



## Whitecliffe Community Liaison Group Meeting

Tuesday 13 July 2021

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

*A comprehensive update report on planning and progress was distributed to the CLG in advance of the meeting.*

<p><b>1.0</b></p>	<p><b>Present:</b></p> <p>Geoff Shearcroft, AOC Architects (part only)          Cllr Peter Harman, Swanscombe &amp; Greenhithe Town Council          Cllr Danny Nicklen, Ebbsfleet ward          Cllr Sacha Gosine, Ebbsfleet ward          Jason Clitherow, Castle Hill Neighbourhood Watch          Susan Saunders, Community Liaison Officer, Countryside          Alex Tayler, Planner, EDC          Anna Komajda, Project Manager, Camland Consulting          Claire Winterflood, Communications Consultant</p>	<p>Note</p>
<p><b>1.1</b></p>	<p><b>Apologies:</b></p> <p>Cllr David Mote, Greenhithe &amp; Knockall          Mark Cawthorne, Castle Hill Residents' Group          Amelia Hetterley, Delivery Manager, Clarion Housing          Jane Niblett, Neighbourhood Response Officer, Clarion Housing          Rev Penny Marsh, SEBA Pioneer Minister for Kent Thameside          Paul Boughen, Community Building Manager, EDC          Craig Morrison, Estates and Community Centre Manager, RMG          Billy Unsworth, Community Warden</p>	<p>Note</p>
<p><b>2.0</b></p>	<p><b>Alkerden Civic Hub</b></p> <p>The CLG welcomed Geoff Shearcroft from AOC, architects for the Alkerden Civic Hub. Geoff went through a presentation showing the emerging designs for the civic hub and highlighting the other community buildings on the overall scheme. He confirmed the importance of the planned facilities for this space – LifeLong Learning Centre, Library, Health and Wellbeing provision, Job Centre, a community police centre, a religious space, co-location space and performance space. He emphasised the importance of cultural and creative space helping to support good community. At the heart of the building will be the public Living Room, a covered area for all to enjoy. Once delivered by Henley Camland, the hub will eventually be handed over to the Ebbsfleet Garden City Trust. The Hub is being developed through a collaborative process, co-producing the brief and codesigning the building. This process will ensure stakeholders' understanding of actual rather than assumed needs. There has been good feedback from the virtual consultations and the series of co-design workshops held to date. A public consultation will take place in September/October. It is envisaged that a</p>	<p>EDC</p>


	<p>planning application will be submitted in December 2021 with the hub opening around March 2024.</p> <p>Peter asked what medical facilities there will be in the meantime? Geoff confirmed the design of the Alkerden Civic Hub includes a provision for up to 8 GPs/alternative health provision to be delivered by 2024 and to serve the Whitecliffe community. In the meantime, a health and wellbeing hub by Ebbsfleet International Station is being considered by EDC for 2025/26 to serve the whole Garden City community.</p> <p>The Cllrs confirmed residents are genuinely concerned about health provision. Alex asked if a list of other local GPS had been sent to residents and this is the case.</p> <p>Anna confirmed the population numbers in Whitecliffe would likely be: 2024 – 3,500; 2025 – 4,000; 2026 – 4,700</p> <p>Sacha asked if the religious space would be for all faiths. Geoff confirmed it is intended to not be specific for any faith. Discussions are already underway with the Diocese of Rochester and North Kent Interfaith with a view to establish a faith co-design group.</p> <p>Jason thinks the Living Room is a fantastic idea. He would like to see all forms of transport promoted however, noting that there are parking spaces for cars. Other forms of transport will be encouraged, and Geoff highlighted the availability of safe and covered bike storage. Jason also commented that good and safe outdoor streetlighting was critical.</p>	
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## PLANNING

3.0	<p><b>PCSOs</b> EDC is pushing to get a meeting in place with the Police team to finalise the details.</p>	EDC
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## ESTATE MANAGEMENT

