding this project. The former Ambulance Station was to be demolished and replaced with a purpose built centre to house four additional GP's, NHS dentists, extra district nurses, health visitors, consultant sessions and a number of special nurse clinics. The District Council was to house an information point at the project by way of a computer system and it was possible that Social Services would also have a presence in the building. Voluntary organisations would also be allowed to use the building. Mr. Elliott asked for feedback on the provision of a local X-ray service and minor injuries/illness service. He advised that the PCT were commencing a scheme with local pharmacies currently to treat minor illnesses (coughs and colds etc.). The PCT had begun to work with architects on the design of the building at Swadlincote which would start to be constructed mid-2004 for completion mid-2005.

Mr. I. Sterritt of Overseal queried the shortage of GP's in the area and was advised that the Primary Care Trust (PCT) was trying to attract further GP's to the area within the next six months, i.e. before the LIFT Project commenced. Existing practices felt generally that providing space for

additional GP's would be a problem, however, Mr. Elliott advised that the District had had some success in attracting GP's to the area in the past two years. Councillor Lauro expressed concern that the Project was not being ambitious enough. He referred to the length of time taken to travel to the nearest Accident and Emergency department and expressed his support for a minor accident unit to be based at Swadlincote. Mr. Elliott advised that the PCT were trying to 'future proof' the building, i.e. building provision for services that might be required. S. Jackson queried the proposed opening times for a possible minor accident unit and was advised that it would probably be 8.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m. led by nurses with a GP on call.

J. Blythe queried whether a survey of people travelling to Accident and Emergency from Swadlincote had been undertaken and again expressed concern regarding the distance to the nearest Accident and Emergency Department. He advised that with the increased industry being attracted to the area the possibility of accidents would increase and therefore needed addressing. Mr. Elliott noted the comments made in this regard.

Councillor Mrs. Lauro advised that effective accident prevention work could be carried out and noted that some General Practices already carried out minor accident treatment.

Mrs. V. Taylor of Walton-on-Trent advised that as from 1st November 2003, surgeries usually undertaken twice a week in Walton-on-Trent would cease and therefore Walton residents would need to travel to Barton-under-Needwood to see a GP. She asked whether Walton residents would be able to register at the new surgery and was advised by Mr. Elliott that the GP's employed would be able to determine the catchment area covered. P. Smith queried whether the PCT was obliged to provide care for the community. Mr. Elliott advised that it was the responsibility of the PCT to organise care for the people within its boundary. He talked about cross-boundary issues appropriate to the areas of Walton and Barton and advised of a process in place whereby all patients would be allocated to a GP practice. There was a process to ensure that every patient had access to a GP but a GP could not be forced to serve a particular area. A resident advised that his family who lived in Walton-on-Trent were not able to find a GP to take them. Accordingly, Mr. Elliott agreed to talk to East Staffordshire PCT regarding the problem arising with the ceasing of the Walton-on-Trent Surgery.

LA/17. **DRAFT REVISION OF SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE:
HOUSING AND DESIGN**

It was reported that supplementary planning guidance (SPG) was used by local planning authorities to add detail to and aid the application of policies contained in the Local Plan. The Council was required to consult widely on the format and content of such guidance, prior to its adoption. SPG's were a material consideration when planning applications were considered.

The Housing and Design SPG required revision due to the publication of a revised Planning Policy Guidance (PPG) Note No. 3 on housing. The basic thrust of the PPG was that new development should be located within urban areas wherever possible and in sustainable locations, having regard to local distinctiveness. The PPG placed greater insistence that new housing layouts should be more intensive in terms of the number of houses per hectare and that there should be a higher quality of design and layout promoted. The draft SPG sought to interpret this and moved away from the Council's

traditional stance, which sought to ensure that spaces about and between dwellings were at a set level, to a position where only existing dwellings were protected from intrusive and overbearing forms of new development. This would allow developers to accommodate a larger number of houses within new developments, with innovative and interesting designs, whilst maintaining existing standards for occupiers of existing dwellings. The draft SPG reflected the stance of the PPG and the latest revision to the Local Plan in promoting lower levels of car parking provision, reflecting the Government's intention to reduce reliance on the private motor vehicle. Comments on the draft guidance could be submitted to the Planning Services Manager at the District Council.

K. LAURO

CHAIR

The Meeting terminated at 8.20 p.m.

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Tuesday, 3rd February 2004

REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING

At the last meeting held on 21st October 2003 at Rosliston and Cauldwell Village Hall, a number of issues were raised. These issues are listed below, together with progress made to date:-

ISSUES	PROGRESS	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER
1. Concern that residents of Drakelow were not aware of the Linton Area Meeting.	Letter sent to every household in the parish of Drakelow.	Debbie Cook (Democratic Services Officer) Tel. (01283) 595709
2. Speed of traffic, heavy goods vehicles using Rosliston Road South, Drakelow	Report to be submitted to the Meeting.	County Councillor Mrs. Lauro
3. Missing 7.5 tonne weight limit sign, Rosliston Road South/poor lighting on Drakelow Bridge.	Report to be submitted to the Meeting.	County Councillor Mrs. Lauro
4. Underage drinking at Linton and Castle Gresley.	Police to pursue this matter and take necessary action.	Swadlincote Police

