

ARLA AYLESBURY LIAISON GROUP MEETING

THIRD MEETING

6.30pm Tuesday 22nd May 2012

Holiday Inn

Attendees

- Cllr Phil Yerby – AVDC
- Cllr Carole Paternoster – AVDC
- Cllr David Thomson - AVDC
- Cllr Keith Wilkinson – Weston Turville Parish Council
- Cllr Berry Batchelor – Tring Town Council
- Cllr Nick Murrell – Tring Rural Parish Council
- Cllr Steve Mitchell – Aylesbury Town Council
- Meryl Nodes – Drayton Beauchamp Parish Meeting
- Cllr Nigel Haywood – Buckland Parish Council
- Mr John Carter – The Red House
- Mrs Sue Gillingham – White Thornes
- Cllr Jonathan Gilpin – Bierton Parish Council
- Mr Richard Peel - ACRID
- Mr Alan Sherwell – Aylesbury resident
- Mr Rob Evett – College Farm
- Mr Tim Evans (TE)– Arla Foods
- Mr Jakob Nielsen (JN)– Arla Foods
- Victoria Walker (VW)– Beattie Communications

1.0 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

1.0.1 TE welcomed attendees to the third liaison group meeting.

1.0.2 TE explained that Arla is merging with Milk Link, a British Company with British Farmers. They will become full members of Arla Foods and will be on the board in Denmark. Milk Link specialises in cheeses and UHT. There will not be an impact on the Aylesbury dairy. He explained that they are headquartered in Bristol and have facilities Wales, Cheshire, Cornwall and other sites. Farmers need to approve this next month and potentially later this year, subject to mergers and acquisitions, this merger should be completed.

2.0 ACTION POINTS FROM LAST MEETING

2.0.1 Construction signage – this will be picked up on the agenda

2.0.2 Memorial stone for Buckland church graveyard – Buckland Parish Council (BPC) has obtained a burial place in Buckland Church to inter one of the roman vagrants which were discovered on the site by archaeologists. The Parish Council has asked Arla to fund a memorial stone which has been agreed. VW is liaising with Buckland Parish Council and Cllr Paternoster regarding the stone and the wording. Cllr Paternoster provided VW with further information at the meeting.

2.0.3 VW explained that a written archaeology report will be produced and a copy can be supplied to BPC. It is due in late summer, hopefully August and an open day will also be held after it is completed.

In terms of artefacts to go on show at Buckland, these do have to be signed over to the Museum service but we can apply for some to go on loan to BPC. VW suggested that BPC review the report and highlight which artefacts the Parish Council would like to display so that this can be arranged as a loan.

2.0.4 Drayton Mead Brook diversion – JN explained that some work is underway and some licenses are outstanding but it will hopefully be end of summer/autumn (September) subject to these licenses

2.0.5 TE confirmed that the current temporary entrance into the site is further north from the proposed final entrance by 25 metres

2.0.6 Road junction improvements - these will be picked up on the agenda

2.0.6 The Q&A this has been updated as promised and a new version is available at today's meeting.

3.0 UPDATE REGARDING PROGRESS ON SITE

3.0.1 JN provided an update on the site activities and explained that since we last met, the piling has been completed and the foundations progressed. Caddicks has started to erect the steel work.

3.0.2 The very wet April has posed a number of challenges but the team is still on target to deliver according to the original programme. It has been 16 weeks since construction started and the next 4 – 5 weeks will focus on foundation work. Next week will start with the roof cladding. By mid-June will start to see the cladded building going up.

3.0.3 The soil which is being dug out to level the site is being used to create the bunds around the site. Top soil will then go on these bunds. The progress of the bunds can be viewed from Lower Buckland.

3.0.4 In the next few weeks the focus will be on surface water drainage and pipework will start to go in. It was asked where this would drain to and JN explained that it would be collected in a large pond which is being constructed on the site. This is then gradually discharged into the canal at a rate which is similar to the rate of drainage which occurs at the moment. It was queried if there is a connection between Drayton Mead Brook and the pond/lake, TE & JN did not think this was the case but would check and include on the updated Q&A – **ACTION POINT**

3.0.5 A 24/7 security number has been put up at the site entrance this is 0845 3716134

3.0.6 It was asked when the silos might be erected. JN confirmed this is expected to be in September.

4.0 TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION SIGNAGE UPDATE

4.0.1 TE invited liaison group members to view the new signage plan

4.0.2 VW highlighted that as we had an issue with some of these signs being removed and thanked those who'd remained vigilant and let us know if any are missing so we can replace them.

