

Uppingham Vanguard Board

Working Together to help Uppingham Become an Exemplar Market Town

Summary Notes of the Sixth Meeting of the Uppingham Vanguard Board + held at 10am on August 13th 2020 in the Garden Terrace of The Falcon Hotel and on Zoom

Physical Contributors

Members/Representatives of – CPRE Rutland, BRA Ltd, Limes Firs & Spurs Residents Association, Uppingham Neighbourhood Forum, Uppingham Community College, Rutland Kino, Uppingham Business Forum, Uppingham First, Rutland First, Langton Homes, UTC, RCC, UNP/Town Plan Groups, Uppingham Homes Community Land Trust.

Virtual Contributors

Uppingham C of E School; Ancer Spa; Dawn Godfrey RCC; Larkfleet Homes; Leighfield School

1. Apologies

Lucy Stephenson

2. Welcome and Declarations of Interest

Edward Baines (Chair) welcomed guests and noted the apologies of those not able to attend. The community, council and business interests of those participating were noted.

3. Section 106, CIL and the Education Service – A presentation on Zoom by Special Guest Dawn Godfrey RCC Interim Director of Children's Services.

Dawn provided board attendees with an overview of the developer contributions funding arrangements currently operating within Rutland. It was noted that the county priority for the foreseeable future would be Catmose College. It was further noted that 25% of Uppingham CIL monies were in the gift of Uppingham Town Council. It was acknowledged that proposed government planning reforms included the abolition of CIL and S106 payments as they exist today.

4. Government Planning Reforms – White Paper

Following discussion on its implications it was agreed that this consultation document be noted by everyone and draft responses shared.

5. The development of Uppingham as an 'exemplar community' – Progress Reports

- a) RCC Local Plan – The Chair confirmed that the county council would be proceeding as planned with public consultation beginning at the end of the month
- b) Uppingham Neighbourhood Plan – As the new Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Group, Chris Merricks introduced himself and outlined his view of the way ahead in updating the Uppingham N Plan
- c) Community Hub – The creation of a UTC working group to explore options on an Uppingham community hub was noted. This action represented another forward step toward the recommendations of the town's Neighbourhood and Town Centre Plans
- d) Virtual Uppingham – The Secretary provided an update on the steps being taken toward an Uppingham virtual high street. Shop visits for virtual tours had recommenced and a

quotation for public wifi received and forwarded to RCC. The positive action taken by Chris Merricks to encourage the collective use of broadband vouchers was applauded.

- e) Developer and site updates – The moving of Langton Homes office into Uppingham town centre was noted with pleasure. Comment was made on the government’s planning white paper. An exploratory private meeting with a supermarket agent seeking changed use of a proposed housing site was noted. New representative Hannah Guy of Larkfleet Homes was welcomed with no update offered on its proposed site. Ancer SPA provided an update on their Uppingham Gate site and a predominantly positive review of the proposals in the NPAG housing working group section of the emerging updated N Plan. It was agreed that its assessment be circulated. It was noted that a meeting of the NPAG Economy Sub Group was to be called in September.
- f) Rutland 2036 – CPRE Vision Consultation – A small booklet outlining the strategy to be adopted creating a new vision for Rutland in 2036 is now ready. Agreed this be circulated.
- g) CPRE Housing Needs Survey – This is now nearing completion and will be piloted in Uppingham before being made commercially available to all other parishes in Rutland. It will be available in paper and online format

6. Health and Wellbeing

Coronavirus - Community Safeguarding – It was noted that a collaborative meeting of schools to address the community challenges presented by the return of schools in September was being called for by the town’s Community Emergency Plan Coordinators. An invite was to be sent directly to schools and the relevant statutory agencies. A public meeting would also be hosted by the Uppingham Neighbourhood Forum on September 15th.

7. Date, format and content of next meeting

Mid to late September - to allow for local plan and white paper consultation draft responses to be shared - Date will be notified asap.

12 noon - Buffet Lunch and Networking

Notes prepared by Ron Simpson 29.8.2020

Note: The Uppingham Vanguard Board+ was created at the suggestion of a government advisor who was impressed by the town’s forward looking agenda. Its purpose is to share information with, and encourage collective debate between, organisations involved in the operation and forward development of Uppingham as an exemplar market town. The Board is administered by the award winning Uppingham First Community Partnership.

Please address all communications to Ron Simpson BEM E-mail: rons@clara.net Tel: 01572 495050