



Westway Place Community Liaison Group (CLG) – Meeting 9

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

Date: 29 April 2019, 6.30 pm

Attendees: Cllr Dudley Hoddinott, Mary Gill, Grant Nightingale, Stephen Evans, Caroline Kellner, Cllr Caroline Potter, Viv Smith, Cllr Judy Roberts, Cllr David Kay, Cllr Lorna Berrett
Rev Clare Sykes

Project team attendees: Jonathan Poole, Mace (JP); Craig Millar SDC (CM); Tom Harbottle SDC (TH); Peter Sandercock, SDC (PS) - Chair

Apologies: Cllr Emily Smith, Cllr Debby Hallett, Neil Sillitoe

Welcome and Construction Update

CM opened the meeting with a presentation of progress to date and an overview forward works taking questions as they arose. CM outlined that there would be a ramping up of site labour from now on with the commencement of fit out works and a corresponding increase in material deliveries. CM went on to explain that SDC had purchased a site in Eynsham as a holding point for bulk material deliveries for transfer to site on smaller vehicles on a just-in-time delivery basis.

Queries were tabled around intended delivery routes (from Eynsham) and arrangements for operative vehicle parking. TH explained deliveries would continue to be via the A420 and A34 roundabout into Botley and not directly via Eynsham Road onto West Way. It was further confirmed that staff parking would be at Seacourt Park and Ride and Parkway with a minibus service operating to site.

CM confirmed that SDC were holding to programme and Block F remained on track for completion mid November 2019. In response to a question CM explained the building would be enclosed within 2 to 3 weeks and external brickwork should be in place within 12 weeks.

Works to Block E (Building Immediately to the rear of Elms Parade)

TH explained the proposals around enabling works for Block E involving the relocation of car parking from the rear of Elms Parade and public parking opposite Elms Court (currently on the footprint of Block E) to Church Way with access off Arthray Road although the plans shown remained indicative and subject to final agreement. This new parking area would subject to the same restrictions as the existing arrangements and managed accordingly. It remains SDC's aspiration to handover the lower deck of the new permanent car park in August 2020. The upper deck will continue to be used for material storage until completion of the Premier Inn.

The Project Team took note of the need to ensure effective advance communication of changes to car parking arrangements and associated directional signage.

Section 278 & Utility Works generally

TH confirmed that the West Way crossing works were complete and that the crossing lights would be commissioned on Wednesday 1st May at which point the temporary crossing lights will be removed. TH further confirmed that the operating sequence will be amended so that the lights operate as one to both carriageways allowing a complete crossing of The West Way at one time. A banksman will be provided in the interim to assist school crossings morning and afternoon.

Post meeting update – issues with permanent power supply to new crossing lights has delayed commissioning and temporary lights will remain in place until resolved. Operating sequence of temporary lights amended to operate simultaneously on both carriageways.

The Pedestrian Walkway linking Arthray Road to the West Way will be reopened on Tuesday 7th May, initially with Heras fencing barriers to be followed by the erection of ply hoardings as before. 7th May will also see the reinstatement of one-way site logistics with deliveries in from Westminster Way and out via West Way now that the gas main works are complete.

TM then explained the outstanding 278 works to include the provision of a revised entry curb line from The West Way into Elms Parade and temporary relocation of the bus stop. Both West Way carriageways will remain open whilst these works take place as will entry to Elms Parade. Curbing works are due complete within the next 2 weeks and the overall programme should be complete within 5 weeks. A copy of the phasing plan to be shared.

SDC to arrange for temporary seating is to be provided at the relocated bus stop.

Community Update

PS confirmed that arrangements are in hand for the names (Betsy and U-Crane-Bolt) to be displayed on the respective cranes and that he had yet to hear from Cumnor Primary in respect of naming the third.

Post meeting note – email received 30th April from Cumnor Primary declining the offer to participate in the naming of 'TC 3'

PS advised that the latest quarterly Community Engagement Plan (CEP) report was in process of being finalised and as at 03 April 22% of the value of project orders placed had been awarded to local companies up from 6% last quarter, largely attributable to the award of the mechanical and electrical contract to Wheatley M&E Services Ltd.

Any Other Business / Questions

A CLG member enquired as to plans for the 2nd floor of Block F (Community Building). It was explained that this will only be finished to shell and core although JP confirmed offers were being explored for occupation and any further interest should be shared.

A further query concerned the landscaping plan around Block F – JP confirmed this is to be as the approved landscape drawing a copy of which will be shared.

Another query raised was that of finishing to the roof areas of Block F and it was agreed that the detail would be the subject of a future meeting with interested parties.

A CLG member asked when Block A (Phase 2) would commence and JP explained this contract had yet to be awarded although a start would not be made until Tesco were able to relocate and this would not be until Q3 / Q4 2020. The Phase 2 contract would probably be a 2yr programme and details of the award will be shared at the appropriate time.

Representatives of NHPC advised that they would not wish to move from Seacourt Hall into Block F until after Christmas 2019. JP confirmed firm dates could be discussed nearer the time.

A CLG member highlighted potential parking issues as may arise on Thursday (2ndMay) with the local polling station being sited at the church.

A further question asked whether the project team would be taking input from the local crime prevention officer regarding Block E and planning amendments. JP reassured that MACE would take note of all such advice concerning security and safety. Concerns were also shared around ensuring that the development was 'proofed' against vulnerable community members hiding away.

Date for Next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the CLG would take place on Monday 8th July 2019 6.00pm for a tour of site for those interested followed by a meeting at 7.00pm.