

Minutes - Mill Farm Close Estate Forum Meeting

Tuesday 8th May 2012

Estate Forum representatives in attendance:

Jackie Fineman, David Perring, Darrel Alexander, Danielle Davis, Mrs Dave, Sophie Alderson, Janet Dring, Kelly Dring, Yasmin Osman, Ms Rosemary Adebola-Ubiribo, Mr and Mrs Somasundram.

Advisors:

Catalyst Housing Group:

Murray Crawford

Catalyst Gateway;

Higgins Construction:

Colin Chandler

Harrow Council:

Apologies:

Les Warren, Elaine Slowe, Daniel Thwaites

	Action
<p>1. Matters arising from meeting of 10th April 2012</p> <p>CC stated that although it had been confirmed at the meeting of 10th April 2012 that the walkway to Ruislip Road would be opened in a few weeks time this would not be possible until the new homes that face the walk way will be complete in August for security reasons and apologised for any confusion on the matter.</p>	
<p>2. Update on Construction Issues</p> <p>Construction.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CC explained why there has been a delay with the handovers and apologised to residents for the disappointment that this has caused. CC also explained the need to demolish block 6 prior to occupation of the new block D. CC also assured residents that a lot of time has been taken into re programming the projects and that Higgins were now as confident as was possible that the current estimated move in dates could be adhered to.• CC confirmed that once a demolition sub contractor has been appointed a presentation would be made to the estate forum as to how the blocks would be demolished safely and with a minimum amount of disturbance.• CC also confirmed that once block F is handed over in June the area at the bottom of the estate between block F and the new houses will be opened up for residents parking.• CC agreed that he would also meet with Jackie Fineman to agree where existing white lining in temporary parking areas needs to be refreshed and also agreed to install a sign requesting that residents park closer to the pedestrian railings to maximise parking spaces.	CC

<p>3. Housing Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MC confirmed that the first residents had moved into their new homes on 5th May. • MC confirmed that although that all other residents had now been issued with revised move in dates these were still estimates and that a formal confirmation would be issued in writing 2 weeks before handover. • MC confirmed that parking control has commenced in the spaces adjacent to the new sales houses and it is planned to introduce this to other areas once new permanent parking areas are complete, but this will be only be after the forum group has been consulted on the issue. MC confirmed that there will be an annual charge of £25 for parking permits. • MC confirmed that DT will be arranging 21 day prior to move in date inspections of new homes • MC confirmed that as 5th June was a bank holiday these moves dates would be on 6th June, provided that that new homes were complete. • 	<p>DT</p>
<p>4. Community Development and Training Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MC confirmed that KS would attend the June meeting with a full update • MC raised the issue of CHGs training consultant providing construction trainees from Harrow Borough to Mill Farm. Residents viewed this as acceptable as they felt that if any young people in the local vicinity had been interested that they would have made this known by now. • MC also confirmed that the GROW GROW GROW project was be starting on 14th of this month and the 4 residents had volunteered to work on the project with Higgins and CHL. 	
<p>5. AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MC confirmed that that Harrow were still looking into re-housing private tenants at Mill Farm and are discussing matters with Catalyst and that ES would be able to confirm more details at the next meeting. • Mrs Dave reported that they had been a break in to the storage areas within her block and some of her personal items have been stolen. MC expressed regrets and confirmed that he would ask DT to review the security of these stores. • JF requested that Eugene Brown (EB) arrange the visit to play areas on other estates to allow the noise of the kick about area to be reviewed. • DP requested that DT review with EB how the new recycling bins were working and if information needed to be provided to residents as to what could be put in them. • Mrs Dave reported that she thought that there may be squatters in no 72. MC confirmed this and general security to void units would be reviewed. 	<p>ES</p> <p>DT</p> <p>EB</p> <p>DT</p> <p>DT</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Alexander and others raised concerns that main entrance doors were not being maintained. MC confirmed that this was not acceptable and that a full review would be undertaken • Mr Alexander also raised that the lights to the rear of his block (3) had been vandalised and were not working and also the lighting of the site hoarding. MC confirmed that he would ensure that the latter was attending to by Higgins • MC also confirmed that as there was some concern of colour choices that a complete review would be undertaken • JF raised issues of a pigeon problem on the estate and requested that measure to reduce this could be looked into • MC raised the issue that Dave Dorrington had without CHL approval confirmed to Ms Daniel Davis that she could have a 1000mm cooker space in her new home. As this is not an offer that can be made to everyone CHL would not have agreed to this. The Forum confirmed by a vote however that as Daniel had already purchased a 1000 mm cooker it was acceptable to allow this in Daniels new home when it would not be approved in any of the other. 	<p>DT</p> <p>CC</p> <p>CC</p> <p>DT</p>
<p>6. Date of next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday 12th June 2012, 6.00pm Higgins Construction site compound. 	