

ARLA AYLESBURY LIAISON GROUP MEETING

SEVENTH MEETING

6.30pm Tuesday 4th June 2013

Site Visit

ATTENDEES

- Cllr Carole Paternoster - AVDC
- Cllr Nigel Hayward – Buckland Parish Council
- Cllr Clive Carlile – Buckland Parish Council
- Cllr Keith Wilkinson – Weston Turville Parish Council
- Cllr Barry Bachelor – Tring Town Council
- Mr Rob Evett – College Farm
- Mr Don Evett – College Farm
- Mr John Carter – The Red House
- Cllr Steven Mitchell – Aylesbury Town Council
- Mr Tom Ross – Drayton Beauchamp Parish Meeting
- Cllr Nick Murrell – Tring Rural Parish Council
- Cllr John Watson – Aston Clinton Parish Council
- Mr Tim Keighley, Aylesbury College
- Cllr Andrew Clark, Stoke Mandeville Parish Council
- Mr Grant Kennedy – Holiday Inn
- Mr Ian Rees – Holiday Inn
- Mr Tim Evans – Arla
- Mr Jakob Nielsen – Arla
- Mr Chris Bradley - Arla
- Miss Victoria Walker – Beattie Communications

1.0 SITE TOUR

- 1.1 All attendees were given a tour of the dairy site

2.0 ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

- 2.1 Regarding the funding for the canal towpath, Arla confirmed it is paying £376,000 to AVDC for the improvement work. This will deliver a multi-surface path which will be usable for

cyclists and walkers to use and this work will be delivered by Canal and River Trust contractors.

- 2.2 ACTION POINT FROM LAST MEETING – TE to supply the name of the lighting company which will be undertaking the installation. The building mounted external luminaires are Holophane Factor Luminaire Type FTR.L114.AY installed on a 0.25m arm. These arms are available in different angles on inclination. The contractor NGBailey has advised that there point of contact at Holophane for Blue Print is Dale Nettle and his details are below: dnette@holophane.co.uk Mob: 07860 257 888.

JN also highlighted that he was incorrect at the last meeting with the statement that the signs were not illuminated as he has checked and the plan is to illuminate them.

- 2.3 At the last meeting, a query was raised in terms of the road cleaning. Arla does have road cleaning underway and is trying to keep on top of the issues. The work to establish the water connection is now complete, and as the weather has been drying up over the last months, the rad sweeper has been able to work effectively. There are other construction sites on College Road North which are not controlled by Arla and road sweeping issues should also be taken up directly with those contractors.
- 2.4 Regarding the emergency access gate onto Buckland Road it was confirmed that all keys will go to BCC Highways at time of adoption, they will distribute them to the Police, Ambulance and Fire Service as well as one key being retained by BCC Emergency Planning.

3.0 UPDATE REGARDING ONSITE ACTIVITY

- 3.1 JN explained about the design work regarding the layout. The aim has always been to make the building as efficient and effective as possible. This leanness enables the process to use less energy and be as efficient as possible. The process allows different types of milk to be produced and filled in light weight bottles.
- 3.2 The project is called Blueprint. This reflects the fact it is flagship and this is the blueprint for other dairies across the world in the future.
- 3.3 JN explained that by mid-summer Caddicks will complete the construction work. There will be some minor things happening on site but the contractor should have finished the majority of work by the end of August.
- 3.4 The team is pouring concrete now and will complete this in next month or two. Much of the work is now focused on the interior of the building with the installation. There are currently 600 people on the construction at the moment and there are 100 Arla employees on site as well.
- 3.5 Mr Carter asked why we need street lights on College Road North. The lighting was at the request of Buckinghamshire County Council, this is likely to be due to the additional usage of this path, the addition of footpaths and the Government's agenda of encouraging people to cycle and ride to work so lighting will add to safety. Mr Carter added that this is a pity as Arla is bending over backwards to produce an environmentally friendly building and others are turning this rural road into an urban environment and this seems to be out of their control.

Cllr Carlile added that the question could be asked of the County Council as to whether this is required. TE explained that Arla hasn't undertaken a risk assessment so couldn't give an opinion as to whether this is required for safety purposes. Cllr Paternoster provided the contact details of the new portfolio holder for Highways so that Mr Carter could raise this with them directly.

4.0 ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

- 4.1 There is some final work on the Oakfield junction which will take place at night from 22nd July for three weeks to ensure that the paving can be completed. This is due to upgrading the specification in terms of the materials to be used. This was requested by the County Council. There will be some noise but Arla will write to residents to explain and the contractor will seek to keep this to a minimum.
- 4.2 At residents request, Arla has spoken to BCC to see if they will consider allowing Arla to put a yellow box junction at the entrance to Beaufort Close and . This would require a traffic regulation order by Buckinghamshire County Council. Arla has therefore spoken to the Council to request this and they have advised that they will review this from a technical and safety perspective and will consider if it is a requirement.
- 4.3 The improvements to Broughton Junction have been delayed to start of the summer holidays, work would stop over Christmas and would complete in January as BCC will not allow work to be undertaken on the roads during the Christmas period.
- 4.4 The towpath upgrade which is to be undertaken by Canal and River Trust is supposed to happen before the dairy opens. Arla has paid the funds but it is the C&RT's responsibility to ensure this happens in time.

5.0 RECRUITMENT

- 5.1 130 appointments have been made to date, 90 are already on site. Outside of the management team 50% are all local people and others are from within 20 to 30 m radius and are dairy experts. There are a further 224 vacancies to recruit by the end of 2013.
- 5.2 Arla has held three assessment centres for operatives; the most recent was in the last month where Arla partnered with the Aylesbury Job Centre and the National Skills Academy. In total Arla has seen 98 candidates offers will be made to 34. 30 of which are local.

Roles filled to date include:

- Process - 19
- Production - 8
- Despatch - 9
- Supply Chain - 22
- Engineering - 22
- QEHS - 7
- PTD - 4
- Finance and Admin - 4

- Distribution - 5

6.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 6.1 Mr Evett asked why the security chap is on the road (walking up and down College Road North) is quite intimidating. JN agreed to mention this to Caddick.
- 6.2 Cllr Carlile asked when Arla would hear back regarding the illuminated Arla signage application. JN explained that the planning permission allows for illuminated signs so we aren't aware that we need further planning approval but will check into this and feedback in the minutes. Cllr Paternoster explained that she reviewed this yesterday and it is still pending.
- 6.3 Cllr Carlile asked when the emergency gate would go in. JN explained it would go in during summer, probably in the next few months.