BBEST STEERING GROUP 16 July 2018

Present: Pete Marsh (in the Chair) Wendy Phillips (Treasurer), Laurie Platt, PM, Emily Pieters

Apologies: Kath O'Donovan, Rachel Newnes

Membership

Katherine Swindells, has been nominated by the President of Student Union.

Feedback on July 7th Forum 'Countdown to the Consultation'

The event had the full range of policies, complete draft of Design Guide, Community Actions. In all 46 people attended, including at some brand new Forum members, and the Lord Mayor (and SG member), two Cabinet Members covering Neighbourhoods/Development & Transport, and a Local Councillor

There was professional support from Laurie Platt, and Susan Crowley/

There was the launch of, and good interest in, retail website

All the comments were very positive and supportive

Messages from the event

Strong approval to go ahead to next stage, and this was endorsed and agreed by Steering Group.

Consider a policy on conversions, to reinforce the HMO ban. Chris Hanson has offered to try and provide relevant data.

Community Action on bins was supported, but there is no agreed model and no group to take this forward.

Consultation

SG approved moving forward to the consultation on October 1st, and noted:

Predominantly electronic, printed copies in Library, drop in sessions possible

December 1st Forum to follow this up, ideally held in Library

Other reports

Meeting of RD and PM with Head of Transport Strategy – the submission of views on public transport has now been sent on to the bus partnership.

Heart of the Boulevard – a meeting in mid November will discuss the area around Northumberland Road (which forms an important part of the Boulevard Project), to be attended by Hospitals and University and Head of Transport Strategy

Final stages of development work

Green Spaces – discussion with St. Marks

Community Asset – possibility of Scout Hut

Local Plan workshop

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Policy on conversions

DG: discussions about the Retail Centre (RG to advise)

Outstanding work on the plan: Introduction and summary, Engagement, Timeline, The area, Governance, Appendices on engagement plus maps

Outstanding work on the Design Guide: additional text and map alterations

Next SG
October 1st (7.30 Library)
Finance (inc CIL)
Celebration of launch of the plan we hope
Timetable for 2019.