

**MINDENHURST
COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP
MINUTES – MARCH 2022**

Meeting date:	Tuesday, 3rd March 2022
Time:	6.00pm – 7.00pm
Venue:	Microsoft Teams
Skanska attendees:	<p>Leislaine Garcia (LG), <i>Development Director – Skanska</i> Edmund Martin (EM), <i>Development Manager – Skanska</i> Niki Dufour (ND), <i>Community Relations Manager – Skanska</i> Peter Cater (PC) – <i>Skanska</i> John Mellor (JM) – <i>FPCR</i> Niall Fleming (NF) – <i>Waterman Group</i> Tom Hurlstone (TH) – <i>Waterman Group</i> Charlotte Rowe (CR) – <i>Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO)</i> Michael Russell (MR) – <i>Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO)</i> Nick Sutcliffe (NS), <i>Director – BECG</i> Lauren Matthews (LM), <i>Account Executive – BECG</i></p>
Community attendees:	<p>Councillor Helen Whitcroft (HW) – <i>Surrey Heath BC</i> Councillor Morgan Rise (MR) – <i>Surrey Heath BC</i> Councillor Paul Deach (PD) – <i>Surrey Heath BC & Surrey County Council</i> Howard Hyde (HH) – <i>Mytchett, Frimley Green, and Deepcut Society & Deepcut Neighbourhood Forum</i> Jacques Olmo (JO) – <i>Mytchett, Frimley Green, and Deepcut Society</i> Keith Maynard (KM) – <i>St Barbara’s Church, Deepcut</i> Sarita Bishop (SB) – <i>Principal Planning Officer, Surrey Heath BC</i></p>

1. **Welcome**

- **NS** opened the meeting.

2. **Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 23rd November 2021**

- No comments or corrections were forthcoming.

3. **Project Update**

- **LG** ran through the Spring 2022 actions and forthcoming dates. Residents will be kept informed through the monthly Construction Newsletters and letter drops as necessary.
- **LG** highlighted that work on the Church is planned but the date is still pending with the contractor.
- **LG** explained the Loop Road and Form Park Reserved Matters Applications are due to come to committee in April and the works will hopefully begin in early summer.
- **LG** highlighted the focus of the meeting to be on the Loop Road RMA application. **LG** handed over to **NF**.

4. **Loop Road RMA**

- **NF** talked through the slides showing the Loop Road proposals, with the proposed 5.5 metre carriageway and a 3-metre footway / cycleway alongside. This road will provide the connection points for the future land parcels as development comes forward.
- **PD** asked if footway and cycleway will be shared or each part having dedicated space?
- **NF** stated that for the Loop Road it will be shared, but there are separate footways and cycleways elsewhere. Markings would be agreed with SCC as part of the agreement of detail.
- **NF** explained Section DD, the SUDS pond, that it is will be part of the swale seen as green space that will connect up with the above pathways. **NF** also highlighted there will be raised ground in order to manage speeding within the area and allow for a pedestrian crossing. **NF** said the loop road will also go along the school boundary to allow parents to drop off and pick up their children, in the northern area of this plot no direct access is proposed so vehicles would come off from a spur to the north of the development.
- **HH** asked what length will have the 7 metre width of road carriageway near the school?
- **NF** stated they believed it is 60m from the school to the spine road. Just before the junction a raised table is being proposed to make it a safer pedestrian link, this will allow around 30 to 40 metres for parking along the road.
- **HH** expressed concern as this space will only accommodate 10 cars. **HH** asked if the space would be sufficient?
- **NF** said the school would be placed in a central location to allow more sustainable access from a wide radius, reducing the dependence on car usage. There was a clear priority by SCC to achieve a walkable

neighbourhood through the provision of the cycle and footpath provision and 20 MPH speed limit along the Loop Road.

