

Additional detail on consultation and resident engagement

There were 2 meetings with the developers for all of the residents and County Council officers attended. The majority of residents attended these meetings but not all. Many residents prefer one to one or small group communication. The group does not have a single representative although a representative from FFT (Friends Families & Travellers) was also present.

The County Council's gypsy and traveller team organised one to one meetings face to face. One site visit also included an independent person from CDC, Piers Taylor. Later visits were arranged at the Lancing Leisure Centre. Residents either came on their own, as a couple, or as neighbours together. Some did ask for a representative being present which was agreed but then they attended on their own.

The meetings with the developers and were initially difficult and there was some obvious hostility to the idea of a move. Each resident would tend to focus on their particular wishes or needs rather than act as a single group. Some of the quieter residents did not really succeed in getting their voice heard in the group meetings. This was why the Council used individual meetings so all views, concerns, both positive and negative could be heard. These meetings were more constructive. Notes were taken. Most questions raised could be answered in time for the next meeting.

The planning process and the subsequent extended negotiations between the developer and the Councils in relation to developer contributions for public services did cause some delays and disruption to the engagement with residents as the plans for the site relocation were on hold pending the outcome of these broader planning matters.

The overall stance of the residents varied at any one time from being very positive, 'can't wait to move', happy but have some concerns to 'don't want to move'. It was also apparent that residents had been receiving a lot of negative messages from social media. Some had been told that the lancing roundabout was closing, so they would have to drive a long way to get to school. Some had been told that half the site would move then the other half would move 6 months to a year later. The meetings were also used to address this misinformation.

Of the 11 there are 6 who are happy to move, there are 2 who are not happy and 3 whose views change from time to time.

Answers to questions raised by residents during the engagement work.

Q Why is site in a circle – not a straight line

A The parcel of land required to provide the straight line would have directly impacted on the Country Park area which was stipulated in the planning so the layout has been designed to replicate a straight line as far as feasible - but on two sides.

Q Why do we have to have 4 extra pitches

- A it is a requirement under Adur Local Plan to provide extra pitches and a planning obligation by Adur DC. There is also a need for extra pitches as demonstrated by the size of the County Council's waiting list.
- Q What is the proposed fencing on the site
- A Close boarded fencing sides and back of each pitch 1500 mm side fencing 1800mm rear fencing. Brick wall to the fronts 1200mm with 2 large wooden gates – Residents would be able to erect higher fences/walls to the front but may need planning permission
- Q What is the perimeter of the site going to be.
- A It will be a bund (at higher level) and tree planting. Once trees have matured, the site will be well screened and protected
Developers to provide a cross section drawing and more details.
- Q Are the plots bigger or smaller than the current plots
- A All are bigger
- Q Are all utility blocks the same size
- A All the blocks are identical
- Q Will we be getting like for like – i.e. those with block paving 'screening' round base of caravans
- A From previous discussions allowance has been made for 2 plots to have block paving and 'screening'. Site visit to be arranged once all proposals clear. The base is concrete surface and an additional tarmac area for parking and some grass.
- Q Is it possible to have 2 entrances to the site or at least for the temporary access to be gated and secured for emergency access only
- A No. Highways England will not allow a permanent second entrance off the new A27 road when completed.
- Q Will the move be staggered?
- A All plots will be moved at the same time to the new site.
- Q Will we have access to the utilities from the start
- A All plots will have telephone gas water and electric supply made available from day 1. Each plot/resident will be responsible for payment of supply direct to the relevant utility provider
- Q What is the new rent charge going to be?
- A WSCC have not made any decisions on the rental charge. When discussions on this take place residents will be fully consulted and informed.
- Q When will the 4 additional plots be available to be occupied
- A It is believed that all plots will be available from day 1 but current residents move will be the first priority, then the remaining plots will be allocated. Occupation date not yet settled.

- Q How wide will the roadway in the site be
A Same as residential street to allow 2 way traffic.
- Q Is there going to be a bus route.
A There is going to be an additional bus route linking through the nearby residential development
- Q What is the access into the utility blocks. Is there a step
A It is a level entrance through the main door.
- Q Is the Manor Roundabout staying?
A There are no plans to remove this roundabout
- Q How many electrical hook ups are there on each plot. If possible could there be 2 to allow for 2nd caravans
A *The developers are checking this information*
- Q Is there a crossing near the site into the Country Park
A There is a crossing point. (See plan supplied) It is not controlled by lights. The design for this will go through highways detailed design and safety audit.
- Q How long will it take to complete the whole development
A the developers to update as project plans emerge.

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