

**MINDENHURST
COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP
MINUTES**

Meeting date:	Wednesday, 22 nd March 2021
Time:	6.30pm – 7.00pm
Venue:	Microsoft Teams
Skanska attendees:	<p>Leislaine Garcia (LG), <i>Development Director – Skanska</i> Peter Cater (PC), <i>Development Manager – Skanska</i> Niki Dufour (ND), <i>Community Relations Manager – Skanska</i> Robert Smith (RS) – <i>Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO)</i> Michael Russell (MR) – <i>Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO)</i> Nick Sutcliffe (NS), <i>Director – BECG</i> Ross McWilliams (RM), <i>Account Director – BECG</i> Samuel Carr (SC), <i>Account Manager – BECG</i></p>
Community attendees:	<p>Councillor Paul Deach (PD) – <i>Surrey County Councillor & Surrey Heath BC</i> Councillor Helen Whitcroft (HW) – <i>Surrey Heath BC</i> Councillor Adrian Page (AP) – <i>Surrey Heath BC</i> Jacques Olmo (JO) – <i>Mytchett, Frimley Green, and Deepcut Society</i> Clare Kennedy (CK) – <i>Deepcut Neighbourhood Forum</i> Revd. Daniel Natnael (DN) – <i>St Barbara’s Church, Deepcut</i> Sarita Bishop (SB) – <i>Principal Planning Officer, Surrey Heath BC</i></p>
Apologies:	<p>Councillor Morgan Rise (MR) – <i>Surrey Heath BC</i> Keith Maynard (KM) – <i>St Barbara’s Church, Deepcut</i> Howard Hyde (HH) – <i>Mytchett, Frimley Green, and Deepcut Society</i> – & <i>Deepcut Neighbourhood Forum</i></p>

1. Welcome

- **NS** opened the meeting.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 10th March 2021

- **NS** asked whether any attendees had comments regarding the Minutes of the previous meeting. None were raised, and he requested that any comments or suggested amends should be raised with BECG within the next 24 hours.
- **NS** explained that the Minutes of the 10th March meeting would be placed on the Mindenhurst website.

3. Virtual Exhibition presentation, followed by questions

- **LG** displayed the virtual consultation publicity flyer on screen. **NS** explained that the virtual consultation publicity flyer will arrive with residents tomorrow (Tuesday 22nd March). He invited CLG attendees to publicise that the consultation is now live.
- **LG** moved on to show the latest development timeline, aiming for a determination of the remaining Reserved Matters Applications by Summer 2021.
- **LG** outlined the planning policy context of the Mindenhurst development, highlighting the Core Strategy allocation, Supplementary Planning Document, 2014 Outline consent, and Site Wide Design Code, noting that the subsequent Reserved Matters applications take these approved documents into account.
- **LG** presented the virtual consultation materials on-screen, providing a detailed narrative on the 5 key features of the Phases 3B and 5 Reserved Matters applications: North of Dettingen Park and Private Roads; the Loop Road; the Southern SANG and SANGs Link; the ANGst and Sergeants' Mess; and the Formal Park and Church Hall.
- **NS** noted that two webinars are to be held on Thursday 25th and Saturday 27th March this week. He noted that virtual consultation materials can now be viewed and downloaded from the website.
- **NS** also extended an offer to provide a JPEG image of the virtual consultation flyer to any CLG attendees if they need this rather than the PDF.
- **PD** observed that the virtual consultation looks good and that he is excited for residents to see it.
- **DN** enquired about the timeline for the project. **LG** replied that Skanska is conducting a pre-application consultation with the community over the next two weeks, and that once it has all the feedback it will consider the responses and formally submit the applications in April. She added that Skanska is in dialogue with local authority and hope by summer 2021 to have permission to begin construction/

- **HW** offered her thanks for the presentation, observing that it looks fantastic.
- **HW** enquired regarding the proposed food store, asking whether it is possible to given an indication of when this is likely to open. She added that residents need to know when it will open, not when the company will be designated.
- **LG** replied that Skanska is not currently engaging with the community on the foodstore and is instead in negotiations with a potential occupier. She explained that it difficult to give a timeline for the food store, because the occupier would need to submit their own planning application, but that in her experience 12-24 months from now is a reasonable estimate for when the store will open.
- **HW** stressed that it will be important to manage the expectations of local people.
- **CK** noted that Deepcut Neighbourhood Forum (DNF) is currently consulting on the Deepcut Neighbourhood Plan and that many of the same issues are coming up in that consultation. She explained that the DNF will publicise the consultation and seek to manage local expectations for the food store.
- **CK** described the opportunity to join the Webinars as very useful, and asked whether BECG could provide them with the outputs from the events for their website. **NS** replied that the Webinars will be recorded and placed on the Mindenhurst website for anyone to refer to.
- **DN** observed that the space behind his home has been fenced off for over a year, noting that the neighbourhood has been asking about the plans for this land. **LG** replied that Skanska had received planning permission at committee last week to allow this work to begin within the next few months, but as it involves landscaping, commencement depends on ecology and weather.
- **ND** reminded the CLG that Skanska has a newsletter going out next week, which will be going to the 1,000 properties in Deepcut, updating people on the consultation, the Easter trail, and other site details. She added that the newsletter will be placed on the website and that further details would be provided via notices on community boards and via email to the CLG.

4. Any Other Business

- **LG** thanked the attendees for their time and explained the Skanska will continue to communicate with the CLG moving forwards. She added that if any attendees had queries regarding Mindenhurst, they would be welcome to get in touch between meetings.

5. Date of the next meeting

- Following discussion, **NS** confirmed the date of the next meeting is Tuesday 18th May at 6pm and calendar invitations will be issued with the minutes.