

ARLA AYLESBURY LIAISON GROUP MEETING

SIXTH MEETING

6.30pm Tuesday 5 March 2013

Holiday Inn

ATTENDEES

- Cllr David Thompson - AVDC
- Cllr Bill Chapple - BCC
- Cllr Carole Paternoster - AVDC
- Cllr Nigel Hayward – Buckland Parish Council
- Mr Richard Peel – Acrid
- Mrs Sue Gillingham – Local resident
- Cllr Clive Carlile – Buckland Parish Council
- Cllr Jonathon Gilpin
- 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
- Jakob Nielsen – Arla
- Tim Evans – Arla
- Ms Claire Hayward - Arla
- Victoria Walker – Beattie Communications

1.0 INTRODUCTIONS

1.1 TE introduced Claire Sullivan the new communications manager.

2.0 ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

2.1 Arla to note two burst tyres relating to hole in College Road North. **ACTION POINT - ARLA**

2.2 VW to confirm why AVDC has requested the Scot Pine is removed from the mix. **ACTION POINT - VW**

3.0 UPDATE IN TERMS OF ONSITE ACTIVITY

3.1 JN explained that a request for landscaping near to Monks Court has resulted in the change of focus in this area in terms of bunding, acoustic fencing and the landscaping. The very wet weather has resolved in issues with the top soil and has delayed some of the planting timetable so this will continue throughout 2013.

3.2 The contractors have further progressed the internal roads on site and the concreting in terms of parking is underway. Water, gas and power infrastructure in place now on site so will have the power switched on in March so can take generators away from the site which will improve noise.

3.3 The Energy Centre is underway.

3.4 Drainage has been improved and the canopy above the intake bays is complete. Work has started in terms of cladding of administration building and the fit out. This is the most visible change on site.

3.5 In the coming months, the landscaping will be progressed, including new grass and tree planting. The new road will be opened and used imminently. The other access will remain for the moment for heavier vehicles and lighter vehicles will use the new road.

3.6 Internally, the process equipment is being installed, near to the silos. The filling machines will be delivered onto site in the next few weeks. Doors and lighting and other mechanical electrical works will continue for the coming months. By summer 2013 the area will be turned into a hygienic environment, akin to a pharmaceuticals operation.

3.7 A query was raised in terms of timescales. JN explained that by mid summer the area around the dairy will be completed and the target date for opening will be achieved.

3.8 It was queried when the bunding will be completed near to Buckland. JN explained that some of the planting will be this season and some will be completed in October.

4.0 ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

4.1 McCardles are progressing well. There was a request from the Evett family at College Farm to move one of the footpaths on College Road North. Once the path passes the waste disposal it will continue along the Arla side, but up to the waste disposal will be on the other side of the road to meet this request. These works will be completed by 18th March. There will be 5 x part closures of the road in order to resurface the road. These will be during week commencing 18th March between 6.30pm and 2.30am for five evenings and will be controlled by traffic lights.

4.2 The water supply was affected for a few hours last week due to an issue with the water pipes. Mr Evett highlighted that there were five incidents since the dairy construction

started. Arla apologised for any inconvenience caused by these accidents and it was agreed Arla would confirm why the last incident took so long to repair. JN reported that when the incident happened, it was reported to Thames Water who sent a repair team to re-establish the supply. The physical conditions around the leakage had the consequence that it took some hours to resolve before Thames Water could re-establish the water supply.

- 4.3 Oakfield Road junction works are underway and will be completed by August 2013. The large tree near the pub will be removed tomorrow. Arla is liaising with local residents in this area to see how it is possible to make their lives easier during these works.
- 4.4 It was raised that a local resident is concerned about the flooding and wants to be certain this will not be made any worse. Road heights and camber is an area of concern and it was agreed that Arla would provide a drawing. **ACTION POINT – Arla to supply drawing and information regarding flooding.**
- 4.5 The Bedgrove/Broughton junction – there was a query if this was required and TE confirmed that AVDC has made this part of the planning application so it needs to be delivered. Technical sign off has been given by BCC and the aim is to undertake this work during the summer holidays and complete in October. The aim is to remove overlap in order to minimise any disruption locally.
- 4.6 It was raised that where the garage is, vehicles will not be able to come out of the garage and turn right back into the town which means going to the next junction. It is one thing which will change in the scheme but unfortunately cannot be avoided.

5.0 RECRUITMENT

- 5.1 The current roles offered/in progress since the last meeting include:

Despatch Team Leader:

Total applicants = 119

Of these those living locally include = 86 = (3 are currently at the interview stage)

Production Manager:

Total = 308

Local = 129

Production Team Leader:

Total = 60

Local = 22

QEHS Manager:

Total = 119

Local = 46

Automation Engineers:

Total = 108

Local = 36 = (3 are currently at interview stage)

Engineering Technicians x 8:

Total = 78

Local = 32 (5 have been offered and accepted all starting in January)

Process Engineers x 5

Total = 82

Local = 28 (3 have been offered and accepted)

Process Technicians x 4

Total = 50

Local = 18

Site Planners x 9

Total = 79

Local = 41

Communications Manager

Total = 48

Local = 35

5.2 ACTION POINT – VW to breakdown the employee sectors and numbers in the minutes. The roles offered recently include:

5.3 The current estimates are detailed below:

Production: to be recruited / hired by:

- end of September this year - 11
- end of December this year - 21
- end of March 2013 - 26
- end of June 2013 - 52
- end of September 2013 - 114
- end of December 2013 - 115

Total for production = 339

Distribution: to be recruited / hired by:

- end of March 2013 - 2
- end of June 2013 - 0
- end of September 2013 - 28
- end of December 2013 - 45
- end of March 2014 - 9

Total for distribution - 84

The remaining numbers (up to approx 700) for the site in total, are positions that we will be filled by third party logistics suppliers.

