

Meeting held with representatives of The Griffin Trust/Stantonbury International School 29th November 2017

Present: Councillor Graham Davison, Councillor Sandra Kennedy, Lisa Emmanuel, FI
Apologies AS

Introductions were made and IF explained that Inner Circle were the Asset Manager Partners for 12 schools, including Stantonbury International School. They were currently working on a rationalisation strategy relating to the built environment, with a number of proposals being progressed.

LE explained the intentions of the Neighbourhood Plan, the past history of relationship with the Campus and the overall ideas and aims for the whole campus site.

The issues outlined included:

- Decline of commercial units
- Parking issues especially relating to disabled access and access to the health facilities
- General lack of use of communal facilities

FI outlined current plans for re-aligning some of the parking and separation of pedestrians from cars. This will include new steps to the entrance and the introduction of disability compliant ramps.

The administrative area is being moved to the first floor, which will then allow for the main reception to be moved further back.

SK asked whether this would impact on other users as the car park is in use all week – it is imperative we keep the same number of additional user spaces and especially the disabled spaces used by McIntyre daily.

FI confirmed the number of disabled spaces won't reduce and it is intended to move all of the disabled spaces to one location, closest to the new ramp.

Discussion then followed on the shared use of space and the fact that shared access may be affecting the use of the retail facilities. It was acknowledged the current traffic flow is not working well.

GAD stated the traffic chaos was not the reason the shops have fallen into disuse and recounted the previous proposals with Sainsbury which would have seen the whole area re-developed. When Sainsbury subsequently pulled out, the area was simply left and not developed or repaired.

GAD then asked what areas of the site might be sold off – IF stated it may be possible for areas to be sold but he had not had any specific discussions regarding this. Other parts of the site might be considered for additional parking.

LE explained the principles for the Campus Policy and stated it would be helpful if the Trust/representatives could identify any particular areas or proposals which would be supported.

Discussion then followed on drop-off points and options to look at alternatives such as Stantonbury Fields. It is essential that future developments of any kind do not introduce new entrance points onto the campus from other streets which could impact on traffic and parking in residential areas.

LE then outlined the intention of the 'Community Hub' approach. **IF** confirmed this would be a positive approach with the Trust's intentions for hosting International students. This led to a discussion of the potential location of a new community building. Land had been identified by SPC on the site of the former greenhouses, which is Trust land. **IF** was asked whether the Trust would consider allocating this land for community use within the Plan.

LE further explained the status of the draft Plan policies and the intention for consultation. It is essential the Trust feed into this process. **IF** referred to some of the principles within the policy which would fit in with the plans for the site – such as support for better access.

Discussion then followed on the Theatre and Leisure Centre, which **GAD** believed was now under the management of the Griffin Trust. There is an opportunity for further dialogue with SPC which would be welcomed. It would be helpful if we could improve communication between the school and local community.

SK then outlined ongoing issues relating to Christ Church and the power supply which is routed via the school. It is vital that further plans for the car park etc are communicated with the Church as they are also affected.

IF confirmed that ongoing dialogue would be helpful and that it would appear that our Plan policies make a lot of sense.

Actions agreed

- **IF** to share map of plans for car park with SPC
- **IF** to discuss all issues with the Trust and request feedback regarding the Neighbourhood Plan policies
- **LE** to share contact details for Christ Church
- **LE** to share draft policies with **IF** and the Trust
- **GT** to confirm land ownership/boundaries