



Castle Hill/Eastern Quarry Community Liaison Meeting

Tuesday 10 September 2019

Castle Hill Community Centre

Welcome and Apologies

1.0	Present:	Note
	Cllr Peter Harman, Greenhithe and Knockhall (left part way through) Cllr David Mote, Greenhithe and Knockhall Cllr Danny Nicklen, Ebbsfleet ward Cllr Sacha Gosine, Ebbsfleet ward (left part way through) Nigel Hoad, Chair, Castle Hill Residents' Group Rev Penny Marsh, SEBA Pioneer Minister for Kent Thameside Peter Nelson, Director, Henley Camland Anna Komajda, Project Manager, Camland Consulting Fraser Pollock, Residential Management Group (RMG) Claire Winterflood, Communications Consultant	
1.1	Apologies: Cllr Sue Butterfill, Swanscombe and Greenhithe Residents Association Che Eade, Senior Planner, Ebbsfleet Development Corporation (EDC) Paul Boughen, Community Building Manager, Ebbsfleet Development Corporation (EDC) Jason Clitherow, Neighbourhood Watch Sarah Fisher, Senior Project Manager, Residential Management Group (RMG) Craig Morrison, Estates and Community Centre Manager, Castle Hill Community Centre	Note

Matters Arising

	MINUTE	ACTION
2.0	Plan to improve the approach to Castle Hill via the roundabouts Paul advised pre-meeting that EDC is reviewing sites to carry out some test planting. The condition of the grass cutting and weeds on the verges leading up to the roundabouts was also mentioned. This is Kent Highways land and Cllr Harman will raise and report back.	EDC PH
2.1	Speed limit to Southfleet Road Kent County Council (KCC) has implemented the changes to the speed limit signs. The pedestrian crossing is with KCC for approval. Peter Nelson is checking any adjustment to the lease re putting in a temporary footpath.	НС

2.2	Footpath to Ebbsfleet Green The gas board has now dropped the gas main and we are waiting for BT to carry out their work. Claire will check with Redrow that all is ready on their boundary.	CW
2.3	PCSOs HC has agreed to fund x2 PCSOs for 10 years through S106 agreement. Cllr Nicklen will liaise with Che at EDC re money being allocated for this.	DN/EDC
2.4	Arriva bus route Peter Nelson has a meeting with the Transport Review Group next week so will have an update on this. Cllr Harman asked if he could come to this meeting. Peter Nelson will confirm.	НС
2.5	Play park Larger bins have not been placed in the play park as RMG is clearing the existing bins on a more regular basis so there is no rubbish build up. RMG agreed to organise a meeting with the playground installer and residents whose children have received injuries from the play equipment. RMG has also escalated concerns to its senior management team.	RMG
2.6	Full site conveyancing plan RMG will produce to help residents re land ownership.	RMG
2.7	Arup Gate footpath A discussion took place regarding the weeds adjoining the footpath. Peter Nelson will do a search to confirm who owns this land so landowner can be approached re tidying this up. Anti-social behaviour has now stopped.	НС

Overall Development Update

	MINUTE	ACTION
3.0	CASTLE HILL Health and GP surgeries There has been no take up for the Southern Square medical centre, yet councillors reported that the Swanscombe and Whitehorse surgeries are inundated. Plans are being discussed for a GP surgery in the Central Village with the building plus a dowry. Committee would like a question raised at the next EDC board meeting to determine what is being done about health provision in the short term as it is felt this is jeopardising the viability of the Garden City. With 760 occupations there are at least 1800 residents now living at Castle Hill.	CW
3.1	Car parking near school An additional 29 space car park has now been opened for school staff. Car details are being uploaded and permits issued. This will free up additional spaces in the main car park. Parents are reminded to use the car park and not the grass/pavement verges, for health and safety reasons. One parent had been ticketed recently and TROs will be enforced. Peter Nelson will circulate a letter received from the Gravesend MP. Penny mentioned that the car park is very busy on certain occasions such as community fair, coffee morning, fight club. RMG will regularly monitor both car parks. RMG will circulate confirming the areas where PCM are monitoring parking which is largely spine roads, visitor bays and flats. Letts Lane residents can	RMG HC RMG

	opt out of a permit for a parking bay. They need to contact PCM directly. Permits must be displayed in vehicles. Visitors must display scratch cards.	Note
	EDC is conducting a two-week consultation on parking enforcement. PCM have been advised that they must not ticket during the night, between 9pm and 6am.	RMG
3.2	ALKERDEN	
	Earthworks are progressing well with 50% of this site are now finished. The land is being levelled and parcels of land are up for sale. EDC is liaising with Barratt Homes and a developer who will offer custom built properties (not self-build)	Note
	Discussions re other community facilities and the school are ongoing. The application for the school will be submitted before end September 2019. A dental practice is likely, and bids are being sent in for the other units.	Note
3.3	ASHMERE	
	Phases 1 and 2 are at ground level. Applications are coming in from Countryside Properties. Construction traffic access will be from Mounts Road.	Note
	The original planning application is being unpicked to include a cycle/footpath only plus emergency access, to ensure there is no more traffic exiting the site via Mounts Road.	НС
	Fast-track All parties are working hard on this and will be putting in an application for the tunnels this month with a view to them opening in September 2021.	Note

Other Business

	MINUTE	ACTION
4.0	RMG Accounts Nigel Hoad asked if RMG could supply their last three years accounts and invoices. Fraser said he was working through a list of specific requests from individual residents. Fraser confirmed that Sarah is on holiday and has not left the company as rumours suggest!	RMG
4.1	Dumped Silver Van This van at the end of Mercer Avenue is taxed and MOT'd. It is on the abandoned vehicles register. Steps are being made to find the owner. Suggested that a traffic ticket is issued?	RMG
4.2	Streetlighting Bailey Drive - The lights are still not connected. Peter Nelson will review drawings to see if it is HC land. If so, he will organise connection. The lampposts are also not numbered.	НС
	Clapperknapper Lane – HC to check land ownership re lighting being installed. If behind houses, likely Persimmon, if apartments, then Clarion.	НС

4.3	Overall development appearance Peter Nelson will remind any contractors undertaking work on Henley Camland's behalf, that they must leave the area neat and tidy when works are complete.	HC
4.4	Castle Hill Roundabout One of the signs is damaged and Henley Camland will organise repair/replacement.	HC
4.5	Letts Lane Flats Phase 3B land. Suggested that around 3m of shrubbery is replaced by fence to stop residents using this as a short cut. Fraser will liaise with Adam re a price for this. Will this need planning permission? Will need to liaise with residents in this area.	RMG
4.6	Village Green/Tennis Courts Fraser agreed to look at the installation of dog bins in this area as well as the overall maintenance.	RMG
4.7	RMG Communication to Clarion tenants Fraser will speak to Clarion's neighbourhood manager to see if they would like to join this committee.	RMG
4.8	Community space Penny noted that the centre is fully booked in the evenings. It is likely to be around three more years before more community space comes on board. Peter Nelson will consider whether the ex-medical centre building could be made into a usable space. It was noted also that the condition of the centre space after some private bookings was appalling. RMG to consider a cleaning fee and cleaner availability after these events so the hall is fit for use the following day.	HC RMG
4.9	Healthy New Town/community activities Penny approached Henley Camland for support to for a fitness instructor to run a boot camp/HiiT sessions for a year, as well as providing water bottles and t-shirts. Henley Camland has agreed to sponsor this as well as the covering the hire of the hall for coffee mornings.	НС

Date of next meeting

5.0	Tuesday 26 November 2019, 1400, Castle Hill Community Centre. A	CW
	calendar invitation will be sent.	