

ARLA AYLESBURY LIAISON GROUP MEETING

FIFTH MEETING

6.30pm Tuesday 4th December 2012

Holiday Inn

ATTENDEES

- Cllr Carole Paternoster - AVDC Councillor and Buckland Parish Councillor
- Cllr Barry Bachelor – Tring Town Council
- Cllr Nigel Haywood – Buckland Parish Council
- Cllr Clive Carlile – Buckland Parish Council
- Mr John Carter – The Red House
- Mrs Sue Gillingham – Whitethorns, Buckland
- Mr Evett – College Farm
- Mr Alan Sherwell – Aylesbury resident
- Cllr Brian Adams – Stoke Mandeville Parish Council
- Mr Tom Ross – Drayton Beauchamp Parish meeting
- Mr Alan Sherwell – Aylesbury Resident
- Mr Tim Evans – Arla Foods
- Mr Jakob Nielsen – Arla Foods
- Miss Victoria Walker – Beattie Communications

1.0 WELCOME AND UPDATE OF PROGRESS ON SITE

- 1.1 Despite the amount of rain the dairy is still on track. Shortly after the last liaison group meeting, there was an issue with the steel work as a bolt holding two steel structures together sheared.

The problem was due to a drawing detail being incorrect. Work was temporarily suspended in this area while the problem was rectified. Every single bolt in the building has now been assessed and is fully safe.

- 1.2 The silo installation is now complete. These are 23.5m at their highest point; the planning approval is for 30m. A query was raised as to if these would be any higher in future. JN clarified that for the current installation, for 700,000 litres of milk, this is the final height. We don't currently have any plans to install silos to a height in excess

of this. A query was raised as to the height of the chimney and JN explained this was a similar height of around 22m.

- 1.3 Fit out and interior works are being progressed at the moment. Inside the energy centre some of the kit has already been installed. A query was raised as to when emissions from the chimneys would be seen.

AP1. JN AGREED TO LOOK INTO DETAILS OF ANY EMISSIONS AND START UP TIME AND CONFIRM. Energy centre will be operational from summer 2013

It was confirmed that the anaerobic digester would be up and running before the site opens.

- 1.4 The administration building has now been erected, albeit is still steel and concrete at the moment. The vehicle wash, fuelling and the gate house are also completed. Concrete slabs have also been poured on the hard standing areas.

- 1.5 The bunding has now been progressed; this was unfortunately delayed due to the weather. However, the corner near Buckland Bridge is not yet complete. Planting on the bund nearest to Buckland Road has started.

AP2. It was raised that the deciduous trees have gone in but there are no evergreens – VW TO CONFIRM LANDSCAPING MIX. Holly is included within the mix but AVDC has requested the Scots Pine comes out of the mix.

- 1.6 The trees being planted are between 1 – 4m high and there will be acoustic fencing as well.

- 1.7 It was raised that the acoustic fencing which has been installed is not having the desired effect in terms of mitigating the sound levels in the areas where the fencing has been erected.

JN explained that this was likely to be due to the fact that generators were temporarily being used in the area which would have caused far higher noise levels than will be the case.

- 1.8 There will be some temporary lighting in winter, but just in the areas where it will be required.

- 1.9 College Road North has been impacted by Murphy's contractors coming onto the Thames Water site leaving mud on the roads. Arla has a roadsweeper which was cleaning the roads, but Murphy's had not yet provided this for their works. For a

couple of weeks there was an impact on the road and flyover, however, this has now been resolved and there should be a noticeable improvement.

- 1.10 Moving forwards, the internal works will now begin and this will be the main focus for the coming months. Just in front of the silos, a canopy will be erected within the next three months. The weighbridge, administration building roof/walls and M&E works will also continue during this time.
- 1.11 Due to the issues raised in terms of communication with the site, a landline has now been installed to the site and during the working day this can be reached by calling 01296 632295. The emergency number previously circulated will still provide 24/7 assistance. Once Arla moves into the administration building there is likely to be a new number which we will circulate.
- 1.12 A question was raised regarding the new planning application notices which have gone up regarding the vehicle wash. TE explained that Monks Court had asked us to lower the height of the vehicle wash and also queried if we could block off the 'drive out' exit so that any noise was away from the Monks Court properties. As a result the building was shortened and narrower and a new planning application had to be submitted as a result.

2.0 ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

- 2.1 On College Road North, between the flyover and the A41, road widening works have begun. On the section between flyover and the entrance to the site, as a result of requests from a local resident, Arla is reviewing the design of this section to seek to make changes. Ideally, agreement to these changes will be in place soon so we can complete this work after Christmas.
- 2.2 In terms of the A41 improvement work, the design work for each of the junctions has taken place in turn. Starting with the Oakfield junction, the technical design work is almost complete and Arla is just awaiting sign off in terms of soft landscaping. The design work can then commence on the rest of the works.
- 2.3 To clarify a query raised at the last meeting regarding vehicle beepers, the gates to the site open at 7am and vehicles start up at 730am. The beepers were associated with the concrete wagons when they were reversing, as these have now left the site, hopefully it is no longer an issue but please let Arla know if there are any concerns.
- 2.4 A query was raised that Hansons cement lorries left the site and went straight through the middle of town.

AP3. ACTION POINT – VW TO LIAISE WITH THE ARLA/CADDICKS SITE MANAGER

3.0 LIGHTING

3.1 TE passed around the lighting strategy. This shows images of the buildings from a variety of viewpoints. On average the outdoor lighting will be around 15 lux in the exterior yards, by way of comparison the meeting room at the Holiday Inn is approximately 250 lux.

