

## The Southwick Estate - Residents Working Group

### NOTES

**Subject: Residents' Working Group; meeting 15**

**Venue: Southwick Community Centre**

**Date: 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

#### **Present:**

Cian Cronin (CC) – Head of Major Projects and Investments, Adur District Council

Jeanette Kenyon (JK) – Senior Development Manager, Adur District Council

Imogen Spencer-Dale (ISD) - Resident Liaison Team, Cratus

Laura Griffith (LG) – Architect, CGL

Christine Searle (CS) – Independent Resident Advisor, New Mill

Rob Lantsbury (RL) - Independent Resident Advisor, New Mill

Cllr Carol O'Neal (CO)

Sharon Hillier (SH)

Sue Wells (SW)

Other residents of the Southwick Estate

<b>Item:</b>	<b>Comments:</b>	<b>Action Assigned to:</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome</b>	
	JK welcomed the group and led introductions. Apologies were received from Cllr Jim Funnell and Agata Martin.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Previous meeting minutes and matters arising</b>	
<b>2.1</b>	JK said they have reported the leak in Watling Court mentioned in the last meeting.  JK said that the consultation boards do not include information on garages, but LG's presentation shows details for parking and storage.	
<b>2.2</b>	<b><u>External walls and fire doors</u></b>  JK will raise the request to bring forward the insulation of the external walls and report back at the next RWG meeting.  Residents expressed concerns that fire doors are being installed on sheds. JK to report back at the next RWG meeting.	JK
<b>2.3</b>	The PowerPoint slides from the last meeting and this meeting will be circulated.	ISD

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	<p><b><u>Translation</u></b></p> <p>RL has spoken to non-English speaking families and has provided a Sinhala translator.</p> <p>JK is also looking into Arabic translation options,</p> <p>JK said that the 'sorry we missed you' cards have been successful</p>	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Update on Event 4 consultation and next steps</b>	
<b>3.1</b>	<p>ISD gave an update on Event 4.</p> <p>The team has engaged with 148 flats and held multiple door knocking sessions</p> <p>The team will carry out some more door knocking over the next few weeks.</p> <p>JK said we will update shortly with the newsletter.</p> <p><b><u>Residents in inner rooms and with disabilities</u></b></p> <p>CO asked about residents who might currently be living elsewhere due to the inner rooms works, and how we can target those with disabilities.</p> <p>ISD said they have spoken to some with disabilities.</p> <p>CC said there are lines of communication with those who have been moved out for inner rooms, so we can cross-reference here.</p> <p>JK said we can cross-reference with the Adur Homes' list for the latter.</p>	<p>JK</p> <p>JK</p>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Presentation on new build space and storage standards</b>	
<b>4.1</b>	<p>LG ran through the presentation:</p> <p>LG said that the Council would be held to national and local design standards as a requirement of planning approval.</p> <p><b><u>Storage</u></b></p> <p>LG indicated that new build homes must comply with national space standard for internal storage</p>	

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	<p>which were highlighted in the presentation.</p> <p>LG said there would be utility cupboards and separate storage cupboards.</p> <p>RL asked about outside storage space. LG said there is no national outside storage space standard, but the Council would look to incorporate this.</p> <p>LG said there will be shared storage spaces, as well as communal waste storage for bulky waste for example.</p>	
<b>4.2</b>	<p><b><u>Bathrooms</u></b></p> <p>Referring to the indicative layouts in the presentation:</p> <p>LG was asked if there are windows in the bathrooms, she said there is not, but extractors are included.</p> <p>LG was asked whether bathrooms would have baths as the resident had taken out their bath and put in a shower for accessibility reason.</p> <p>LG said there could be scope for a variety of bathroom types including baths and accessible showers.</p>	
<b>4.3</b>	<p><b><u>Green spaces</u></b></p> <p>LG said they would try to make sure green spaces are sheltered from the wind.</p> <p>There would be routes through from the harbor to the Southwick Green and through to the station.</p> <p>LG indicated there would be a range of green spaces including some more private areas for residents.</p> <p>There would be exclusive residential parking.</p>	
<b>4.4</b>	<p><b><u>Privacy</u></b></p> <p>A resident asked if families would be placed in different blocks to those without children.</p> <p>JK said CC agreed they would be happy to look at different block types.</p>	

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4.5	<p><b><u>Parking</u></b></p> <p>LG explained that the undercroft parking would be at ground level with a building above, only for residents.</p> <p>LG said the height of the car park would be 2.6metres.</p> <p>LG said that there would be access swiping, so non-residents couldn't use them.</p> <p>A resident asked how the number of parking spots correlated to the number of new flats.</p> <p>CC said there would be as many spaces as possible.</p> <p>Across Adur Homes one home in three has a car approximately, based on the 25,000 homes they own.</p> <p>LG and CC said there have been car parking surveys on the estate.</p> <p>LG said there would also be visitor parking bays, and electric vehicle charging points.</p> <p>CC said that there would be spaces for residents with vans as well.</p> <p>RL asked about designated 'car-free' flats.</p> <p>CC said designated car - free flats would not be the approach here. However, the Council would a promote a sustainable travel strategy.</p> <p>CO said tradesmen on the estate would need secure van parking for their tools.</p> <p>CC said this could be considered.</p> <p>CC said that if the redevelopment option is chosen, they would then go into more detail with the plans.</p>	
5.	<b>Southwick repairs update</b>	
	<p>JK said Adur Homes undertake a weekly health and safety check of the estate</p> <p>The Group discussed how they could gain feedback on the repairs that they are reporting.</p>	

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	<p>SH suggested that residents put their repair requests on the residents' notice boards and Neil Erridge could tick them off.</p> <p>JK said she will discuss it with the team.</p> <p>The Group noted they hadn't seen Neil Erridge around the estate.</p> <p>CO said she has a lot of items to report, it is often an item that has been reported numerous times over the years.</p> <p>JK talked about the formal reports that the maintenance team create to monitor repairs. JK will investigate whether these can be made available to the ward councillors.</p>	JK
<b>6.</b>	<b>Any other business</b>	
	<p>A resident asked if the new build bin areas would be secure and under cover.</p> <p>CC said yes.</p> <p>SW said she had reported the state of her bin store eight months ago and nothing has happened.</p> <p>JK said she would flag these issues.</p> <p>Resident asked who the wider stakeholders mentioned in the boards were.</p> <p>CC and JK said the highways agency, flood agencies, schools, councils, and local groups. Consultation would take place with these stakeholders as part of the planning process.</p>	JK
	<b>Close</b>	