

Note on remote meeting with Dayle Lynch – 8.12.21

In attendance ; Phil Maude Chair Barwick and Scholes Parish Council (PM)

Dayle Lynch Health Partnership Team (DL)

1 PM opened the meeting by explaining that Leeds City Council had now announced that the boundary of the parish had not been changed as originally thought. Only a small part of the Northern Quadrant will be within the Parish. This did not change the overall concern about the impact of the East Leeds Extension (ELE) on future services in the Parish.

2 DL said that at current estimates the build out rate for the ELE had slipped from the timescale originally anticipated by around 3 years and it was unlikely any houses would be occupied on the site for a further 2 years.

3 There was a brief discussion about GP(doctor) capacity and DL said that judgements had changed in the light of the pandemic and the change in working of GPs with more telephone appointments which has increased capacity. Although LCC were still working on a “tipping point” for additional facilities around 5/6 years into the development this timescale may be extended if GP capacity increases.

4 DL said that LCC were working with Community Ventures, a company that specialises in the provision of specialist -buildings for medical and community facilities. The Company has been asked to carry out an options appraisal looking at the site on Leeds Road, as well as other options in the area. The Council, with its design partner Norfolk Property Services (Leeds) are carrying out a feasibility study on the site on Leeds Road in terms of how it can accommodate the community/health facility, retail offer and new 2 form entry primary school. However there is a sewer running across part of the site and as a result the site is constrained. PM observed that the site on Leeds Road was accessible by public transport as both services 64 and 11 passed the site.

5 DL said that the medical centre would also be providing community facilities. PM advised that there were now issues in LCC owned community facilities Barwick and Scholes as LCC who were charging £11 per hour and some groups were finding this too expensive and not using the facility, so it was essential the facility was properly costed and available.

6 DL also said that the work to look at what services would be needed, or could be accommodated in a new facility included the potential for community based outpatient, activity that currently takes place within a hospital setting. PM said that if parking were to be free here this was a development that would be welcomed.

7 DL said that the major constraint about the provision of services here was funding. PM said that as long as the provision of services did not threaten existing services in Scholes or Barwick he was sure the Parish Council would provide what support it could to lobby for proper funding for the facility.

8 It was agreed to meet again in February.

P R Maude 8.12.21