All lights will point downwards. The highest poles will be 10m, pointing down and using low energy led lighting. There is a full lighting control system and all of the lights are on photocells and timers. These can be set and reviewed both in terms of safety but also in terms of reducing glare.

A world renowned company has been commissioned to ensure the lowest light levels, high quality technology and the best scheme possible. It was clarified that the scheme will all be within level E2.

3.2 It was raised that the Klarchesters site uses orange sodium lights and this coupled with the construction lights meant the sky was quite light and would the new lights be similar? TE responded that the construction work is using large sodium lights and the new lighting will not use this. The lights will be very different, low impact, with far less glare.

3.3 It was raised that as part of the stadium refurbishment, the new floodlights use better technology and the concerns originally raised have not materialised.

4.0 RECRUITMENT UPDATE

4.1 A number of production, administration and management roles are being filled and advertised.

4.2 A recruitment open day was held between 4 – 8pm on 28th November at the Holiday Inn – it was advertised in the local area including Bucks Advertiser and Thame Today as well as on the website. More than 600 local residents attended and there was great feedback and a lot of interest regarding the jobs available.

AP4. It was queried how many of the attendees to the event were local - VW TO INVESTIGATE. It has been confirmed as the event was advertised in the local area

the vast majority were local, however not all have supplied postcodes. Everyone the Arla team spoke to was local to the site

4.3 There are still plans to advertise in the new year, locally as well as nationally. VW highlighted that Arla was liaising with the editor of the Western Turville newsletter and was happy to liaise with other village newsletters regarding the placing of advertisements.

4.4 The types of roles currently being filled include:

- Despatch Team Leader
- Production Manager
- Production Team Leader
- QEHS Manager:
- Automation Engineers
- Engineering Technicians
- Process Engineers
- Process Technicians
- Site Planners
- Communications Manager

4.5 It was highlighted that an advert should be placed to highlight number of local people applying and accepting roles with Arla as well as advertising the new jobs.

AP5. ACTION POINT – VW TO LIAISE WITH RECRUITMENT TEAM

5.0 TRAINING

5.1 In terms of training, Arla is holding regular meetings with local colleges in terms of working with them on Apprenticeships and Key Skills such as literacy and numeracy. Arla is also increasing the liaison with Aylesbury College regarding non Dairy apprenticeships: logistics, warehousing and administration. Arla is also reviewing local training providers for compliance training such as First Aid, Food Hygiene, Health and Safety, 17th edition etc.

6.0 ARCHAEOLOGY

6.1 All finds and samples have been processed and the materials are with the specialists. We are awaiting the assessment reports on this. The site archive has been consolidated and a database constructed containing the site records. Plans have been digitised and preliminary phasing undertaken, awaiting artefactual reports from the experts.

These specialist reports are expected to come back to us this autumn, at this point the archaeologists should also be in a position to put together some more detailed information for public dissemination. The public event is likely to happen towards the end of the year.

AP6. It was queried if something had been found on the Murphy's site. ACTION POINT – VW TO INVESTIGATE

7.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 It was queried when applications would be submitted for the other sites and which would be first. TE explained not progressed at all as all of the focus is on the dairy delivery.

7.2 It was queried if the bunding in front of the Red House, canal and NW building would be extended? A few metres of the bunding with the planting, but higher will make such a difference to hide 30 – 40% of the building. BPC would then like to ask Arla to look into this.

AP7. TE AGREED TO LOOK AT BUNDING IN FRONT OF RED HOUSE/ALONG CANAL – TE ACTION POINT

7.3 Arla was asked to support the drive for the Aylesbury bypass. It was highlighted that Arla thought BCC has discounted this for the moment but would liaise with them.

7.4 It was queried how the product is shipped out and if a rail link could be considered? TE explained Arla has been looking at rail for some time as part of its environmental commitment to see if it can work at its dairies around the UK. However, solutions were not yet in place. The company is continuing to investigate this around the country.

7.5 Cllr Paternoster queried if Arla customers are likely to take space on the Arla site or if this will go out to the open market. Would the site be in competition with alternative sites? It was highlighted that the local plan needed to find sites for some 6,000 jobs as part of Aylesbury's plan. TE explained that currently Arla believes most would be linked to Arla but is happy to liaise with AVDC to explore this opportunity.

7.6 It was highlighted that a large hole is opening up on College Road North just as you come out of the site.

AP8. ACTION POINT JN TO LOOK AT HOLE APPEARING ON COLLEGE ROAD NORTH ASAP. This has been actioned and resolved.

7.7 A query was raised regarding the Tring Road situation in terms of the relocation of the services. TE said that as far as we are aware this work has been completed. The forecast date for starting this work in terms of traffic light installation is expected to be mid-January. It was queried if it was possible to do any of the work on these junctions during the school terms as there are a large number of schools in a very small area – it would be preferable not to undertake this work during term times.

AP9. ACTION POINT – CAN WE CHECK WHAT IMPACT THERE WOULD BE DURING SCHOOL TERMS AND PEAK HOURS - TE

7.8 It was queried if Arla could relook at whether these road junction improvements are actually required? Concerns were raised regarding coming out of Oakfield Avenue. It was highlighted that how the lights are managed will be the crucial issue.

AP10. ACTION POINT TE TO LIAISE WITH BCC

7.9 Parish councils were asked to continue to share the minutes and information shared at the meeting with local residents.

AP11. ACTION POINT ALL PARISH COUNCILS

Dates of future meetings were agreed and diaried