

REGULATION COMMITTEE**24th April 2012 at 6.00 PM**

PRESENT: Councillor Worthing (Chair); Councillors Hopkins, T. Malik, Rathore and Zia.

7 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (REF: 1)

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received on behalf of Councillors R. Davies and Titmuss.

8 MINUTES (REF: 2.1)

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 22nd February 2012 be taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

9 HART HILL SCHOOL SITE – DIVERSION OF FOOTPATH UPDATE (REF: 7)

The Committee were updated on progress on its decision on the 8th September 2011 to approve the extension of the existing approval for a temporary footpath at the Hart Hill school site in accordance with the Committee's decision on the 23rd February 2011.

Members were reminded that the temporary footpath was approved as an alternative to the previous footpath at the Hart Hill site before works were completed which would allow the permanent diversion approved by the Committee on 27th April 2010.

The Head of Community Living on behalf of the BSF Project Manager informed Members that Wates had advised the project team that the completion of the new path would be delayed until the end of April 2012. However, despite their best endeavours, works would not be completed until 11th May 2012. This was due to the fact that work to make safe the old air raid shelters on the site had taken longer than anticipated and had delayed work on the path. He added that the only elements that were outstanding were the fabrication and installation of the steps that connected the new development to the old path and landscaping works to make good after the installation. He went on to say that when the new path was opened, the temporary path would be closed and the route reinstated as required by the Committee's previous decision.

Legal advice was given that the diversion order had expired on 1st April 2012 and could not be extended further.

Members of the Committee raised concern that the re-opening of the footpath had been delayed again and that their concerns be passed on to the contractors.

The Chair added that it was imperative that minimum disruption should be caused to members of the public and that the Council did not want to be in the same position with other developments under the 'New Homes for Luton' scheme.

Resolved: (i) That the delay in opening the new footpath between Brooms Road and Hart Hill Lane be noted.

(ii) That the Regulation Committee and the Head of Community Living register their disquiet at the further delay of the re-opening of the footpath at the Hart Hill school site to Wates.

(Note: The meeting ended at 6.20 p.m.)