

Castle Hill/Eastern Quarry Community Liaison Meeting

Tuesday 23 October 2018

Castle Hill Community Centre

Present:

Cllr Peter Harman
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
Paul Boughen, Community Building Manager, Ebbsfleet Development Corporation (EDC)
Adam Owen, Castle Hill, Project Director, Camland Consulting
Anna Komajda, Project Manager, Camland Consulting
Claire Winterflood, Communications Consultant

Apologies:

Peter Nelson, Director, Henley Camland (HC)
Cllr David Mote
Cllr Bryan E Read

Not present:

Graham Blew
Jason Clitherow

Matters Arising

EDC will report back re a plan to improve the approach to Castle Hill via the roundabouts – Paul advised that EDC is taking up this project and is looking at the feasibility and investment needed to maintain roundabouts and grass verges at key locations across the area. Paul will continue to update this group. Cllr Peter Harman suggested that Kent County Council may contribute.

Speed limit to Southfleet Road - Peter will speak to his engineering team to catch up on progress with a temporary application reduce to 30mph – Henley Camland has prepared a design for a zebra crossing. A traffic count will be needed to determine the speed needed for this road. This will take place during the next 6-8 weeks. It is likely to be 6-12 months before all is approved.

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 – Nigel confirmed that the sign for Whitecliffe Road is missing and Adam will look into this. All other signs are in place.

Castle Hill Development Update

A planning consent has now been given to Taylor Wimpey and Clarion for parcels 4 and 6. The design of the roads is underway and the start date will be around the end of February.

Newcrest's contractor is due to start work on the retail area in December.

Parcel 2 – next occupations will be around the end of January.

Phase 3a – 12 homes in the middle of this area will be finished around end November. The village green will then be opened up. The end of January will see completion of a further 42 properties.

Parcel 5 – Taylor Wimpey apartments will start to be occupied in March 2019

Parcel 6 – Taylor Wimpey's Waterside will start to be occupied in March 2019

Adam confirmed the whole site is now connected to the Waste Water Treatment Site.

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

Arup Gate footpath - Adam is awaiting consent for new green cabinets housing broadband cables to be approved. Once this is in place, the works will take a few weeks.

It was noted that there has been some damage to newly installed uplighters and playground equipment. Cllr Peter Harman confirmed this is being advanced with the Police.

Eastern Quarry Update

Consultation on the two area Masterplans will be held before the end of the year. More details on the consultation will follow.

EDC has received complaints about the level of dust. Adam confirmed that there are three dust monitoring stations with auto alarms on site. ***Post meeting note – Henley Camland has explained to EDC how they intend to mitigate against any further issues. The earthworks contractor has written to local residents to explain the works on-going. Consultant ARUP has been in contact with the Dartford Environmental manager regarding trigger levels for Dust, Noise and Vibration, so that the Code of Construction Practice for Land forming works can be updated.***

Other Business

The new website for Whitecliffe is now live on the following link: <http://www.whitecliffeinfo.com/>
This will develop over time and will be updated monthly.

Nigel commented on the poor reception for Sky and Free Sat. This will improve once the new Headend at Arup gate has been installed. Adam also confirmed that Virgin Media are rolling out there broadband and TV service throughout Castle Hill, but is dependent on the new Headend being completed at Arup Gate.

Sue and Peter shared a copy of the SGRA latest newsletter which is distributed to 9,000 households and shared on social media. The SGRA AGM is on Monday 12 November at the Swanscombe and Greenhithe Community Hall at 1930. All are welcome to attend.

Penny continues to promote events through resident facebook pages and encouraged as much sharing as possible!

Parking – Phase 1 parking complaints are being referred to the Council. A Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) is in place but is not being enforced. It cannot be enforced until the roads are adopted. During the Winter, paving slabs to footpaths will be replaced road by road, to help with the overall road adoption. Affected residents will be informed by letter.

Craig reported that the tennis courts are being well used. The community centre is also busy, although there is some availability for hire during the daytime.

Date of next meeting

Tuesday 18 December, 1445, Castle Hill Community Centre