



WELCOME TO THE LATEST NEWSLETTER FROM HENLEY CAMLAND, DESIGNED TO KEEP YOU UP-TO-DATE WITH PROGRESS AT WHITECLIFFE.

The Community Liaison Committee consisting of local councillors, residents and resident association representatives has met three times since our last newsletter. Henley Camland continues to update the committee on the latest plans and answer questions raised.

EDUCATION HUB UPDATE

Following the consultation process, a Reserved Matters Planning Application for the Alkerden Academy site was submitted on 20 December 2019. Plans include a primary school, nursery and secondary school with 2,200 places and sports complex that can host more than 500 people at any one time. It is hoped that this application will be determined at the Planning Committee meeting scheduled for April 2020.

In the meantime, invitations for contractors to tender to build have been issued. Weekly design workshops are being held through to the end of January 2020 with the Aletheia Academies Trust, who will manage the facilities, and Ebbsfleet Development Corporation's Education Review Group.

The combined schools and associated facilities will occupy a 111-hectare site, making it one of the largest educational facilities ever to be built in Kent. It is planned to open in September 2022.

CASTLE HILL

There are now around 850 occupations in Castle Hill and all remaining planning is agreed.

Ebbsfleet Development Corporation (EDC) is considering the health delivery for the village and is working with multiple agencies to ensure provision is available. A Health Impact Assessment is due to take place in early 2020 to support the demand for GP provision.



A new pub and boutique hotel by brewer Shepherd Neame is coming to Castle Hill. Ebbsfleet Development Corporation has approved the plans for the '21st Century pub' which will be at the heart of the community and on the new Fastrack bus route.

It will be called The Chalk Yard, a name based on the area's mining history and the unique landscape it left behind. There will be 17 individually designed rooms as well as a function room for community or private events.

Shepherd Neame Chief Executive Jonathan Neame said: "This fits perfectly with our programme of investment in our pub and hotel estate, providing a great drinking and dining experience and high-quality accommodation for our customers in unique and interesting locations."

Newcrest is now retendering the completion works on the retail units, flats and townhouses as Simons Group Ltd, the original design and build contractor for Newcrest, went into administration at the end of October. The Co-op has confirmed that they are still committed to open a retail unit. A pop-up shop on nearby land is being considered as a temporary solution to provide a retail service to residents.

Royal Mail has now approved our application for a new post box to be installed in early 2020, outside the community centre





ALKERDEN

Earthworks are progressing well with the land being levelled and parcels of land up for sale. Barratt/David Wilson Homes and an additional niche developer has applied for 150 homes and planning consultation is underway.

Meetings are now taking place to bring forward and discuss community facilities in the central village.



Seeking the view of the local community on the proposals

ALKERDEN BARN AND PUBLIC PARK CONSULTATION

A public consultation took place in December relating to a new public park that will be part of Alkerden. The existing Alkerden Barn will be retained, in-situ, restored and become a key element within the park. The consultation shared an overview of the emerging design proposals and sought opinion on the future uses and new ideas that could be incorporated. A separate session was undertaken with pupils from Ebbsfleet Academy. Feedback was excellent and comments are being considered as the designs are reviewed. Copies of the presentation boards can be found on whitecliffe.com/alkerden-barn.

ASHMERE

A planning application for 281 homes in Phase 1 has been submitted by Countryside Properties and Clarion Housing Group. Public consultation is taking place.

INTERESTED IN ART?

Henley Camland is interested to hear from anyone who would like to be involved in agreeing how public art will be determined throughout Castle Hill. If you would like to be involved, please email info@whitecliffe.com



The red circle area shows where Alkerden Barn and Park is in relation to Whitecliffe.



How the area in red above might be laid out with a mix of uses and activities

THE 'LITTLE FREE LIBRARY'

Managing Agents RMG is pleased to announce that they have recently installed a "little free library" outside of the community centre. The purpose of this library is for residents to be able to borrow books free of charge. Should you wish to borrow a book, or donate any, please head down to the community centre and find the box located to the left-hand side of the main entrance doors.

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