



FORUM MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

9th January 2019

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT GROUP REPORT

Whilst we have continued, since the last meeting, to review all planning applications in our area and submit our comments, our greatest current concern is the application relating to the proposed development of 208 houses off Gilcroft Street/Vere Avenue, Skegby (V/2018/0783). Such a development would negate our efforts to have established the well-used footpaths through this land. In conjunction with the heritage group full comments and objection will be lodged with ADC this week.

There remains concern in relation to the proposed development off Beck Lane, Skegby (V/2016/0569). Those concerns have been led by Barry Nicoll who has organised meetings of residents and objections to be submitted. In view of his sterling efforts, the Group has maintained a watching brief and I have raised concerns with ADC orally.

It should be noted that there has been a reorganisation of staff at ADC, resulting in Christine Sarris being upgraded to an Assistant Director position and our main contact now being Neil Oxby. I have held a meeting with Neil and raised our concerns and suggestions regarding the revised Local Plan and consultation on planning issues in general, as well as taking the opportunity to talk about the Forum's position in regard to HS2 and Hydrocarbon extraction. Despite protestations to the contrary, I remain of the view that ADC are paying lip service to the Forum and its role. A meeting with Jason Zadrozny and Christine Sarris has been proposed in regard to the Forum's concerns in relation to HS2, at which it has been suggested that wider issues, including those in relation to planning and the environment, are addressed.

A meeting of the Planning and Environment Group is well overdue and will be arranged later this month or early next month in order to bring members up to speed. It may be worth inviting Neil Oxby along to address this meeting.

Richard Goad.