

Joint Parish Council Liaison Group

The Joint Parish Council Liaison Group was set up to ensure that the parish councils around the site and Urban&Civic have a regular forum for discussion and feedback as the plans for Alconbury Weald develop.



As the democratic representatives of each of the neighbouring communities, the Group ensures that Urban&Civic are able to discuss ideas early and update the group on progress but it also crucially ensures local communities can raise issues, concerns or ideas as they arise. The Group is also joined by the Huntingdonshire District Council planning team's case officer for the development and by an independent planning consultant – whose costs are met by Urban&Civic and who supports the parish councils with advice and technical input.



The group is made up of:

- Alconbury Parish Council:
Judith Aylott, Paul Watson
- Alconbury Weston Parish Council:
Jane Baker, Denise Benham
- Abbots Ripton Parish Council:
John Leaver
- The Stukeleys Parish Council:
Michael Monk, Paul Ryan
- Huntingdon Town Council:
Ann Beevor, Stuart Hassell
- Woodwalton parish Council:
Mick Taylor
- Huntingdonshire District Council
Planning Team case officer:
Paul Mumford supported by Head
of Planning Steve Ingram and other
officers as required
- Urban&Civic:
Tim Leathes, Rebecca Britton
- Independent Planning Consultant:
Tim Slater.

Other members of the design and consultancy team working for Urban&Civic also attend as needed, with David Lock Associates in regular attendance.



The group have met since March 2011 on a monthly/6-weekly basis and are chaired by Alconbury Weston parish council chair, Jane Baker.

Among the issues the group has covered so far, are:

- Helping plan the content, timing and locations of pre and post design enquiry presentations, and co-ordinate publicity to local residents
- inputting to the plans for the four day design enquiry
- ongoing discussions on transport and signage for the site
- developing additional measures to monitor and respond to issues of noise above and beyond the detail of the conditions discharged by HDC
- ensure additional information about the planning process which made clear the different consultations running over the course of 2012 in which people could have their say
- inputting to discussions on community facilities and the nature and density of housing on the site to compliment the local area.

For Tim Leathes, Urban&Civic's Project Director, the meetings are a fundamental way of working.

"The group works very well because it enables a constructive exchange of information, issues and ideas, and a sharing of views across the very different communities that surround the site – who inevitably have different priorities and focus on different aspects of the plans. It keeps us on our toes and holds us to account, but also really helps keep information, discussion and collaborative working flowing".