	MINUTE	ACTION
4.0	<p><b>Wildlife Management Plan and issues with ducks</b> 'Do not feed the ducks' signage has now been installed and some residents are now saying they would like to continue feeding them. HC will produce additional signage as to why this can be detrimental to the health of wildlife – see example below. Danny raised the concerns about the safety of the ducks re traffic and also the mess/cleaning up. He asked to see a copy of the Wildlife Management Plan. Anna will review the Biodiversity Action Plan. Susan suggested installing interpretation panels around the lake re wildlife generally.</p>	HC

		
4.1	<p><b>Swann Street bollard lighting</b> This has still not been installed and EDC will now issue an Enforcement Notice.</p>	EDC
4.2	<p><b>De-Fib Machine for Castle Hill</b> Jason confirmed he is completing the form to apply to KCC for funding the machine.</p>	JC
4.3	<p><b>Street Signs – Giles Drive, Bailey Drive, Hoadley End</b> This remains with Barratt David Wilson Homes to complete for Giles Drive, Bailey Drive and Hoadley End. Sacha is following up.</p>	SG
4.4	<p><b>December Christmas activities</b> Re installing power and water, further discussion is needed with HC/RMG as this will require closing off areas/digging up pavements etc.</p>	RMG/HC
4.5	<p><b>Giles Drive streetlight connection</b> HC is asking SGC to look at the hours of darkness setting.</p>	HC

**QUESTIONS/ITEMS RAISED**

5.0	<p><b>Southfleet Road water works</b> The company carrying out recent water works removed all the planting and Sacha asked if this will be replaced. Sacha will send copies of where this is situated to Alex.</p>	SG
5.1	<p><b>Fencing for Fastrack Route</b> Residents have asked Sacha if this will be fenced off for safety reasons. Anna confirmed this is a normal but low speed road used by buses only. All safety and noise assessments were carried out/approved as part of the planning. Noise from the buses was also raised but by 2024, KCC plans to be running all electric buses and noise will be reduced.</p>	Note
5.2	<p><b>Whitecliffe Road speed signs</b> Danny asked if there could more speed limit signs installed at Whitecliffe road as there is just one at the entrance. Anna will review. <i>Post-meeting note – Whitecliffe Road has been adopted so this will be a query to Highways. Attached to these minutes is the road agreement plan.</i></p>	HC

5.3	<b>Litter Pick</b> Danny requested that Fryer Group do a stricter litter pick on Castle Hill Drive.	RMG
5.4	<b>Cycle path/pedestrians sign on Whitecliffe Road/Waller Close</b> A resident is struggling to manoeuvre from his property near the sign would like to understand why the sign is on the pavement rather than the bank. Danny will facilitate a conversation between Alex/resident.	EDC
5.5	<b>Ward Homes Phase 1 – Change of windows at property on Weldon Road</b> Cllr Nicklen raised a query around EDC's approach to a planning application for a change of windows on Weldon Road in Castle Hill. EDC confirmed the application will be assessed on the basis of material planning considerations, namely whether or not the design is appropriate in the area context. EDC will progress the planning application upon receipt of proper plans following the usual planning process.	EDC
5.6	<b>Cherry Orchard Playing Field defect</b> The school has been in touch with Danny saying children are unable to play on the field as there are so many holes. HC will review and liaise with the contractor.	HC
5.7	<b>Thames Water shut off</b> Jason highlighted that water has been shut off twice in recent days on Whitecliffe Road. Peter said it is running out of a BT manhole in one place. Is the water main leaking? Anna will investigate. <i>Post-meeting note – Thames Water had a burst pipe on 12 July and the leak has now been stopped. As this road is adopted, Thames Water is responsible for any reinstatement.</i>	HC
5.8	<b>Car theft</b> Sacha advised that sadly two keyless Mercedes had been stolen recently. It was suggested that residents are informed via the resident association about the pouches available to store car keys that block the key signal. The local police team may have information available. The pouches are also available online/in Bluewater.	JC

6.0	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b> The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 14 September at 1pm. An online meeting invitation will be sent in due course.	Note
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