



Staveley Town Council (Town Clerk: Graeme Challands)

9.4 Staveley Town Council is a key stakeholder and has very definite views on the future development of the Staveley area. The main concern for them is that any possible strengthening and expansion of the town centre should be accommodated on the Staveley Works site. Investment has to benefit Staveley town centre and the newly re-excavated Chesterfield Canal. They perceive an important opportunity to develop along parts of the canal, particularly for high value residential development which would complement the proposed canal basin development and further excavation of the canal. As well as improving the residential offer of the area with higher value market sale housing, employment opportunities should be generated by encouraging small to medium businesses on the site. Finally, following the decline of the heavy industry, the cessation of land filling and the preceding coal and mineral extraction, the natural aspects of the area, ecology and wildlife is now fully appreciated and should be enhanced, particularly along the blue corridors. As a result, Staveley town Council's vision for the area concurs strongly with sustainable mixed used development within an enhanced landscaped area.

9.5 The comments of Brimington Town Council broadly correspond with those of Staveley.

9.6 All Councillors with responsibility for the Staveley Works area were contacted by email which encouraged them to voice any issues they knew of and what opportunities they thought the area had with a view to developing a vision for the future of the Staveley Works area. From the responses, it can be ascertained that their aspiration for the area is the development of a sustainable, mixed use site with employment and housing opportunities set within lots of greenspace. The natural assets of the river and canal should be major features, enhanced with the creation of linear parks and new wetlands. There is the general impression

Consultation

9.1 This section outlines the consultation undertaken to date and it goes on to outline our recommended strategy for community and stakeholder engagement in the ensuing stages of the AAP process which will be discussed further with the Staveley Area Action Plan Steering Group. The list of consultees consulted at the baseline stage can be found at Appendix 7.

9.2 For the evidence gathering process, a series of meetings have taken place with a variety of stakeholders and interested parties. The following is not an exhaustive list, rather it highlights and summarises the key discussions relevant to the project which have not been detailed in the previous chapters.

Staveley Area Action Plan Steering Group

9.3 Following on from the Inception meeting, an issues and visioning workshop was held with the client group. This firmed up the areas or issues which needed exploration as part of the evidence gathering phase and it was agreed that the vision for the future development of the Staveley Works area should be as a sustainable, small scale urban extension set within a green, landscaped corridor which maximised the canal and river.

that something “special” should be created within the Staveley Works corridor but it has to be well connected, particularly to Staveley. There was however areas of concern mentioned. These include: the definite objection to any threat of coal or mineral open cast mining and; increased traffic generation in Hollinswood as a result of any development of the site.

Staveley Neighbourhood Management

9.7 Having met with the Neighbourhood Management Pathfinder, the overriding issue is one of isolation. Barrow Hill is particularly affected since it is severed from the urban area of Staveley town and Brimington by the Staveley Works site. In the past, when the site was a hive of activity, this wasn't an issue since the various industries on the site were a focus of employment for the surrounding communities and almost a uniting factor for the neighbourhood. In the recent past, open cast mining and subsequent landfill has reinforced this isolation. Therefore there is a very real need to link Barrow Hill with the rest of the Staveley area.

9.8 The excavation of the canal and the gradual re-colonisation of wildlife are positively welcomed by the community and the canal towpath is used to access the paths across the site as well as a convenient walking and cycle route into Chesterfield. The Healthy Living Centre in Staveley is also well used and is seen as an important community leisure resource however there is a need for more informal outdoor recreation or park type facility which is easily accessible.

9.9 There is an obvious need to extend the range and quality of housing provision within the area particularly for market sale. This will help to provide housing choice within the area and alter the tenure mix which currently is dominated by social housing (Band A council tax). This is very closely linked to the need for employment opportunities and opportunities to provide employment space for local business and potential entrepreneurs.

BDP Consultants: Staveley Town Centre Master Plan

9.10 BDP is the consultant currently working on a master plan for Staveley town centre and there is obvious synergy between the two commissions since any redevelopment of the Staveley Works site will have a knock – on effect on the town centre. Any opportunity to grow Staveley town centre will be out past the canal into the site. Any community hub proposed as part of the regeneration proposals for the Staveley corridor will have to take into account the existing facilities of the town centre. Therefore further dialogue is planned once work is developed further.

9.11 It is intended that the next round of consultation is widened to the general community using the already established Community Forums and perhaps the planned Staveley Fest. The former will be a presentation and exhibition of both the findings of the baseline review, the opportunities and constraints and the various master plan options which will be developed at the next stage of the work. This will provide opportunities for the community to understand the issues and comment on the options proposed. This information will be translated into the options assessment and directly feed into the options appraisal process which will determine the preferred option.

9.12 Further opportunities for consultation will be available in the middle of summer when there will be full consultation on the draft submission.