5.2 A query was raised in terms of the shift pattern. TE clarified that it is 6 – 2, 2 – 10 and 2 – 6am. There will be a bus service which will run to collect employees from the identified areas (i.e. once people are recruited and know where people actually live so we can organise shift patterns and bus routes accordingly).

- 5.3 Canal improvements - £376,000 is paid to AVDC for improvements. It is a multi-surface path which will be usable for cyclists and walkers to use.
- 5.4 Concerns were raised regarding the wider bridlepath. It has attracted anti-social behaviour. The area is from Klargesters to Putnham. Buckland is seeking to have bollards installed to try and reduce this. **ACTION POINT – Arla agreed to look at this and liaise with AVDC.**

6.0 ARCHAEOLOGY

- 6.1 All finds and samples have been processed and the materials are with the specialists. We are waiting 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.

The post-excavation analysis will be completed by Easter. The talk to the local community would take place sometime in April – do you have any preference in terms of dates?

Northants will be able to bring along some of the finds from the excavation but these can't be put on long term loan until the report has been approved by Bucks CC and the museum service has agreed a loan arrangement. The archaeologists would discuss what would be required for a permanent display when we do the talk.

- 6.2 It was requested if the event could be held in Buckland Hall, ideally towards the end of April. **ACTION POINT - Nigel Haywood will confirm availability of the venue.**

- 6.2 **ACTION POINT - Regarding the burial can there be a contact point BPC can liaise with – VW WILL BE MAIN POINT OF CONTACT**

7.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 7.1 **ACTION POINT –** can we supply the name of the lighting company which will be undertaking the installation.
- 7.2 It was requested if Arla could supply details regarding Claire's role at Arla? The assumption will be that Claire will spend time with those most affected by the development. TE explained that he, JN and VW are happy to assist and in the future once Claire is assimilated with the project.
- 7.3 A query was raised regarding the bund on the canal side. It was explained that the bunds will not be higher than the building. It was explained that the heights and undulations are to take on board the perspectives.

- 7.4 This area is only an outline application and there would be a detailed application before anything is built at this side to the NW and it would be subject to consultation and agreement.
- 7.5 The higher 9m bund is being built closer to the Red House.
- 7.6 The white lighting on site is only temporary and these will be turned off soon as we have more available hours of daylight.
- 7.7 A query was raised as to whether there was any night time working. TE clarified not working evenings outside.
- 7.8 A query was raised as to whether the Arla sign would be illuminated. The signs will be illuminated but the light effect will be reduced to a minimum because of the solution chosen. We will not use traditional spotlights for the illumination, as the signs will be transparent and 'back lit'. In other words it will only be the sign itself that will be illuminated and there will be no strong lights out into the area from this source.
- 7.9 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. A complaint was made with regards to the Arla employees on site. **ACTION POINT – it was agreed that TE would liaise with the onsite team to seek to rectify the issues in terms of the road/team, but would not be able to offer a car cleaning service.**
- 7.10 Murphys which are undertaking water work, the track layers are having an issue in terms of pushing slurry into tracks which can affect the wildlife. **ACTION POINT – It was agreed that Arla would look into this. College Farm would appreciate someone walking the site and looking into this.**
- 7.11 A query was raised as to who was responsible for overseeing the works on College Road North and it was explained that BCC was responsible for overseeing this. **ACTION POINT – It was agreed that Bill Chapple would look into this.**
- 7.12 Bill Chapple also highlighted that Aylesbury Bypass will only be delivered if certain developments happen, one of which is being opposed as is HS2. The Bypass would form part of development mitigation and this could be some time away as BCC does not have the funds, nor does national Government.
- 7.13 It was queried if the fencing on the perimeter is temporary and if there will be new fencing. TE explained that noise attenuation screens go on top of the bunding. There is also some security screening as well as acoustic fencing. The temporary fencing will be removed on Buckland Road.
- 7.14 It was queried when the fire escape gate may go in. There was discussion during planning, has this been finalised? Buckland wants comfort that this will be emerging access only. TE confirmed that it will be emergency vehicles only. **ACTION POINT – TE to confirm more details in terms of timescales for this gate and details as to what this will look like and how it will work.**

- 7.15 Can we ensure that the shrubs on this area are not removed. Can the group have clarification in terms of who/when it can be used. TE explained it would only be used in the state of emergency, if College Road North is closed for any reason it will allow access for emergency vehicles. It was also clarified that it is legally conditioned that this access will only be used for emergency evacuation and access for emergency vehicles. Further details regarding locking mechanisms will be clarified at the next meeting. Arla is now able to confirm that this lock will be issued by the local authority with standard access provision for emergency services only.
- 7.16 Will there be a splay into this gate. **ACTION POINT – TE agreed to incorporate the plan for this with the minutes and confirm timescales.** Please find attached the plan.
- 7.18 It was queried if there is an update on the other schemes, including the process plant. TE explained there would be no application for this plant until at least 2014.
- 7.19 It was queried when Arla lorries will start to operate? JN explained milk will be coming in during July to test the start up. Commercial production will start in autumn 2013.
- 7.20 There is a planning notice for signage will there be an Arla sign on Buckland Road? TE confirmed there is no plan for any signage on Buckland Road.
- 7.21 It was confirmed there was no pedestrian entrance off Buckland Road into the site.
- 7.22 It was queried if the hedge on Buckland Road is Arla's responsibility? **ACTION POINT – JN to confirm**
- 7.23 Can Arla cut the hedge and leave it at a decent height. TE agreed that would be taken up.
- 7.24 It was stated that the colour of the building is effective from an architectural perspective.