

Lache Vision / Lache Masterplan
 Public Meeting Notes
 Wednesday, 14th December 2022
 Questions

Question raised at public meeting	Response	Action
Where can we find regular updates:	<p>There is now a dedicated webpage where all information, details of public meetings and contacts for feedback is held: http://chester.westcheshiregrowth.co.uk/projects/lachemasterplan/</p> <p>A paper folder of all information has also been created and is housed at the Community Centre</p>	Website updated – and everyone on subscriber list will receive all documents after each meeting.
<p>Is the Western relief Road still going ahead? Is the route still through site of the Sidings?</p> <p>Did the Council purchase the site?</p>	<p>We are not looking to develop a new road and the land previously allocated for the route, is no longer designated for this use in the adopted Local Plan.</p> <p>Yes in 2016.</p>	
Where will all the traffic go if there is no Wester Relief Road?	<p>The original alignment for the Western relief road was removed from the local plan and alternative options with Welsh authorities is being looked at. This is subject to the Welsh Road review. Any new development will be subject to transport assessment to gauge the impact of the development and it is worth noting that the Government’s body for Walking, Cycling and wheeling “Active Travel England” have set a target to get 50% of short trips made by active modes.</p>	
<p>Lache has lost a lot of services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No cashpoint; • No post office (do you know if there is one in Saltney?) 	<p>Cashpoint access is not provided by the Council and the Council has no influence in where banks or cashpoint services are located. As we move to a more cashless society, more of these services delivered by the private sector are reducing. Morrisons Daily in Lache does have a cash machine (chargeable). The nearest free one is on Satney High Street or in Asda.</p> <p>Post Office Services are not provided by the Council and the Council has no influence in where PO Services are located. There is a national shrinkage in the number of PO across the UK. The nearest POs are in Westminster Park, Saltney Ferry or Chester city centre.</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No pub (do you know if there is one in Saltney?) Perhaps the Brewery Arms, Saltney. • Difficulty in getting appointments at doctors due to new housing • No bus going towards Asda 	<p>Public Houses are delivered by the private sector and the Council's only role is to issue licences for the sale of alcohol. There is a national shrinkage in the number of pubs across the UK. The closest facilities are on Saltney High Street.</p> <p>NHS Services including GP practices are not provided by the Council, but the Health Authority comments on capacity levels before land is allocated for housing as part of the Local Plan process to designate sites and this goes through a Public Examination prior to its adoption to ensure sufficient level of service in line with government targets can be delivered (or new facilities funded by the developer are required). We contacted Lache Health Centre for comment who responded to say, "we have received an increase in our registered patients from the new housing development. Over the last 9 months we have increased clinical capacity in line with the overall number of patients registered with the practice"</p> <p>There is no direct bus link which goes from Cliveden Road to Asda at Saltney. The number 16 bus does however provide a direct link to Morrisons, High St. Saltney and also Chester City Centre. PlusBus is a door-to-door minibus service for those who have mobility difficulties and cannot use public transport. The service is run by ECT in partnership with Council – Bookings & enquiries Tel 0151 357 4420 (9am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday).</p>	
<p>It feels like residents have had no investment in our facilities and we have got less than other wards despite being more deprived.</p>	<p>It is clear from the consultation, that there is a strong perception that the ward has been left behind. There has been funding committed to deliver a number of support programmes over the last 5 years but we also work with partners who bring services into the area. For example:</p> <p>Cheshire West Communities Together is an independent community development organisation which works directly with residents to bring people together to take action on what's important to them. We offer support to help you explore an idea or project you'd like to develop, advice and guidance on taking action about a local concern or issue, help to develop the skills and confidence to take action on matters that</p>	

	<p>affect you. We work side by side with residents and take an asset based approach to our work. This means we look at what strengths you and your community have and how using those strengths can help to improve people’s long term health</p> <p>There are regular health walks on a Wednesday starting from Lache Community Centre led by volunteers.</p> <p>A gardening group also meets on a Friday at Lache Community, supported by Chester Zoo.</p> <p>Koala run a home visiting support service for families in Lache with children under 11 https://koalanw.co.uk/ 0151 608 8288</p> <p>Some of the larger physical sites have not seen investment in Lache, while some of this is due to legal restrictions on where external funding can be spent, the masterplan process was started as a means of identifying priorities for future use and investment. As the emerging priorities are adopted, we will be in a stronger position to secure funding.</p> <p>In addition, Neighbourhood pride money has been allocated to invest in smaller scale environmental clean-ups and projects to improve the appearance of the area.</p>	<p>The refreshed Steering group will help shape emerging projects so that funding can be sourced and delivered.</p>
<p>What funding will the Lache community get from new homeless centre?</p> <p>The Curzon House homeless accommodation proposals will result in more pressure on services in the ward.</p>	<p>The money allocated for the Curzon House proposal is to refurbish the building to provide supported accommodation so that people at risk of homelessness are not spending prolonged periods of time confined to a single room in a hotel and provide wrap around support so it is not intended to cause additional pressure on local services.</p> <p>The money for the refurbishment and services for residents does not extend to providing an unallocated funding pot for the wider area.</p> <p>Anyone with questions can email Housingstrategy@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk or leave a message on 0151 356 6410 and one of the team will call you back.</p>	

