

## Hednesford Community Forum

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### Time and Date

Wednesday 11 December, 2013 at 7.00 p.m.

### Venue

Museum of Cannock Chase, Valley Road, Hednesford.

You are invited to attend this meeting to consider the matters listed below.



**S.G. Brown**  
**Chief Executive**

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**Notice of Proposed Post Submission Main Modifications to Cannock Chase Local Plan (Part 1) – November 2013**

A formal Notice is attached to this Agenda. Please note the contact details and closing date for submissions, which is 5.00pm, Wednesday, 18 December, 2013.

### **AGENDA**

- 1. Apologies for Absence**
- 2. Declarations of Interests of Members in Contracts and Other Matters and Restriction on Voting by Members**

To declare any personal, pecuniary or disclosable pecuniary interests in accordance with the Code of Conduct and any possible contraventions under Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

- 3. Notes**

To receive the Notes of the meeting held on 09 September 2013 (Enclosed).

- 4. Questions for Staffordshire Police**

- 4a. Mr D. Wisehall, Chairman, Heart of Hednesford Restoration Project:**

*“What steps are being taken and will be taken to combat the growing drug problem in Hednesford Town Centre?”*

Chief Inspector C. Ratcliffe, Staffordshire Police, will provide a response at the meeting.

## 5. Questions for Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Services

No questions have been submitted.

## 6. Questions for Staffordshire County Council Highways

Mark Keeling, Community Infrastructure Liaison Manager, Staffordshire County Council, will be in attendance for this section of the meeting.

### 6a. Mr D. Chappell, local resident:

*"Please could a road safety issue, mainly in respect of speeding traffic and traffic obstruction, be addressed? The area concerned is the Victoria Street entrance to Hednesford Park, near the Victoria Street/Rugeley Road traffic lights. On the left hand side of the road traffic is turning from the junction for the Aldi store and Rugeley Road, and on the right hand side of the road traffic is approaching from Tesco further along Victoria Street and coming around a blind bend."*

Mark Keeling, Community Infrastructure Liaison Manager, Staffordshire County Council, has provided the following response:

"We understand there have been issues on previous occasions with some vehicles parking on-street adjacent to the new businesses on Victoria Street. At this time there are no restrictions to prevent parking however this may be considered in the future if problems persist.

As there is a signalled junction within close proximity of the bend and car park speeds are not expected to be high, however we are working in conjunction with the District Council in terms of the provision of additional lining in the area."

### 6b. Update on Speeding Traffic – Keys Park Road, Hednesford – Item requested by Councillor G. Ball

Mark Keeling, Community Infrastructure Liaison Manager, Staffordshire County Council, has provided the following response:

"The Safety Camera Team continues to carry out enforcement at this location as part of a rolling program in the area. It is worth noting that the number of intended prosecutions has fallen dramatically over the last twelve months which is a good sign that regular enforcement is having the desired effect."

## 7. Questions for Cannock Chase District Council – submitted in advance

### 7a. Mr D. Chappell, local resident:

*"Please could I have an explanation regarding how the decision was made for relocating the Hednesford Number 1 Signal Box, as I have concerns over the chosen option?"*

Mike Edmonds, Head of Commissioning, Has provided the following response:

"The No. 1 Signal Box was built in 1877 and was one of two signal boxes served in the locality. Over the past months Council officers have been in discussion with Network Rail over its preservation following its decommissioning.

The decision to relocate the No. 1 Signal Box in Hednesford Park and its proposed location on site was made following consultation with the Crime Prevention Design Advisor at Staffordshire Police.

The proposed location near the current pavilion is considered to be the best for natural surveillance and therefore less likely to encourage anti-social activity given its proximity to this building and the main Rugeley Road. This location also means that it is close to utilities (power etc) to enable the future alarming and protection of the building.

This location was also considered more appropriate than other locations in the Park and the other possible alternative site at the Museum Of Cannock Chase.

The decision to relocate the Signal Box in Hednesford Park also fits in with the longer term vision for the park in that it will contribute to the local heritage as well as providing education and learning opportunities and in attracting more visitors.”

7b. Update on Hednesford Town Centre Regeneration – Item requested by Councillor G. Ball

Glenn Watson, Planning and Economic Development Services Manager, will provide a verbal update at the meeting.

7c. Update on Hednesford Park – Item requested by Councillor G. Ball

Tony McGovern, Corporate Director, will provide a verbal update at the meeting.

**8. Mid-Staffs NHS Foundation Trust - update**

Deborah Neal, Head of Communications, Mid-Staffs NHS Foundation Trust, has provided the following update:

“The Trust Directors have concluded that, as the Trust continues to be going through the Trust Special Administration (TSA) process, it would not be appropriate for them to attend the Community Forums at this time. The Directors would like to assure local people that services at both Cannock Chase and Stafford Hospitals continue as usual and would encourage people to continue to use them as appropriate. If there are any questions on the day-to-day business of the hospitals, we would be very pleased to email you answers/updates from the Directors.

The TSA has been granted an extension of a maximum of 40 working days before submitting its final report to Monitor, who will then have a maximum of 20 working days to consider the report and lay it before Parliament. At that time the report will become a public document. The Secretary of State then has a maximum of 30 working days to announce his decision. Because these are all ‘maximum’ numbers of days permitted, we do not know when each stage will be reached.

If you have any questions around the TSA process and future of services, these would need to be addressed to the TSA.”

## 9. Forward Agenda for Future Meetings

Questions are invited from members of the public and will be included on the next Agenda for the Forum which is scheduled for 11 December, 2013. Any questions from members of the public should be submitted on the form supplied.

## 10. Date of Next Meeting

Dates of future meetings of the Forum are:-

03 March, 2014

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To: Councillors

Adamson, G. (Chairman)  
Pearson, A. (Vice-Chairman)

Ball, G.D.                      Grice, Mrs. D.  
Cartwright, Mrs. S.M.      Todd, R.  
Gamble, B.

County Councillor C. Mitchell (Hednesford Division)  
Mrs. T. Williams, Clerk to Brindley Heath Parish Council  
Miss N. Somani, Clerk to Cannock Wood Parish Council  
Mr. P. Harrison, Clerk to Hednesford Town Council  
Mr. N. Bell, Chief Executive, SCC  
Mr M. Keeling, Community Infrastructure Liaison Manager, SCC  
Mr. K. Parson, Chase Council for Voluntary Services  
Inspector C. Ellerton, Staffordshire Police (Cannock Division)  
Chief Inspector C. Ratcliffe, Staffordshire Police (Chase Division)  
Ms. M. Hodson, Chairperson, Circle of Residents Association  
Ms. A. Ames, Chairperson, Rumer Hill Residents Association  
Ms. M. Skerman, Chairperson, Cornish Houses Residents Association

Mr. A. Burley, Member of Parliament (Cannock Chase Constituency)  
Mr. N. Pedersen, Response Manager, Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service  
Ms. T. Hunt, Blake Community Worker, Chase CVS  
Ms. G. Asbury, Cannock CAB  
Ms. V. Singleton, Chase Watch, Staffordshire Police  
Mr. K. Faulkner, Friends of Hednesford Park  
Mr. D. Greatrix, Chairman, Hednesford Traders Association

Note: The person to contact concerning the agenda and document for this meeting is Matt Berry, Senior Committee Officer.

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Date of despatch: Tuesday 03 December, 2013.