



Whitecliffe Community Liaison Meeting

Tuesday 22 September 2020

This meeting did not take place in person due to Government advice re Covid-19. It was held via Video Conference.

1.0	Present:	Note
	Cllr David Mote, Ebbsfleet Ward Cllr Peter Harman, Swanscombe & Greenhithe Town Council Nigel Hoad, Castle Hill Residents' Group Jason Clitherow, Castle Hill Neighbourhood Watch Rev Penny Marsh, SEBA Pioneer Minister for Kent Thameside Susan Saunders, Community Liaison Officer, Countryside Sian Harris, Clarion Housing Che Eade, Senior Planner, EDC Paul Boughen, Community Building Manager, EDC Fraser Pollock, Property Manager, RMG Anna Komajda, Project Manager, Camland Consulting Claire Winterflood, Communications Consultant	
1.1	Apologies: Cllr Danny Nicklen, Ebbsfleet ward Cllr Sacha Gosine, Ebbsfleet ward (tried to join meeting but unable to connect) Cllr Sue Butterfill, Swanscombe & Greenhithe Residents Association Cllr Anna Munday, Bean Parish Councillor Mark Cawthorne, Castle Hill Residents' Group (tried to join meeting but unable to connect) Haylee Austin, Valley Gardens/Knockhill Billy Unsworth, Community Warden Craig Morrison, Estates and Community Centre Manager, RMG	Note

PLANNING UPDATE

	MINUTE	ACTION
2.0	Overall Update	
	As at end August, there were 930 completions. By end 2020, the forecast is at 1,070 homes.	Note
	Consultation on public art for two entrance roundabouts took place on 12 September. 35 people attended and feedback was appreciated. The consultation will run until end September. Links for feedback are on Whitecliffe's Twitter page #whitecliffe6500 and whitecliffeinfo.com/planning.	

2.4	Diaming Applications submitted by LIC	
2.1	 Planning Applications submitted by HC Ashmere Phase 1 Landscaping (Reserved Matters Application). Application pending Alkerden Area Masterplan Update-Application to update AMP for barn approach and Parcel 5a parameters. Application pending Fastrack West (RM) - Reserved Matters application for landscaping associated with Fastrack West. Application pending - discussions on trees and lighting with relevant stakeholders ongoing Castle Hill South Conditions 10 and 11 (Bridges and Jetties) - Application submitted in relation to construction details for the bridges and jetties. Application pending. Forthcoming applications Fastrack (Alkerden and Ashmere) - Pre-application meeting held in September on proposals. Applicant reviewing pre-application comments. Alkerden Farm Park - Public consultation held 3 December. Second pre-application request to be submitted in 2020 Alkerden Gateway and North Landscaping Alkerden and Ashmere (Non-Material Amendment application)-application pursuant to the proposed relocation of the health centre to Alkerden and Ashmere 	Note
2.2	Retail offer and Pub	
	The Co-op is due to open on Friday 25 September 2020. EDC has been liaising with brewer Shepherd Neame re a start on site but is is likely to be 2021 before they are on the ground.	Note
2.3	PCSOs EDC has met with the Police team. It was agreed that an experienced officer would be present at Castle Hill, so a possible six-month time period for someone else to be trained to backfill this position. The five-year contract for a PCSO needs to fall within the S106 amount. Overall cost figures awaited. EDC acknowledged the assistance of Cllrs Nicklen and Mote in following this up. Community Safety Unit Inspector Sarah Rivett will be progressing.	EDC
2.4	Alkerden Lane Footpath A meeting between Cllr Peter Harman and HC took place earlier today on site. HC will explore route options considering the wildlife.	НС
2.5	Craylands Gorge The old bridge has now been removed and the new bridge should be completed in March 2021. Cllr David Mote highlighted concerns about vehicle access e.g small motorbikes, and EDC highlighted that this needs a balanced approach e.g cyclists need to be able to get through. Cllr Mote also raised the issue of waymarking ref identifying Swanscombe, Greenhithe and Ebbsfleet from one simple routeway. EDC is expecting a detailed submission for layout that complies with the Signage Design Guide.	НС
2.6	Work on the Lake HC confirmed that the bridge foundation work is now complete. The bridges are being installed around 22 October but works will not be finished until mid-December. The jetty will be in place in Spring 2021, due to Covid-19 delays on the fabricators other work. Following questions from residents it was also noted that all work on the lake is monitored by an Ecologist in relation to wildlife.	HC

ESTATE MANAGEMENT

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Amazon Lockers HC is liaising with Newcrest to see if any other commercial operators would be willing to install. Newcrest is currently liaising with the pharmacy operator.	НС
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Footpath to Ebbsfleet Green Redrow is organising completion of the work on their side which will be in the next two months.	Note
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3.10	Flags near Castle Hill roundabout HC has spoken to the relevant developers about new flags being installed re uplifting presentation to Castle Hill. New flags have been ordered and are awaiting install.	нс
3.11	Street name sign on Clapper Knapper RMG will chase Persimmon.	RMG
3.12	Flint Rise (Taylor Wimpey) – installation of speed bump A resident has asked for this due to concerns regarding the speed of vehicles in this area. EDC will confirm who owns this section of road to aid discussions on what can be done.	EDC
3.13	Parking Whitecliffe Road – signs along top end section beyond Cherry Orchard Road. Signage is up, but vehicles are still parking here. RMG confirmed that DWH is finishing some properties here and therefore cars can park at the moment. RMG will check the timings re completion of this work.	RMG
3.14	CCTV RMG confirmed they are aware of the broken signs on the parks and footpath to Swanscombe. New hardwearing signs have been received and they are awaiting install.	RMG
3.15	Broken fencing on roundabout as you leave Castle Hill	
	Post meeting note – this land does not belong to HC who are checking if this is with EDC or LaFarge.	нс

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

4.0	Tuesday 24 November 2020, 1pm, via Microsoft Teams.	
	A calendar invitation will be sent.	CW

