

Aylesbury Estate Regeneration

Title Plot 18 Resident Liaison Group (RLG)
Date Wednesday 24 May 2017
Time 6.00pm to 7.30pm
Venue Notting Hill Housing (NHH), The Old Pharmacy, Taplow, Thurlow Street

Attendance Three residents (Missenden and Taplow), John Murphy (Notting Hill Housing – Interim Project Manager), Steve Bennett (Erith -Project Manager), Natasha Nicholson (ESG Trainee Manager and Site Administrator) and Lorraine Gilbert (Notting Hill Housing – Resident Involvement Manager)

Apologies: Two residents (Conservation area) and Vince Edwards (London Borough of Southwark - LBS).

Meeting notes

Actions

1. Introductions and matters arising

Apologies were sent by two resident members and VE (LBS).

LG explained that a resident member of the RLG had contacted her to say that her suggestion of informing residents of the year gap of works activity on Plot 18 was not included in the March meeting notes. LG said that she had communicated directly with the resident and apologised. LG explained that it was an accidental oversight and that the information would be included in the next Erith resident newsletter.

2. Demolition and site update

SB provided an update and explained that Inville Road had been temporarily closed for the link bridge removal. SB explained that a circular saw was used and that overall, the removal was very straightforward. Erith could now start on the demolition of Missenden which was expected to be completed by the end of May.

Two of the residents at the meeting commended Erith saying that the noise levels throughout the demolition programme was sustainably lower than expected. They also commented that the dust levels were kept to a minimum.

SB explained that the scaffolding will be removed once the demolition of the Missenden block is complete. There will be a 'rolling blockade' near the link bridge, so that residents

can walk through the area safely. Erith will try to finish the work before the school holidays to avoid disruption to the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) next to Plot 18.

SB said that once the demolition has been completed, Erith would be moving off site at the end of May. A resident at the meeting commented that Erith had done a good job with keeping the site secure and that there hadn't been any problems with antisocial behaviour.

JM said that during the next 12 months, site and soil testing as well as service disconnections (e.g. Virgin Media, BT), will be carried out. This will involve low level drilling and therefore there should be very little noise. The works will not disrupt service connections for residents.

3. Residents' questions and answers

The Thurlow MUGA is not that busy, how can we encourage children and young people to use it once the one next Plot 18 closes?

LG said that she will discuss with the NHH team. ***Post meeting note** – Several activities have already been undertaken to encourage to use of the other MUGAs. For example the lower Thurlow Street MUGA had an arts project last summer and following a successful bid to the Tesco charity, other community projects will follow. The Portland Street MUGA has had some improvement works to make the space more attractive. NHH will continue to work with local youth providers to encourage more use of both MUGAs.

Once Erith leave the site, who will be looking after the vacant Plot 18 site?

LG explained that NHH will take on management of the site and further details will follow shortly. ***Post meeting note** – NHH have made arrangements for a visiting security service which will attend the site every 24 hours. This has been agreed with the Southwark Council

Who will send out newsletters once Erith have left Plot 18?

LG said that information letters will be sent out by NHH.

Will there be any more job and training opportunities for local residents?

SB explained that as the site and programme grows there will be more job and training opportunities on offer for local people.

We still have a lot of problems with vermin near the bins. It's separate to Plot 18 but it's still a problem. Is there anything that Southwark could do about it?

LG said that she will pass on the concern to the Southwark Housing Manager. **LG**

4. Complaints monitor

NR explained that several notices about the staffed Erith site office on the First Development Site (FDS) had been installed on Plot 18. LG said that no other complaints had been made since the last meeting.

It was agreed that Erith will put together a compliments register.

SB

5. Resident communications

One of the residents said that the Erith newsletters and general communication had been very useful in keeping everyone up to date with the process of the demolition. For example letters sent out about moving cars during the link bridge demolition meant that everyone was prepared.

NK spoke about the jobs and training opportunities and explained that local residents had been recruited as a demolition apprentice, site supervisor and a traffic marshal.

6. AOB and Dates of future meetings

It was agreed that as the demolition had been completed, that the RLG meetings will be postponed until the service disconnection works were finished. This is likely to be for at least 12 months.

It was also agreed that residents will be kept informed through NHH letters and a Plot 18 'open meeting', where all residents and stakeholders would be invited. Details about the date and venue will be communicated shortly.