

## **Westway Place Community Liaison Group (CLG) – Meeting 7**

**Venue:** SDC Site Office, Elms Court, Elms Parade, Oxford OX2 9LP

**Date:** 10 December 2018 6.30 pm

**Attendees:** Cllr Emily Smith, Caroline Kellner, Cllr Lorna Berrett, Colin Ryde, Cllr Dudley Hoddinott, Cllr Caroline Potter, Cllr Judy Roberts, Stephen Evans, Stephen Parkinson

**Project team attendees:** Dan Bleach, SP Broadway – Chair (DB); Jonathan Poole, Mace (JP); Tom Harbottle, SDC (TH); Nick Hodgson, Mace Developments (NH); Peter Sandercock, SDC (PS)

**Apologies:** Cllr Debby Hallett, Mary Gill, Viv Smith, Grant Nightingale, Huw Griffiths, Seamus Keane

### **Item 1: Welcome and introductions**

DB opened the meeting, and presented apologies from those who could not attend. Members of the project team and representatives of different organisations introduced themselves.

DB gave a review of the previous Community Liaison Group Meeting on 29 October which had provided a general update of the scheme's progress, and looked at topics including the tower cranes, lighting and the use of generators, and the vehicle access point.

DB explained that a November newsletter had not been issued because there was not additional information to share from the October newsletter. DB confirmed there would be a communication before Christmas.

### **Items 2 / 3 / 4 / 5**

TH said SDC had been "*battling mud*" in recent months, and deployed two roadsweepers during particularly wet conditions to combat this. TH confirmed a tarmac road would be put in from one end of the site to the other before Christmas, which will help limit the amount of mud trafficked offsite.

TH noted that generators had been discussed at previous meetings, and said the site team were hoping to be generator-free by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December. TH explained that the generator by the portacabins might need to remain, but would be turned off at night.

NH said the generator by the tower mast was out of Mace's control, but that the tower mast itself was soon to be moved to a new location. A CLG member suggested this might impact phone signal in the area. NH reiterated that this was out of Mace's control, but that the new location was in theory better for signal.

CLG members asked for confirmation of when the remaining generator would be running. TH said this would only be during normal on-site working hours.

TH explained that two new lights had been installed at the site for security, and said that these could be angled downwards to reduce visibility from nearby homes. TH said there had been several thefts of lights from the site, but that a permanent walkway through the site would be in place before, and throughout, the Christmas period.

TH said the lift in the Grant Thornton building was fully serviceable. NH explained the recent issue was caused by bizarre and extraordinary circumstances, but this had been dealt with. A CLG member asked for reassurance that this would not happen again, and sought advanced notice for the next assessment of the lift. NH said the Savills management team would provide advance notice.

A CLG member commented on the availability of the DDA toilet by the Chancellors Cabin, saying a resident recently tried to use it but it was locked. TH explained that this toilet was locked outside of the temporary estate's operating hours. A CLG member asked about the use of a RADAR key, which would enable 24/7 access, or a notice informing people where the nearest RADAR key accessible toilet was. NH agreed to look into this. A CLG member said the need for available toilets at the temporary estate had been exacerbated by the Church needing to close theirs due to ongoing issues with users.

TH explained that works were going ahead as scheduled, with Block B approaching 1<sup>st</sup> floor level and several concrete pours and steel frames planned over the next 6-8 weeks. TH said the third tower crane would be going up in late January.

JP said the final working day in 2018 would be Friday 21<sup>st</sup>, with some work re-commencing on the site on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January, and a full resumption of site activity from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January. JP shared a phone number local residents could use for emergencies during the Christmas period (this has been made available on the consultation website). TH said some of the staff were relatively local, so if a serious issue occurred it could be fixed. TH added that he would check the temporary lights on West Way would be able to last during the Christmas period.

A CLG member said they had spoken with representatives of a neighbouring Parish Council, who had said the site *"was kept very clean"*.

PS gave an update on his communications with local residents, noting that a few issues had arisen since the last CLG, but *"not very many"*. A CLG member asked about supporting a Botley School project. PS said he was aware of the project and had been to the school to ascertain what works could be supported. PS said he hoped to have an indication about whether funding was available before Christmas. PS said any works could potentially take place in the February half-term or Easter school holidays.

PS provided some statistics relating to the Community Employment Plan, stating that 22% of days worked at the site were done by people with an Oxfordshire postcode.

A CLG member said the Christmas tree *"looks nice"*.

TH provided an update on plans to alter the crossing on West Way, saying a permanent crossing was expected to be constructed during the 2019 Easter holidays.

A CLG member mentioned the proposed name of the new development. JP advised that BDC were aware of objections to the use of 'Westway' as a single word, and confirmed that it was under review and may or may not change. JP said 'Westway' would continue to be used for marketing during the interim.

JP proposed for the next CLG meeting to take place in late February / early March.