- 4.0.3 Caddicks has been progressing requests for additional signage but must obtain permission from Bucks County Council so please bear with us as the necessary planning permissions for these can take some time. The new signs include:
- Weston Turville (on the A413) to stop contractors using roads in Weston Turville
 - The sign at the entrance to College Road South to ensure vehicles don't enter this dead end expecting to reach College Rd North is now in place.
- 4.0.4 It was highlighted that a sign would be useful on the bridleway to say cannot use it (Arla to liaise with Clifford Marshall from BCC and Joanna the rights of way officer to agree the appropriate place for this) – **ACTION POINT – JN**
- 4.0.5 Some vehicles have been found on College Road South as their only address they have been given is College Road. They haven't been obeying the signs. **ACTION POINTS – VW to liaise with Caddick and ensure details are given**
- 4.0.6 The liaison group members agreed that most areas are now covered in terms of signage, but happy to take on board new areas.
- 4.0.7 It was highlighted that there were no reports in Weston Turville to say anyone is going through the village
- 4.0.8 We've had some vehicles reported as not using the assigned routes. A number of these vehicles were not associated with the Arla site so we'd encourage residents to ensure they get company names/logos and or registration details when reporting vehicles and we can then take the necessary action where it is applicable. Where it has been a vehicle associated with the site Caddicks has taken action and barred the vehicle from the site.

5.0 LANDSCAPING

- 5.0.1 TE confirmed that the team was hopeful that planting will commence on site in Oct/Nov in line with the required planting season. This is providing that all goes to plan and the bunding is finished in time. CP queried if there will be more soil brought to site. TE said that once we have finished excavation this will enable the completion of the mounds/bunds therefore we don't have to bring any soil into site
- 5.0.2 Three cameras are erected to film progress on the site and this has shown that the site is very, very wet!

6.0 ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

- 6.0.1 TE talked liaison group members through the new road junction plans which were displayed at the meeting
- 6.0.2 It was requested that a plan of these junctions is included with the June Newsletter –
ACTION POINT – VW
- 6.0.3 When asked about the functionality of the model, TE explained that all of the assessments have shown an improvement in traffic flows.
- 6.0.4 TE explained that the aim is to start these works this summer. The tender packages are now out and there is just one deed to resolve and then hopefully it will start this summer.
- 6.0.5 It was queried if there a possibility of a u-turn being provided? CP has passed this onto County. They did come back and say that the lights will give a break in the traffic. The problem is as there is no alternative to the u-turn further up that is why cars are doing this. CP said that the County are happy that the design of the junction will work and don't feel a u-turn facility is appropriate here.
- 6.0.6 Cllr Paternoster explained that the MDA was to provide new signals at the Weston Turville junction.
- 6.0.7 It was queried if it is the intention to link all of these sets of lights – **ACTION POINT – VW to liaise with Transport Consultant and confirm**
- 6.0.8 It was highlighted that County is saying no right turn from Oakfield Road into Tring Road into town, but there is a bus route which uses this so how are they are seeking to resolve this? Cllr Paternoster was asked to see if they could try to stop this happening if possible as it will pose issues for King Edward Avenue, a problem which is unacceptable with so many school children on this road. TE confirmed that In terms of the Arla scheme and investment into these junctions we are actually providing a right turn here.
- 6.0.9 It was explained that County were asked about turning off the lights in the evenings - The County has responded to say that the operation of the signals will be intelligent so they will adjust to traffic conditions at any time during the day or night. Therefore, the main road flow during the night will not be interrupted unless a vehicle demand from the side roads is generated. In this way unnecessary interruption to traffic movements on the main road network will be minimised

7.0 RECRUITMENT UPDATE

7.0.1 The first nine roles have been advertised in the Bucks Herald, then on-line on Monster, Totaljobs, Your Food Jobs, Indeed, FoodMan, LinkedIn.

