

Warwickshire County Cricket Club

Residents Liaison Group Meeting

Wednesday 2nd December 2020

17:30

Via Zoom

A G E N D A

Attendees

Stuart Cain (SC)
Craig Flindall (CF)
Ravinder Masih (RM)
Chandni Paul (CP)
Andrew Burn (AB)
Ifthakar Ahmed (IA)/ WCCC Members Committee
Deidre Alden (DA)/ Edgbaston Cllr
Elizabeth Dancy (ED)/ Calthorpe Residents Association
Hazel Churchill (HC)/ Moorcroft Road Residents Association
Judith Smith (JS)/ Moorcroft Road
Ann Lee (AL)/ Hemisphere Resident

Guests

Ian Bradshaw (IB)/ Executive Project Manager at Forward Management LTD / Patrizia
Richard Scutt (RS)/ Development Director at Patrizia

1. Apologies

Apologies received from David Humphries and Jason Davies

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

No comments concerns or issues were raised from the minutes of last meeting.

3. Matters Arising

AL asked for an update on the Pershore Road crossing and hotel development.
DA informed that work on the crossing is set to start in Spring. This could be delayed if there are clashes with the vaccination center and subsequent delays caused by the cricket season.
CF informed that a deal between the landowner and hotel operator fell through due to COVID-19.
CF reassured that the club and council continue to pursue the crossing issue and have recently raised it at the ½ year meeting with council leaders and officers.

4. 'The Residences at Edgbaston' update

RS explained that Patrizia have been working on the project with the club for a few years. Consent was granted around Spring 2019 at Birmingham City Council, and the Section 106 was signed

February 2020.

Patrizia are currently closing out contracts with an investor and working with a Midlands based contractor, Winvic Construction Group, on this buy-to-rent scheme. The scheme comprises of various apartments and studios with commercial retail space on the ground floor and car parking within the building and on the adjacent land. Patrizia are working to closing out all contracts within the next couple of weeks for on-site work to commence in the first weeks of Jan 2021.

CF highlighted that there are 2 contracts with the same contractor. One contract for the residential scheme with associated retail space and car parking and another contract for the redevelopment of Edgbaston's existing entrance, plaza, and car parking. Both parties intend for the contractor to complete the redevelopment and residential scheme as seamlessly as possible.

IB outlined that the residential scheme building will be split into 2 blocks. Block A containing 211 apartments and block B containing 164 apartments. The scheme will have a total of 375 one, two and three bed apartments and studios.

The following timeline was presented to the group:

2021, Q1 – site strip and levelling exercise commences

2021, Mid Q2 – piling exercise across the footprint of Block A and Block B commences

2021, Q3 & 4 – Elevation of structural frame of both buildings, to be followed by brickwork and windows

2022, Q1 - Demarcation of individual apartments

2023, Q3 – Completion of Block B

2023, Q4– Completion of Block A

CF highlighted that the club works will be completed in time for the Commonwealth games in 2022. IB explained that Winvic have a strong community social responsibility policy and will update residents with regular mailshots. The project manager will be the point of contact for any day-to-day issues.

CF confirmed that the Club, Patrizia and Winvic will write to residents before Christmas with information and contact details for feedback.

IB explained that contractors will park onsite and deliveries are to be managed to avoid traffic congestion.

ACTION: RS will obtain a contact for issues. In the meantime, the club can escalate them to RS or IB.

ED asked about the Section 106 funding agreement

RS explained that Birmingham City Council have agreed to split just over £1million between Cannon Hill Park, off-site affordable housing, and transportation.

AL raised a concern about any cladding used on the scheme

RS reassured that the investors and developers do not use composite cladding. The residential scheme is a fully brick scheme.

IA asked CF if work on the stadium entrances will start simultaneously to the residential scheme

CF explained that work will commence on the car park behind the Wyatt Stand this winter and finish towards the end of May. Work will pause for the cricket season. The more disruptive work on the plaza and main entrance will start next winter and we will have to utilise more car parking in our perimeter and the colts ground.

ED asked if the commercial units in the residential scheme will be run by contractors from the stadium.

RS explained that ground floor usage is flexible with intent for the units to compliment the scheme and drive activity / human movement as part of the place setting and area.

ED raised concern that the Pershore Road crossing will not be ready for the Commonwealth Games. DA raised the same concern to the council.

JS asked how many car parking spaces have been allocated to the residents at the 375 apartments RS confirmed there will be 111 parking spaces on site and 279 in our boundary with consent from Birmingham City Council.

JS shared concern that households with more than one car will resort to nearby roads such as Moorcroft Road.