<p>Are you not building on Baccies due to the contamination report report?</p>	<p>The consultants suggested building on the southern part of 'the Baccies' which was not formally used for landfill. The did this because they thought it would provide co-funding for the development of a wildlife area on the former landfill part of the site which is contaminated below ground level but contains some rarer grassland species and could provide access to open space for local residents. However there was clear opposition to this proposal locally, and this, together with the barriers to access site which housing would require and the wildlife that exists at this southern end, has informed the decision not to take forward consultants proposal for housing development and to look to develop the full site as a biodiversity led wildlife amenity.</p>	
<p>Can the public view the contamination report?</p>	<p>Yes. As per response to meeting of October 19th The Council has undertaken a number of studies over past 12 years looking at different aspects of the site – all health linkages have been examined in detail and no risks to the public or residents of cancer have been identified. If anyone wants to further information or wishes to view or discuss outcomes from these studies, please contact environmentalprotection@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk</p>	
<p>Friends of Baccies have been working with the Zoo and completed a biodiversity report – they are happy to share and discuss.</p>	<p>It is great that the community is keen to get involved and we are very supportive of this involvement – and hope to build on this as the project evolves. A biodiversity net gain matrix assessment will still need to be undertaken in Spring 2023, as this not only identifies the baseline for biodiversity led improvements, but also converts this into a monetary amount which then allows for an allocation of funding (from development taking place across the borough) to support maintenance over a 30 year period.</p>	<p>Officers have set up a meeting with a representative of Friends of the Baccies for early January.</p>
<p>Why was the Ash track public footpath (the Sidings at Satney) closed ?</p>	<p>There is no official right of way on the Sidings, and it has never been on the Definitive Plan which sets out all legal and permissive rights of way.</p>	
<p>Can pavement parking on St Marks Road and Coronation Road be stopped?</p>	<p>Waiting restrictions such as double yellow lines are enforced by our parking services team. Parking on the footway which causes an obstruction (where there are no other restrictions in place) is a matter for the Police. We have</p>	

<p>Can double yellow lines be re-painted?</p>	<p>passed on concerns over payment parking to local beat police.</p> <p>Yes, they are faded and been agreed to re-paint.</p>	<p>Re-painting has been added to workplan</p>
<p>Can the following be considered in future plans for Sycamore Park:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fenced area for children • Extra waste/dog bins • Equipment for under 3's • Outdoor Gym equipment • Planting – perhaps more trees <p>Have we engaged another consultant to do the plans?</p> <p>Has money being contributed from the development on Wrexham Road development towards sycamore fields?</p>	<p>All of these ideas, together with suggestions for a 'learn to cycle path and some inclusive play equipment have been passed onto Landscape designer who is preparing initial sketch ideas – which we will then consult on early in the New Year.</p> <p>We also supporting Friends of Lache who are looking to secure funding for an extra "showstopper" piece via a crowd funding campaign which might otherwise not be fundable. We would really encourage people to like and share project on the spacehive fund- and if possible contribute £2 – as this will help show support in the community which will help leverage larger sums of funding from private trusts.</p> <p>No, the landscape designer is internal to the Council</p> <p>Yes.</p>	<p>Current Spacehive project is live to seek funding for a showstopper piece of equipment:</p> <p>Play Equipment - Sycamore Field Lache (spacehive.com)</p>
<p>What happens to the rates from these new houses?</p>	<p>The council tax paid by new householders primarily goes to support services that they will use directly– for example bin collections - or wider Council services used by everyone – such as social care, libraries, highways.</p>	
<p>Will there be improvements to the exterior of the community centre as it lets the area down?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can the bar be re-opened? • More facilities are needed for young children and young families. 	<p>The refurbishment proposals of the community centre will look at a range of issues – from how to make the building better insulated and more energy efficient, through to how that facilities can be modernised so that they are fit for current and future new uses. We hope that as plans emerge we can work with the newly refreshed steering group to look at how its appearance can be used, the facilities provided within it and youth provision/</p>	
<p>Can the location of the bus stop by the shops be moved?</p>	<p>We have asked Highways who are doing the traffic modelling work around Cliveden/Poplar and Hawthorn to look at this.</p>	<p>Traffic Modelling to consider.</p>

<p>Will residents be able to comment or share their views on ideas for Hawthorn road and Poplar road with Highways</p>	<p>Yes. We are working with Highways who will look at undertaking some traffic modelling initially so we have a factual understanding of usage which will inform options, and we have also undertaken a survey of Community centre car park users. Depending on the results on these studies, they will look at potential actions to help improve safety and undertake consultation with all residents in the area</p>	<p>Traffic modelling to take place between January and March 223.</p>
<p>Does the CCTV camera on the roundabout work?</p>	<p>Yes, it is fully functional.</p>	
<p>Will officers visit peoples house to discuss future plans if they cant get out to the meeting?</p>	<p>Officers are happy to speak to residents. A paper copy of all the documents featured on the website is available at the community centre. Consultation on specific projects which could effect residents of specific locations, such as any highway changes, will include house-to-house consultation.</p>	
<p>What is being done about the risk of flooding?</p>	<p>Detailed map of areas which are most at risk as a result of heavy local rain is available: https://check-long-term-flood-risk.service.gov.uk/map?location=ch4hnq</p> <p>The Council is setting up a meeting with Sanctuary housing to discuss specific measures that they are taking to protect tenants.</p> <p>In response to consultation, the Council is purchasing 30 x Hydro snakes funded through Neighbourhood pride for Lache ward. These last unused up to 5 years and are quick to</p> <p>Residents can also help by reporting blocked gullies near their properties by the website or App or by removing matter directly.</p>	

Next meeting 9th February 2023