

**PLANNING AND TRAVEL COMMITTEE REPORT (Chairman - Roy Denney)**

Things are increasingly busy. We have advised the Broadnook Partnership on their plans for a major development near Rothley and have discussed them briefly with Charnwood Officers. The formal application is expected soon and it remains to be seen whether our concerns have been addressed.

Three of us attended a consultation meeting about the revitalisation of Thurmaston in conjunction with developments of Watermead Park and made numerous suggestions about better access and linkage, promotion, advertising and visitor facilities. This will lead to a new long term local planning policy.

We continue to monitor the Network rail crossings situation and await developments re HS2. We have submitted our views into a new Railways Strategy for Leicestershire. Prospects for the Ivanhoe line are poor following a recent report on cost but we have again made the case for its use for light traffic i.e. trams. The authorities are anticipating working together more closely on such matters. The authorities in the county of Leicestershire are about to send in a formal request to Government for Combined Authority status. If approved one of the areas where they will work together strategically is transport.

We have also responded to a consultation on the Ashby de la Zouch neighbourhood plan and new 'byelaws' for Bradgate Park which it is proposed take the form of a series of Public Spaces Protection Orders.

We have fed our suggestions into North West Leicestershire DC district plan and await the next steps in this process

We have engaged with Blaby DC and the developers on the rights of way and open spaces elements of the Lubbethorpe development and monitor developments.

On a more strategic front we are intending to circulate an updated planning advice to the planning authorities.

**Network Opportunities (John Law)**

Following the successful bid for dementia inclusive walk leader training, we are now getting feedback from districts in relation to the programme dates.