

## **Westway Place Community Liaison Group (CLG) – Meeting 8**

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

**Date:** 25 February 2019, 6.30 pm

**Attendees:** Cllr Dudley Hoddinott, Mary Gill, Grant Nightingale, Stephen Parkinson, Stephen Evans, Caroline Kellner, Cllr Caroline Potter, Viv Smith

**Project team attendees:** David McFarlane, SP Broadway – Chair (DM); Nick Calotier, SP Broadway (NC); Jonathan Poole, Mace (JP); Neil Sillitoe, SDC (NS); Peter Sandercock, SDC (PS)

**Apologies:** Cllr Emily Smith, Craig Millar, Tom Harbottle, Cllr David Kay, Arthur Howse, Colin Ryde, Cllr Lorna Berrett

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

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

DM gave a review of the previous CLG Meeting on 10 December 2018, which included discussion on: the tarmac roads that would be constructed to reduce tracking mud, security lights, DDA toilet, Christmas working and contacts, and the name of the new shopping centre.

DM explained that a brief Christmas update newsletter had been circulated in December and two newsletters had been circulated in February – the first about a closure to the walkway and the second about the vehicle access repositioning off Westminster Way.

### **Items 2: General update since last meeting**

JP gave an overview of the construction and said the works were progressing well. JP explained BDC had submitted a Minor Material Amendment application (s73) in February for small internal and external changes to Block E.

JP said that since the last meeting of the CLG, the issue with the telecoms mast had been removed and the fence height issue at the south of the site had “*progressed*”.

JP said BDC were still waiting on confirmation from the Vale regarding the name of the new Shopping Centre. JP said Mace had been asked to consider other names and were liaising with the Council.\*

*\* NOTE: We can confirm the preferred name for the development is West Way Square, and this has now been agreed between the developer and the Council as the name for this development, and is the one that shall be used in postal addresses.*

### **Item 3: Work in the community**

PS said SDC had engaged with local schools regarding naming the cranes at the construction site. PS said Crane 1 had been given the name “*Betsy*” and Crane 2 had been given the name “*U-crane-Bolt*”. PS said SDC were looking to speak to West Oxford Community Primary School regarding the naming of Crane 3. A CLG member suggested SDC should contact Cumnor Church of England Primary School instead.

PS said the boundary hoardings with artwork from North Hinksey Primary School had been erected earlier that day.

PS said SDC were seeking clarification from Botley School regarding works they would like SDC to undertake at the school, following the successful project at North Hinksey Primary School.

### **Item 4: Construction of West Way Square**

NS gave an update on the works: the concrete frame for Block B was nearly completed and the steel frame structure would be done “*very quickly*”; the concrete frame for Block C was ongoing; basement work for Block D was ongoing; and the steel frame for Block F was ongoing.

NS said a new drainage system between Block D and F would be installed in early April, and this would result in the walkway being temporarily closed for approximately 3 or 4 weeks.

NS said the works on Block E would commence around the end of April or early May and the temporary car park would therefore be relocated to Church Way.

### **Item 5: Questions**

A CLG member asked if the s73 application would make the retail units smaller in Block E. JP said as part of the planning consent, the developer would be allowed various uses for these units. A CLG member asked if the application would result in Block E becoming taller. JP said Block E would not become taller and said “we have to tie the application to the original level”.

A CLG member asked if the landscaping plans would be changed. JP said this was “very unlikely”.

A CLG member asked who the tenants would be for the retail units. JP said it was too early to confirm who would occupy the units.

A CLG member asked if BDC would consider letting to small local businesses. JP confirmed they would, and would “leave no stone unturned” when considering options.

### **Item 6: Next steps and future engagement**

It was agreed that the next meeting of the CLG would take place on Monday 29 April 2019.