

Question to the Mayor of Liverpool

By Councillor Steve Radford

Question

Whilst I was pleased there has been progress for plans for Liverpool Football Club I was most disappointed that you decided to offer the briefing to the press before City Councillors.

Please could you tell me –

Why were City Councillors by-passed in the presentation in our Town Hall? Will you provide a full copy of the brief to all Councillors without delay

Secondly, now that LFC has acknowledged they blighted the area what mechanism will be in place to ensure residents subject to buy out or CPO are compensated on market values which are adjusted to compensate them for managed blighting.

Answer

An update brief on the regeneration plans has been sent to the Anfield and Everton ward councillors. I will ask the Chief Executive to circulate that briefing to all Members of the Council for their information.

Further to the announcement regarding the Anfield Regeneration Plan. The press conference saw the three key partner agencies (LCC, Your Housing and Liverpool FC), at the highest level, saying that the Anfield Regeneration Plan is a major priority for respective organisations and that collectively we will be working together to deliver it. The plan to make the announcement came together very quickly as a result of conversations between the three agencies. Clearly the significant media interest in Liverpool FC will always be apparent and as three organisations we wanted the announcement to focus on regeneration with the Football Club component being just one of five very important aspects (detailed below). Had we discussed the matter beforehand with anyone, and with due respect, then the media interest would have gathered pace over the weekend which could have taken the edge off the wider regeneration aspects. The governance arrangements necessary to help progress this comprehensive scheme will include Local Ward Councillors..

The key components of the Anfield Regeneration Plan are;

The existing new build housing scheme (being delivered by Keepmoat)
The commercial frontages to Walton Breck Road and parts of Oakfield Road
Anfield Village and Rockfield Housing Refurbishment
Liverpool FC Stadium expansion preference
The completion of Stanley Park regeneration.

The Keepmoat new housing project is already underway and the Anfield Village and Rockfield project was announced earlier this year, in advance of the news from Liverpool

FC.

Owners of property in the Anfield Village / Rockfield area whose properties are designated for clearance as a consequence of the Councils Regeneration Plan for the area are being offered compensation in accordance with the agreed package.

This is market value for the property ignoring the blight that has been caused by any intervention policies and vacant properties within the area. Additionally a compensation payment for the loss of the dwelling is paid equivalent to 10% of the market value for a home owner and 7.5% for business owners provided the property has been in their ownership for a minimum of 1 year. All other reasonable expenses incurred as a consequence of the sale will also be paid.