

Minutes - Mill Farm Close Estate Forum Meeting

Tuesday 12th June 2012

Estate Forum representatives in attendance:

Jackie Fineman, David Perring, Darrel Alexander, Danielle Davis, Mrs Dave, Sophie Alderson, Janet Dring, Kelly Dring, Yasmin Osman, J.Lita Cresswell, Mike Gant, Bharit Patel, Julie Webb

Advisors:

Catalyst Housing Group:

Murray Crawford, Daniel Thwaites

Catalyst Gateway;

Kerry Starling

Higgins Construction:

Mark Bradbury, Keith Fisher

Harrow Council:

Elaine Slowe

Apologies:

Les Warren,

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<p>1. Matters arising from meeting of 8th May 2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">MC confirmed that the alleyway down to Ruislip Road won't be open until August.	
<p>2. Update on Construction Issues</p> <p>MC introduced Mark Bradbury and Keith Fisher from Higgins to the forum group and explained what their roles are going to be on the estate.</p> <p>Construction.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">MC confirmed that the dates for Block F have been put back to the 03/07 and 10/07. DT has written to tenants advising them of this.MC confirmed that block D dates have not been delayed.MC confirmed:<ol style="list-style-type: none">Houses will be handed over 31/07Block B will be handed over in 28/08Block D will be handed over 27/11MB apologised for the delays and assured the group that they are confident they can meet the dates specified.MB confirmed that in the next meeting a sub contractor for demolition will attend and they will explain the process and implications of demolition. The demolition is scheduled to start in early September.MC confirmed that after block F has been handed over Higgins will be looking at	MB

<p>parking on the estate to try to maximise the space that is available. JF confirmed that she would like to meet with Higgins to discuss this.</p>	<p>MB</p>
<p>3. Housing Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DT confirmed that 21 day inspections have taken place for blocks F1 and F2. • MC confirmed that LW will be back shortly to complete inspections. • Mrs Dave asked about parking on the estate. MC confirmed that permits will be £25 per year and parking is 1 to 1 for residents. Mrs Dave stated that she doesn't think there should be permits. DP suggested that a meeting is set up or a part of the next forum meeting is put aside to discuss this issue in more detail. DT and MC are going to discuss this. MC confirmed that parking management is something Catalyst would do in partnership with residents and the residents will need to agree. 	<p>DT/MC</p>
<p>4. Community Development and Training Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KS explained what Reds10 in. She stated that they have tried to get as many people from the estate into employment however she feels that they have exhausted trying to get residents from the estate now and she is working with the council to get people from the borough into work with Higgins. • KS stated that employment support will be on the estate on the 1st Tuesday of every month. • KS also confirmed that the GROW GROW GROW project has started. • KS confirmed that she is also trying to get employment opportunities at Catalyst which are non construction. • DP asked about training for committee skills. KS is going to look into this and speak to MS. • ES asked about the budget. KS is going to bring information regarding this to the next meeting or give it to MC so he can update the group. 	<p>KS KS</p>
<p>5. AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MC confirmed that Harrow were still looking into re-housing private tenants at Mill Farm and are discussing matters with Catalyst. MC should have an update in the next meeting. • DP asked about a flat in his block that is empty and that was broken into. MC confirmed that he is trying to buy the flat and it has been secured by Higgins. • DP also reported a loose yellow cable that is hanging by block 7. KF is going to look into this. • Mrs Dave asked about storage on the estate. She wanted to know if Catalyst could install a storage facility on the estate so residents can store belongings. MC is going to look into this. 	<p>MC KF MC</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JF asked about a visit to a local Catalyst estate to see a children’s play area. MC confirmed that LW is going to look into this and arrange a trip. • DP asked about bins on the estate. Some residents are not using the recycling bins properly. DT is going to write to residents. • MC confirmed that there are no squatters in number 72. • DT confirmed that the communal entrance doors will be fixed in the next 2 weeks. The contractors are visiting the estate tomorrow to fix two of the doors and the rest will be fixed shortly. • DA asked if the lighting on the hoarding had been fixed. KF is going to look into this. • JF also reported that the lights on the communal blocks are broken as they are on all day. DT is going to report this to Jim Lawlor. • MC confirmed that Catalyst has discussed using Pest control for the Pigeons on the estate but it can be very expensive and may not be effective. DT is going to write to residents telling them not to feed the pigeons as it is thought this could stop attracting them to the estate. • Mrs Dave reported that there are bulk items in her block. DT is going to report this. • Mrs Dave asked about security on the estate. MC asked KF if Higgins can carry out inspections of flats. KF said that they couldn’t because of health and safety concerns. KF stated that residents need to report any concerns to the Police. • DP stated that he will visit the Police Safer Neighbourhood team and ask them to visit the estate more often. DP is also going to arrange a meeting with the Police and DT 	<p>LW</p> <p>DT</p> <p>KF</p> <p>DT</p> <p>DT</p> <p>DT</p>
<p>6. Date of next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday 10th July 2012, 6.00pm Higgins Construction site compound. 	