



WELCOME TO THE LATEST NEWSLETTER FROM HENLEY CAMLAND, DESIGNED TO KEEP YOU UP-TO-DATE WITH PROGRESS AT CASTLE HILL AND ON THE EASTERN QUARRY SITES.

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



EDUCATION HUB CONSULTATION UNDERWAY

The approved planning permission for Whitecliffe requires that three new primary schools, one secondary school and new sports pitches are provided as part of the development. Cherry Orchard school represents the first primary school on site in Castle Hill. Initial consultation took place at the end of April on the following:

- The second Primary School and Nursery – this will be built as a Two Form Entry Intake Primary School, approximately 446 pupils in total when the school and nursery is fully operational.
- The Secondary School – this will be built as a Eight Form Entry Intake, approximately 1,680 pupils when the school is fully operational; and
- Sports complex and the sports pitches.

The schools will be built to respond to modern educational needs and have access to start of the art sporting facilities including a running track, sports centre, hockey pitch, cricket pitches and football pitches.

Where is it Located? Collectively the second primary school, secondary school and sports pitches are known as the 'Education Hub'. As shown in the adjacent site plan, the hub is located in the centre of the new Whitecliffe development.

The Fastrack route will run along the south of the Education Hub and provide regular services during the school day. The Hubs central location ensures that maximum opportunities for cycling and walking are undertaken.

The start of the art sporting facilities can also be used by the wider community during non-school hours. This will ensure that local residents have close access to facilities that will allow health and active lifestyles to flourish.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Copies of the public consultation boards are available on the following link: <http://www.whitecliffeinfo.com/media>. Please email your comments to: info@whitecliffeinfo.com

Planning submission is anticipated around July 2019.

We are committed to working with the local community as we move towards construction at the start of 2020. Our current programme would see the first phase of the campus completed for September 2021.

CASTLE HILL

We now have over 600 occupations, with a further 190 to follow by the end of 2019. All properties in Castle Hill now have planning permission and progress on all is good.

The Arup gate footpath is now open for use. The legal documents are now in place for the footpath to Ebbsfleet Green and the Gas Board is now able to make the diversion needed.

Construction of the shops, local store and pub is now underway. We're delighted that Kent brewery Shepherd Neame will be the pub operator.

Two Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs), funded by Henley Camland, will be based in the Community Centre soon, working seven days a week from 1100-2300.

THE EASTERN QUARRY

ALKERDEN FARM

Appreciating the concerns raised by residents regarding the removal of the farm and sensitive re-use of some of the older materials, Henley Camland has offered to attach a planning condition to reassure residents that this will be carried out. As the consultation has now ended, Ebbsfleet Development Corporation (EDC) is assessing the feedback and taking professional and legal advice as necessary. Specialist Heritage architects and builders have now been engaged to help provide more information to concerned residents.

NEGOTIATING WITH ARRIVA

Henley Camland continues to liaise with the Transport Review Group regarding the route the Arriva bus route takes around the site. The issue is the positioning of one of the bus stops in Swanscombe which dictates the route the bus takes. Kent Highways are revisiting this bus stop position.

SUPPORT OUR SURVEY!

You should have received a survey about education and transport. We are keen to understand who has moved in and from where, as well number of children and how you travel. This information will brief future planning. On the transport side, use of the car is discouraged, and research will be undertaken regarding a possible car share and bike scheme.

INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRESS

Planning for earthworks in the central village have been approved and the land levels are being organised and will take place over the Summer. Earthworks continue from the Southern to Northern lake, to make way for the school area. An application has been submitted for the road in the West site as well as infrastructure and roundabout improvement works. All future infrastructure works will also include an application for tree removal.

MANAGEMENT UPDATE FROM RMG

Please can we remind all parents that the pavements near to Cherry Orchard Primary School should not be used for parking and that the large car park should be utilised to safely collect their children.

We are pleased to confirm that the upgrade works to communal satellite system have now been completed, should any residents still be experiencing issues with their signal we would like to request that they contact RMG directly using the details provided below.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

On a wonderful sunny Good Friday afternoon, over 100 children with their families gathered for an Easter Egg Hunt in the park by the elephants! There were over 450 plastic eggs hidden in the park for the children to find and exchange for chocolate eggs. A card egg decorating competition, puppet show and short, fun Easter talk on the theme of superheroes followed this before a prize-giving. A great time was had by all! Thanks to the volunteers from Ebbsfleet Baptist Church who organised the event, with sponsorship from Ebbsfleet Development Corporation.

