

## APPENDIX II

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**Subject:** Bailrigg Garden Village - Community Engagement

To Louise Hemingway e petition author cc Cllr Mills

Good afternoon Louise,

*With reference to the concerns raised in the above e-petition, the council would like to apologise for the technical problems that you experienced on the website.*

*These were rectified as soon as they were identified and did not significantly reduce the total numbers of days in which to comment during this early stage of the stakeholder engagement and consultation process.*

*The areas of concern you have identified around flooding, air quality, infrastructure and wildlife are all aspects that the council is keen to discuss as part of the engagement process in the preparation of a Masterplan for the Bailrigg Garden Village (BGV).*

*JTP's work will build on that by the council in 2017 and 2018 to engage informally with people and organisations about ambitions for the garden village. They have been supplied with copies of all previous consultation information and responses.*

*JTP want to work as collaboratively as possible with people and organisations to hear about all issues, concerns and aspirations that should shape the settlement planning.*

*The opportunities to comment over the last few days are but the first of many, all designed as best we can to be as open and accessible as possible in these pandemic constrained times.*

*This master-planning work is crucial to advance our understanding of how to make the BGV the best it can be for local communities. The council wants to engage with people in conversations about the whole range of issues that really matter, including drainage and flood risk, infrastructure challenges, climate change, air quality, biodiversity and wildlife. The work will help to establish:*

- *The location and extent of the BGV*
- *Where areas of separation should be (and their size),*
- *How the garden village should connect and relate to settlement around including the city and Galgate*
- *The layout and form of the settlement and how it is to fit in to and make better the local environment.*

*So far JTP have received approximately 70 postcard responses and over 550 comments on the communities platform (albeit some multiple entries from some individuals) and a number of direct emails.*

Meetings are also taking place with stakeholders and community groups and there is much more engagement to come.

Comments as part of the 'first step' are invited by today (2<sup>nd</sup> February). All comments will then inform the JTP design team as they prepare the Masterplan Vision for Bailrigg Garden Village for an initial public presentation back to the community via Zoom at 6pm on Tuesday 9 February 2021.

All those who have supplied email addresses, either via the online consultation, or on the postcard response, will be specifically invited to this and the date is pre-publicised via the dedicated masterplan engagement website [www.BailriggGardenVillage.co.uk](http://www.BailriggGardenVillage.co.uk).

The Vision presentation will then be available to view on the website and a second "Vision" newsletter will be distributed locally. Stakeholder and community engagement will continue, with several further opportunities to input and help to shape the Masterplan.

The completed master-planning work will direct further work by the council and other organisations to progress with the garden village but it will not, in itself, have any formal planning status. Towards this the council will take the Masterplan and then seek to move it forward through a further formal plan-making process to prepare the AAP (Area Action Plan).

#### Area Action Plan (AAP)

The Masterplan will directly inform all work to come later this year to prepare the AAP. This will establish defined land-uses, which will include allocations for specific types of development and allocations for land to be protected from development for other environmental / recreational or social purposes.

This will involve a number of stages of formal public consultation, submission to Government and a Public Examination process chaired by an Independent Planning Inspector. Through the AAP process it will be for the council to demonstrate that the proposals taken forward have a sound basis and this may require refinement following the completion of wider evidence base studies and through public consultation.

It is critical that the council move forward with the preparation of the AAP in a timely manner, particularly in light of the current developer interest in the South Lancaster area. It is anticipated that the council will be seeking to prepare a draft (and the evidence which underpins it) through the course of this year, with public consultation on the draft document before the close of the year.

We look forward to hearing from you regarding any further questions and suggested dates for an engagement forum. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic crisis, this can only be undertaken via Teams. This virtual engagement has worked very successfully with other groups.

Yours sincerely,

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