

Response from Strategic Housing

From: Griffiths, Nick
Sent: 26 March 2010 14:40
To: Bush, Anthony
Subject: FW: Draft Town Plan for comment please

Dear Anthony,

Please find comments below. I did also receive some comments from Isobel Gibson but I have asked her for clarification as they weren't visible on the document she sent me. I will forward those as soon as I receive.

4.2: Issue - Social Housing

The more widely recognised term and that contained in government policy is 'affordable housing' rather than 'social housing'.

Under EVIDENCE it talks about 'Council owned properties' but the local authority no longer, and will not longer own or manage any affordable housing stock. This sentence should therefore refer to affordable housing which could be owned by any number of registered social landlords.

The paragraph mentions 'areas for development' identified in the SHLAA. It may be useful to note that currently the Unitary Development Plan (UDP) identified land for development and many of these sites are currently progressing. It may also be worth noting that even if land opportunities are identified in the SHLAA, that doesn't necessarily mean that land will become available for development. The SHLAA merely identifies potential.

Under the ACTION paragraph, it should be noted that as well as Planning, Housing Needs and Development, Strategic Housing would also be involved in providing advice, discussing housing needs and assisting in bringing affordable housing forward.

Under AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY it mentions Herefordshire Council (HC) and Herefordshire Housing. I am not sure why Herefordshire Housing is mentioned here as any number of Registered Social Landlords could develop/own/manage affordable housing in Ross-On-Wye. The Council currently have 8 preferred partners.

I hope that is useful Anthony, please let me know if you need any further clarification,

kind regards,

Nick

Response from Youth Service

From: Ralph, Jon
Sent: 26 March 2010 09:32
To: Bush, Anthony; Stevens, Barry (youth); Hart, Philippa
Subject: FW: Draft Town Plan for comment please

Anthony

I have made some comments on the document highlighted in yellow.

The other thing I would say is that in all objectives there is a section called 'Area of Responsibility' after which a number of organisations are listed. One I am not sure what this section means? Does it mean those listed are responsible for delivering the objective or those that may be consulted and involved?

Either way the Youth Council is named under a very high number of these objectives and although I am sure you don't mean them to lead on these objectives that is a huge amount of work for them to be properly consulted and involved with, has this been agreed by them??

I have copied this into the local youth workers for their info and comment as well

Jon

1.4 Mountain Bike Trail – Action “Including commercial partners e.g. Pedalabikeaway – Forest of dean. This could be an income stream.” (The Youth Service would be keen to support this from both positive activities point of view and we support a young peoples mountain bike club based in Hereford which could be expanded to Ross).

1.6 Coordination of Voluntary Transport – Objective “This would be very welcome if young people could be actively encouraged to take up this transport.”

2.5 A cinema in Ross – Priority/Timescale “Young people at The Y Zone Youth Centre have just been successful in getting funding for a high quality projector (possibly not professional quality) to set up a once a fortnight youth cinema in The Y Zone. This could be used as a development pilot for the wider cinema.”

3.4 Youth Facilities – non-sporting provision. “The cinema I have mentioned above, the other activities including the chocolate factory could be explored by local youth workers with input from others to take place in or outside the Y Zone Youth Centre.”