



Castle Hill/Eastern Quarry Community Liaison Meeting

Tuesday 28 August 2018

Castle Hill Community Centre

Present:

Nigel Hoad, Chair, Castle Hill Resident's Group
Sue Butterfill, Swanscombe and Greenhithe Residents Association
Rev Penny Marsh, SEBA pioneer minister for Kent Thameside
Sarah Fisher, Senior Project Manager, Residential Management Group (RMG)
Fraser Pollock, Residential Management Group (RMG)
Craig Morrison, Estates and Community Centre Manager, Castle Hill Community Centre
Peter Nelson, Director, Henley Camland (HC)
Anna Komajda, Project Manager, Henley Camland
Paul Boughen, Community Building Manager, Ebbsfleet Development Corporation (EDC)
Claire Winterflood, Communications Consultant

Apologies:

Cllr David Mote
Cllr Bryan E Read
Cllr Peter Harman

Not present:

Graham Blew
John Clitherow

Castle Hill Development Update

It has been fairly quiet through August. Finishing works in parcels 2 and 3 continue.

Occupations have now reached 426 with the breakdown as follows:

Location	Type	Size	Qty
Castle Hill	House	2	18
Castle Hill	House	3	163
Castle Hill	House	4	133
Castle Hill	House	5	1
Castle Hill	Flat	1	32
Castle Hill	Flat	2	77
Castle Hill	Flat	3	2
	Total		426

Newcrest's contractor is commencing shortly to start work on the retail area.

Discussions continue around the location of the doctors' surgery. Nigel re-emphasised the pressure on local surgeries and Peter agreed that new medical facilities need to be brought forward as soon as possible. It is felt that by relocating the surgery to the Village Square, there will likely be more footfall and therefore the possible addition of other medical facilities. Part of the space currently allocated for the surgery would be used for the temporary job shop and interim LLLC. Likely build start would be around Spring 2019, with completion at the end of the year.

The tennis courts and play area are now open. RMG will circulate details of how the courts can be booked.

Footpath to Ebbsfleet Green – the Deed of easement (access) is to be completed before the diversion can take place. This will be around six weeks.

Arup Gate footpath will be open once the current safety works and landscaping adjacent to the gate are complete.

EDC will report back re a plan to improve the approach to Castle Hill via the roundabouts.

Eastern Quarry Update

Consultation on the two area Masterplans will be held in the community centre in October 2018 with a view to making a presentation to planning committee in November and a submission in December.

An update to the previous survey on the ages of children living in the development is to take place to ensure the education offer on site is relevant. All committee members are encouraged to promote the survey when ready – e.g via resident Facebook pages etc.

Alkerden Farm – the Barn which includes part of the former Manor House has been made temporarily safe to allow the archaeologists to carry out their work. The findings of their report will determine future decisions in terms of the next steps. A consultation event will take place with more information to follow. Earthworks continue in the field next to Alkerden Farm and the boundary lines for limiting work until a decision on the building's retention have been submitted to EDC.

A survey is taking place on the Bluewater roundabout with a view to opening this up next year.

The Gorge – the application is being reviewed by EDC and will be determined at the earliest opportunity.

Other Business

A new website is underway with a dedicated page for residents. This website will grow along with the new villages. There will be an opportunity to link with all the local resident associations.

Adam Forster at Newcrest is the contact for the retail units available.

Splinters on wobbly bridge in play area– Craig has looked at this and it will be sanded down.

Width of footpath at the end of Whitecliff Road/Ebbsfleet Academy – offsite in terms of Henley Camland area. Suggested land would likely be owned by Kent County Council.

Speed limit to Southfleet Road - Peter will speak to his engineering team to catch up on progress with a temporary application reduce to 30mph.

Missing street signs – Peter will speak to his team re an update on when these will be installed. They usually go in as part of Section 278 works.

Date of next meeting

The committee agreed that meetings would now be bi-monthly. The September meeting is therefore cancelled. The next meeting is therefore:

Tuesday 23 October 1445, Castle Hill Community Centre