- **HH** stated that originally there wasn't a drop off location so this is a welcome addition and big improvement. He continued to express concern on whether this will be enough space.
- **NF** highlighted that although SCC highways are the major decision maker in encouraging sustainable travel, it is also with the school to encourage greener travel from the start.
- **HH** highlighted that currently there are no buses running at pick up times.
- **NF** explained the concept behind the Copenhagen crossings which would give the cycle route priority over car traffic, by allowing cyclist and pedestrians to go straight over the side road turnings rather than having to stop for cars turning into the side roads. **NF** explained this style of crossing means the cars have to slow down to go up and over the continuous raised cycleway to re-join the road on the other side. Priority is with the cycle path.
- **NF** explained the need for a retaining wall to be installed in order to allow the cycleway to be accommodated alongside the edge of the SANG without impacting the Central SANG.
- No further comments were forthcoming.

5. Tree Plan

- **JM** explained there has been a policy-compliant tree survey carried out, which sets out a method of classifying trees. A plan was shown of the trees that had been reported within the immediate area, including the trees which are to be retained and felled. **JM** talked through the tree plan and explained that the Team has retained all the high value trees where they were able to, as requested by SHBC officers at the pre-app stage.
- **PD** indicated he would need more explanation of the type of trees being lost as this was more than he was expecting to see. **PD** said that residents get particularly upset by trees being lost and he wanted assurances that the trees will be replaced. He would welcome a site visit and **EM** agreed this could be arranged. **EM** added that there is a significant amount of re-planting occurring, particularly in the SANGs.
- **SB** explained that there had been detailed discussion involving walking the area concerned to review the proposals and require tree replacement. There has also been the recent government guidance to promote tree lined streets and change to the NPPF.
- **HH** asked if there was a list of the classes of trees that are being removed.
- **JM** ran through the detail of the trees being lost. More are being retained than lost. **JM** explained that the proposals are to remove five category U trees, which are trees that are considered unsuitable for retention. Three Category A trees are proposed to be removed. Fourteen Category D, and twenty Category C are also proposed for removal. **JM** explained the current road has tree planting running beside the road but it is impossible to retain all these trees as the proposals are for a carriageway much wider than that existing.
- **NS** stated the total requirement for width had become greater through the change in highway policy, so there is a tradeoff with the provision made for pedestrian and cyclists and the loss of some trees.

- **HH** thanked **JM** for the explanation.

6. SUDS & Surface Water Drainage System

- **EM** explained the surface water drainage system proposals.
- No comments or corrections were forthcoming.

7. Highways & Residential Landscaped Spaces

- **EM** explained the landscaped areas either side of the road are within the residential land parcels and will be retained and managed by a private management company.
- No comments were forthcoming.
- **NS** explained the Loop Road RMA application is still open for public comment.

8. Construction Newsletter

- **NS** displayed the January and February newsletters on screen and said that the content for the March edition is at the design stage.
- **PD** gave positive feedback stating that he is pleased with the level of communication occurring which had resulted in a noticeable reduction in the volume of questions coming his way.

9. Community Activity

- **ND** initially gave an update on last month's activities including the great response to call for donations for the *Hope Hub* donations publicised in the February Newsletter and went on to explain that it is *World Down Syndrome Day* in March and the context to Odd Socks event.
- **ND** gave the CLG an update on the upcoming community activities, including *Hope Hub* Work Experience Day, *Great British Spring Clean*, *Diamond Jubilee Community Tree Planting*, and the *Easter Nature Trail*, where there will be an activity which allows participants to win a chocolate treat for which **ND** expects a high turnout.
- **PD & HH** expressed compliments for the community actions from the Skanska team.

10. Any Other Business

- **HH** asked if there are any update on the shop or supermarket?
- **LG** stated that there was not, but discussions are ongoing.

11. Date of the next meeting

- **NS** confirmed that the next Mindenhurst CLG would take place at 6pm on **Tuesday 7th June 2022 at 18:00**, with the aim to hold this face-to-face on site.
- **PD** stated it will be a very busy time and to send calendar invites ASAP. **SB** gave notice that she would be on leave.
- **SDC** will share a calendar holding invitation to all attendees. **NS** stated that the meeting can be moved if it is problematic for too many.