7.0.2 There have been 582 applications for all of these jobs (of which 243 were local applicants). We have already recruited a local Project Manager for the filling hall and a local Senior Resourcing Advisor (all other roles still at interview stage). The roles include:

Chief Engineer:

Total = 42 applicants of which 10 were local, one of whom is at final stage interview

Production Manager:

Total = 121 applicants and 26 = local applicants

Process Manager:

Total = 45 Local = 11

QEHS Manager:

Total = 37 Local = 5

EHS Co-ordinator:

Total = 48 Local = 4

Project Manager, Filling Hall:

Total = 34 Local = 1 = who was offered the role and accepted and has started with us.

Automation Engineers:

Total = 25 Local = 7 = 1 who we have offered, he has accepted and will be starting in the next couple of months.

Receptionist:

Total = 194 Local = 181

Senior Resourcing Advisor:

Total = 36 Local = 5 including 1 who we have offered, she has accepted and started this Monday with us

7.0.3 Caddicks has also appointed a local Site Administrator who will commence employment on 6th June.

7.0.4 Arla is continuing to build relationships with local schools, colleges and the job centre.

8.0 NEWSLETTER

8.0.1 VW asked if there were any items residents would like incorporating in the newsletter. It was queried if a road junction plans could be incorporated. This should include a very basic explanation – top line what is changing, what is new and how it will work (and improve traffic flows). Ideally, show a before and after artist's impression as difficult to see when overlaid. TE circulated the 'after' version and many said it was still too complicated for everyone to understand. What people were keen to know is how this will change their route in and out of Aylesbury – potentially include bullet points. Also explain if there is a right/left turn – one colour highlighting what was there before and what will be there in future. Key is to make it clear that it is a signalised junction. TE agreed to do a simplified drawing and liaise with Nigel and Alan to sense-check the drawings. **ACTION POINT – TE/TRANSPORT CONSULTANT**

8.0.2 VW highlighted that we will write to residents who live close to these junctions and the businesses as well as the Parish Councils to highlight what will be happening in advance of the roadworks.

8.0.3 VW highlighted that some local residents were unaware the liaison group exists so we would be grateful if parish councils can highlight its existence at meetings and include this information in parish newsletters/minutes so that residents are aware they can raise questions for the meeting via their parish council. Would also be grateful if newsletters can be posted on parish notice boards

9.0 CADDICKS COMMUNITY INITIATIVES - UPDATE

9.0.1 Caddicks has met with the Construction Departments at both Aylesbury College and Amersham and Wycombe College in order to provide them with the programme for the

project and asked them to come up with a 'wish list' of what they would like from Caddicks (talks / site visits / work placements etc).

9.0.2 Safety on Construction Site Talks have been carried out at Bedgrove Infant School and Marsworth Infant School, Caddicks has tasked pupils from both schools with designing a Health & Safety Poster and we will return to the school with prizes for the winners. Also the posters will be displayed on the site hoarding.

9.0.3 Caddicks has agreed to supply commemorative mugs for Aston Clinton's 'Party in the Park' Jubilee Celebrations.

10.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

10.0.1 TE explained that we have been asked by AVDC to put forward some suggestions regarding the preferred names of the roads within our development. We would like to share ideas with you today so that we can select the preferred option(s). VW ran through a list of potential names and it was agreed by the group that the preferred options were Estone Road and Samien Way. The latter was selected as the option to put to the council as this encompassed a historical link to the wider area. **ACTION POINT – ARLA AND BPC AGREED TO HIGHLIGHT THIS PREFERENCE TO AVDC FOR ITS AGREEMENT**

10.0.2 Cllr Paternoster asked if there was anything Arla could do to help Sue Gillingham from White Thorne with her outside water supply issue. This is used by the horses in the adjacent field and the farmer has cut the supply off and has been very slow at replacing this water supply. TE agreed to look into this and is happy to liaise with the farmer. He said would come and visit SG to discuss this in more detail. **ACTION POINT - TE**

10.0.3 Cllr Haywood highlighted that there was no issue with the site security driving through Buckland in the evenings to check on the site. If this was to happen please can Arla let BPC know so they can inform local residents?

11.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 4th September 6.30pm Holiday Inn, Aston Clinton