

# Uppingham Vanguard Board

Working Together to help Uppingham Become an Exemplar Market Town

## Summary Notes of the Third Meeting of the Uppingham Vanguard Board + held at 10am on July 24<sup>th</sup> 2018 in the Oak Room of The Falcon Hotel

### Physical Contributors

Members/Representatives of - BRA Ltd; Limes Firs & Spurs Residents Association, Uppingham Neighbourhood Forum, Uppingham Community College, Uppingham C of E School, Uppingham Business Forum, Uppingham First, Larkfleet, Langton Homes, Ancer Spa, Richardson Surveyors, Gigaclear, Rutland First, UTC UNP/Town Plan Groups; Badley Charitable Housing Trust Task Group.

### Virtual Correspondents/Contributors

HealthWatch Rutland, Cambridgeshire Peterborough Combined Authority/Business Board

### Invitees Unable to Attend

Bloor Homes, Gordon Brown (RCC), Corby BC, Rutland LPU, Robert Wills, Uppingham School.

### 1. Welcome, Apologies and Introductions

Edward Baines (Chair) welcomed the excellent attendance and noted the apologies of the Corby BC CEO and the offer to attend a future meeting. Edward then invited attendees to introduce themselves and their interest in the future development of Uppingham.

### 2. The Vanguard Board+

The meeting was provided with a reminder of the Board's status, purpose and objectives.

### 3. Development of Uppingham as an Exemplar Community – Progress Reports

- a) Town Plans (view at [www.uppinghamneighbourhoodplan.info](http://www.uppinghamneighbourhoodplan.info)) - A brief outline of the current position and progress with the town's current forward plans was reported and discussed
- b) Rutland Local Plan - A planning consultant's report commissioned by UTC and its NP Committee and the UTC&BZ Plan Executive Summary and Action Plan (tabled) were explored. The potential implications of the St Georges and Corby initiatives were touched upon with the intention of revisiting these matters at the next meeting and following the publication of a further consultation version of the Local Plan
- c) Developer Updates – Developer representatives provided a brief update on the status of their sites and their forward plans. The level of social and economic growth desired by the community was noted. Discussion revealed significant synergy between identified community needs and developer/landowner aspirations. There was some debate on the continuing community safety highway issues present on the Leicester Road and assurances given that relevant developers would address the matter

- d) Education and Skills Establishment Updates – Education leads provided brief updates on the business status of their establishments with subsequent discussion exploring the potential business benefits of the town’s planned expansion. It was noted that it may be appropriate to invite a representative of the county level skills group to a future meeting
- e) Community Safety & Wellbeing/Health – Very useful inputs and updates into the meeting were made by Rutland Healthwatch (virtual) Rutland First (mental health and other initiatives) and Uppingham First (strengthening community safety). It was agreed that the written questions received relevant to the expansion of Corby should be held back to the next meeting when a Corby representative could be present. The update on the current interim situation at Heathwatch Rutland was noted. Discussion revealed considerable consensus on the need to explore the link between the physical development of the town and its future health and wellbeing infrastructure. It was agreed that the Vanguard Board+ provided an excellent vehicle to facilitate some of this dialogue.
- f) Digital Uppingham and the Future High Street – A brief resume of the town’s digital and virtual plans was presented. Gigaclear provided an update on the recent expansion of their network and confirmation that a bid had been made to provide fibre optics to the whole town in its forward plans, rather than just the high street and new housing developments. Discussion revealed there was already significant consumer demand for fibre to the premise that was not being addressed.

#### **4. Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) Changes and Update**

Uppingham First provided a brief outline of the changes in the governance of the local LEP. The written comments of the Combined Authority Business Board respondent were welcomed.

#### **5. Date, Format and Content of Next Meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting be arranged for early November and to suit the diary of the CEO of Corby BC. Agenda priorities should be the Corby development and the updated Rutland Local Plan.

The meeting closed at 12.10pm followed by a buffet lunch and networking

#### **Notes prepared by Ron Simpson. 25.7.2018**

**Note:** The Uppingham Vanguard Board+ was created at the suggestion of a government advisor who was impressed by the town’s forward looking agenda. Its purpose is to share information with, and encourage collective debate between, organisations involved in the operation and forward development of Uppingham as an exemplar market town. The Board is administered by the award winning Uppingham First Community Partnership.

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