RS suggests that not all residents will own a car and will use public transport

5. Edgbaston COVID community response/ Edgbaston Foundation update

RM updated on Edgbaston Foundation

Edgbaston Foundation used the stadium as a food distribution hub for 13 weeks, collecting over £50,000 worth of donations which helped nearly 60,000 families. In response to an emerging need the Edgbaston Foundation are running a 2-week toy drive (following a similar model as the food hub) to provide Christmas gifts to children from low-income families. Donations will be taken at the stadium on Dec 3rd, 10th, 12th.

West Midlands Combined Authority has supported Edgbaston Foundation's Bat Giveaway initiative to get bats into the hands of disadvantaged young people. Although WMCA work across the region, Edgbaston Foundation are working to ensure local children benefit from the programme. Balsall Heath CATS received their bats last week.

Edgbaston Foundation worked with the National Literacy Trust to distribute over 100 resources to 3 organisations that are supporting young people whose education has been impacted by the pandemic.

Our Breaking Boundaries programme has helped to support people to keep active online. LBW: Ladies Bhangra Workout were weekly live-online fitness sessions where South Asian Women could get a sense of community and stay active.

CF updated on Edgbaston's Covid Community response.

Edgbaston was one of Birmingham's first main testing centers for several months until the cricket season started in August. We were not able to obtain an official figure from central government but estimate thousands of individuals were tested.

Conversations are being held with University Birmingham Hospital Trust about becoming a mass vaccination center.

ACTION: Once confirmed details will be shared with the group

JS asked where to take the donations for Toys4Birmingham

RM explained that volunteers will be positioned at the front of the stadium and direct donors through to the drop off point

JS asked about the condition of the toys

RM clarified toys that are old but in good condition are also welcomed

JS asked about monetary donations

RM explained that monetary donations can be made to Thrive Together who will buy gifts in bulk.

Anybody who cannot attend a drop off can post deliveries to the stadium F.A.O of Ravi Masih.

CF updated on the community sports ground.

A grant has been secured from the ECB to complete the final stage of development at the ground on Portland Road by implementing new outdoor practice facilities. A large net framing the ground has been put up this summer and passed several bat surveys that were conducted following concerns from the council's Ecology officers.

We were due to stage our first team professional game at the ground this season. Looking forward we plan to use the facility for outdoor training, academy, and community outreach programmes. It will become our training and match venue for Men's and Women's team in the lead up and during Commonwealth Games when we aren't able to use Edgbaston.

6. 2021 Season Preview/ Fixtures/ Events

SC explained that the ECB is in the process of confirming the international schedule which will impact the domestic schedule.

Major Matchdays currently on sale:

Tues 13th July: Pakistan International.

Sat 18th Sept: T20 Finals day

SC anticipates a full house for both events should government guidance allow.

Domestic schedule overview:

April – May: County Championship

June – July: T20 (Friday and Sunday fixtures)

Late July – August: The Hundred and RL50

Late August: RL50 Quarter Finals

September: Finals Day, second stage of County Championships and end of season

Fixture announcements:

Mid-December: County Championship

January: T20 and The Hundred

Awaiting confirmation from Sri Lanka for the IT20 fixture. This will depend on arrangements for the ICC world test championships at Lords.

ACTION: firm dates will be shared when we have confirmation from ECB

7. Proposed changes to the RLG in 2021

RM explained that as a key institution in the area, it is important for us to engage more with the community. There is a desire for two-way interaction with a wider group of individuals that represent the community around Edgbaston to help us better our work in the community and strengthen the work of the foundation.

RM thanked ED for her time and insight to support us to widen awareness, identify groups and helping this concept the flourish.

SC is passionate that we should be able to hold a mirror up to the club and it should represent the communities that we serve - from players on the pitch, people working in the club, to the people on the board etc.

SC shared the new ACE programme that aims to reinvigorate cricket in African-Caribbean communities, the clubs continuous hard work in the South Asian communities, and the use of the Rooney Rule to encourage BAME applicants in the hunt for a new head coach. These are small steps in what will be a long journey to ensure that the club is a community focal point for everyone.

SC invited suggestions from the group on the group's make up to help RM flesh it out in the New Year.

8. Any Other Business

CF announced that Edgbaston have set up a Deliveroo service as an alternative use of the stadium. Our in-house chefs are running 2 take-away restaurants Bamboo (Pan-Asian) and Hollo Pollo (Peruvian Chicken). The delivery radius is 8km from the stadium.

AL enquired about when we will be opening for events

CF explained that it depends on government announcement and changes to tiers after 16th December. We will reopen as soon as we can safely do so.

AL enquired about space for Hemisphere AGM to discuss the cladding crisis with lease holders in late March.

CF advised AL to contact RM

RM will schedule the next meeting for April 2021 to allow time for the new concept to shape and hopefully a face-to-face meeting.