

**Gaydon Community Liaison Group meeting**  
Special meeting: JLR consultation event  
**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

**Key attendees:**

- Jaguar Land Rover
- Pegasus Planning Group
- Bennetts Architects
- Ridge Associates
- WSP
- Local parish councils represented:
  - Gaydon
  - Lighthorne
  - Lighthorne Heath
  - Chesterton
  - Bishops Itchington
- Stratford District Council
- Warwickshire County Council

**Welcome and introductions by Clive Dorney, Jaguar Land Rover**

- CD offered a cordial welcome and appreciation of everyone attending sacrificing their time.
  - JLR are developing the site in a major way, and today's event is about keeping everyone informed of these emerging plans, ensuring early engagement in the proposals, especially for this group. JLR have always welcomed this group's constructive comments.
  - The next regular meeting of this group will be on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October and more detail will be added there and going forward.
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- Lead project managers: Nigel Frawley and Clive Dorney
  - Town Planning: Heidi Antrobus
  - Corporate Real Estate: Nick Ellis and Nicole Escue
  - Environment: Fran Leedham, Robert Nussey and Steven Slockett
  - Site Services: Pete Richins and Ian Davis

The formal part of the event will be the presentation and Q&A session (in Lecture Room 1), following which you are all invited to see the individual boards that will feature in public consultation in the Kestral Suite (upstairs)

**Introduction to Consultation and Context by Stephen Hawtry, Pegasus Planning Group**

- There are a range of bodies involved in the whole process, from suppliers to local authorities.
- SH provided a brief introduction to JLR and particularly the Gaydon site.
- Gaydon is the company's main R&D facility on a 1,000 acres site with 9,500 staff currently.
- SH mentioned that the National Distribution Centre (NDC) is moving from Gaydon.

## **Context and History of Gaydon by Nigel Frawley, JLR Project Lead**

- There have been numerous iterations of Gaydon, with Tata buying JLR (and therefore the site) in 2008.
- The company sold 460,000 vehicles sold last year.
- There is a need to update the Gaydon site to produce the next stage of vehicles, to move away from some of the unrequired remnants of the original purpose of the site.
- NF showed a map which included an additional 200 acres which JLR have acquired.

There was a comment from the floor that the Parish Council objects to any kind of development in the additional 200 acres to the south, adjacent to Gaydon.

SH replied: this is a land acquisition for a just-in-case basis. All foreseeable projects will be for within the current operational facility at the heart of the Gaydon site.

Alongside Policy AS11, the Stratford-on-Avon Core Strategy, the Gaydon site is being developed to create a world-class working environment, with some key elements, such as:

- 1) NDC moving for creation of car parking space
- 2) Construction of new offices and studios
- 3) Working with WSP to ease access to site and improve on-site flow

- There will be new offices and design studios (the latter from Whitley) brought together for better collaboration, to share best practice, and to bring Jaguar and Land Rover closer together.
- The Gaydon site needs more capability – IT infrastructure, power, etc.
- Net influx is 1,600 people by 2019

## **Gaydon Triangle Proposals by Julian from Bennetts Architects**

Bennetts were also the architects for the RSC.

We want a world-class facility, and we want to bring the Warwickshire landscape into the site and also take out the cars from the middle and put them around the outside.

The buildings will be designed to compete with other OEMs (and also companies for industries such as software) to attract the best people. We will be aiming for BREEAM Excellent ratings.

Of the 1,600 jobs, many will be relocated from around the Midlands (such as Whitley) but also part of growth profile (i.e. new jobs) which will be generally upskilled and/or technical jobs.

- Building 546, a temporary building, is to be demolished.
- No material change in working hours anticipated - some people are 24-7 but not looking to expand on this.
- Looking to expand current community facilities (eg: gym)

### **Noise, Vibration and Harshness Proposals – Clive Dorney**

- NVH Testing Laboratory to be close to the proposed 'outdoor space' on site.
- The buildings will consist of test chambers and offices.
- The current chamber is from 1994 and needs updating.

### **Question & Answer session**

- A statement from the floor: please think of locals when it comes to the impact of traffic, we have to live with it so it is critical to think long term and pragmatically.
- A second statement was to request that JLR looks to the land to the east, for development, rather than the south.

The Forum then relocated to the Kestrel Suite to view display boards and complete feedback forms.

All information provided during this meeting was available on the boards and for discussion.