

Caldecote Residents Meeting: 10 October 2024

Residents Attended

ATH (16), MMH (Homelands), CW (Timberlea), SR (School House), AD (15), JH (16), DB & JB (18), SS (Anker Cottage)

Minutes:

1) MIRA development

Residents discussed the MIRA development and noted that nothing has been updated on the planning portal since February (coincidentally there has since been an update on 10 Oct, which can be discussed at the next meeting).

There was general support for the proposed plans for stopping up the road as part of the development but a realisation that this may not be a reality for 5+ years given the slow process and the prioritised works planned.

Action: It was agreed that DB will contact Jeff Brown to determine any further updates due

Planning Portal:

<http://planning.northwarks.gov.uk/portal/servlets/ApplicationSearchServlet?PKID=124581>

2) Conservation Area update

ATH noted that the Conservation Area has been formally adopted with the designation as shown.

The Residents discussed the fact and noted that during the consultation period, many had pushed for other key properties to form part of the conservation area including the houses developed between 1920s – 1950s, Anker Cottages and nos 17 & 18 Weddington Lane.



ATH read out the impacts of the Designation as follows:

“To facilitate the preservation or enhancement of a conservation area, as required by the 1990 Act, the designation of an area introduces some restrictions on what can and cannot be done without planning permission. These restrictions include:

- The demolition of any building within the conservation area;*
- Control over partial demolition;*
- Control over works to trees;*
- Limited permitted development rights;*

- *The option to use Article 4 directions to further restrict specific permitted development rights and*
- *Limitations on the type of advertisements that do not require consent."*

ATH has previously been in contact with Jennifer Leadbetter of NWBC during the consultation and had sent over her own compiled record of the history of Caldecote, which included details of these other key properties and their importance.

Residents also discussed that the MIRA plans should be updated to consider the impacts on this Conservation Area. ATH read from UK Parliament: "There is a [statutory duty](#) on those making decisions affecting CAs to pay "special attention" to preserving or enhancing their character or appearance."

Action: ATH will follow up again with Jennifer to encourage further consultation regarding impacts, MIRA, Article 4 and extending the conservation area.

3) Caldecote Parish Council

The Residents discussed the potential for the reforming of the Parish Council and the requirement for a petition to be put forward for this. It was agreed that we could have more impact as a Parish Council on all matters impacting the area such as planned & proposed developments, flooding, conservation, traffic & road impacts and that we would also have a designated budget to support the community here. If we were reformed we would establish regular meetings on matters affecting ALL Caldecote residents, there would be a need for a website and regular comms.

ATH noted that as Caldecote would have under 500 registered voters we would require 37.5% of electorate votes (c. 54) on a formed petition. MMH noted that it would normally be just 7% for a larger parish. The Residents agreed to complete their own research and follow-up with a further meeting within the next 2 weeks with the aim of drafting a petition.

Action: ATH will organise a follow-up meeting and share with the resident groups

4) Lindley Meadow

Residents felt that there was little we could do to influence the developments happening outside our borough but could drive forward a general concern about the impacts on traffic and services. It was agreed, again, that there would be more impact as a Parish Council.

5) Any other developments & insights

Residents discussed further proposed developments that could impact Caldecote including Gladman proposal for the south side of Caldecote.

Action on housing development: DB will ask for an update from Jeff Brown on the Gladman proposal

Residents also discussed the recent and continual flooding issues. Weddington Lane properties are continually affected and others may be too. There will be a drive to develop stronger relationships with local landowners and the highway management to rectify this. Many residents have tried to resolve the issues on an individual basis to no end so **it will become a matter for group action and preferably as a Parish Council.**