Janet Huddart and Peter Young met David Thow (head of planning) and Len Harris (senior planner) on October 21st. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss progress on the masterplan and the way forward. This was a productive meeting and Len Harris then sent a masterplan update to landowners on Oct 22nd.

The main points from our meeting are:

1. HSL have not requested the LPA to reach a determination on their planning application on site A (which was updated earlier this year) and so the LPA have asked HSL to continue to lead the masterplan process. The LPA will not enter into further discussions on master planning until HSL have completed a draft MP.

2. The MP will be a simpler document and will probably include a single land use concept – rather than the 3 versions HSL sent out earlier.

3. In terms of detail it will focus on HSL land, with sites C and D being identified for longer term development should access/highway issues be resolved.

4. There will be a public consultation – possibly in early December – on the draft MP. This will be carried out electronically because of a shortage of staff to man an event in the village hall.

5. The MP will “dot in” a link road across the trust land to indicate the possibility of this arising in the future: the MP text will enlarge on this.
6. The neighbourhood centre will be shown on HSL (site A north) with text to allow for an alternative location if this was agreed by all parties.
7. The aim is to have an approved MP as early as possible in the new year.
8. The Parish Council continues to pursue satisfaction on a number of issues including
   - The A6/School Lane junction to secure a design that includes a separate left hand turn lane to reduce queuing.
   - A drainage strategy to cover the whole of the development land. This will be limited in detail because surveys are needed for sites C and D.
   - The need for a phasing plan for not only houses but also for infrastructure improvements.
   - Persuading the Clinical Commissioning Group that Forton needs a visiting nurse practitioner service in the community hall.

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