

Aylesbury Regeneration

Title Plot 18 Resident Feedback Group (RFG) meeting notes

Date Wednesday 25th November 2020

Time 6pm

Venue Microsoft Teams (online)

Attendance Two residents

John Murphy (Notting Hill Genesis/NHG – Interim Project Manager), Lorraine Gilbert (Notting Hill Genesis/NHG – Head of Involvement and Communications), Sarah Okae (Vistry- Resident Liaison Manager), Tony Whittington (Vistry -Senior Project Manager), Catherine Brownwell (London Borough of Southwark - LBS) and Rosalyn Springer (Notting Hill Genesis/NHG – Resident Involvement Officer)

Apologies: Two residents

Meeting notes

Actions

1. Welcome and introductions

LG (Notting Hill Genesis - NHG) welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made. The minutes were agreed and there were no matters arising.

2. Plot 18 activities update

Description of what is being built on Plot 18

South Block - Medical centre and Early Years Nursery (LBS, Guys & St Thomas's Trust/Nexus).

North Block - Block 1 -15 storey tower on Thurlow street (NHG)

Block 2- Library (LBS) and over 55's apartments (NHG)

Block 3 - (A & B) Dawes Street (NHG)

- **Gantry (support structure) installation – Tony Whittington (Vistry)**

TW provided an update on the gantry and explained that it is a scaffold tower which is for public protection. For North block 1, the building will be wrapped in monoflex to ensure safety along with the scaffold tunnel for additional protection. The installation will take a further three days, parking will be suspended until the end of next week and traffic signs were in place. The gantry will be in place until the end of 2020, but it will not restrict access for residents. A notification letter was sent to the

Aylesbury community (including local businesses) to inform them of the works. Resident 1 confirmed that the notification letter had been received.

Action- Vistry to ensure that the Area Housing Office receives copies of those resident communications.

- **Lighting installation**

TW explained that due to the days getting dark early, the Vistry compound is always lit but the site closes at 6pm. New lighting will be installed along the walkways primarily for the security staff but also for safety of any intruders who access the site. The team will ensure that the lighting is not pointing at residents' homes and requested to let Vistry know if lighting causes any issues. Notification letters will be sent out next week to inform the residents and Sarah Okae's (Vistry – Resident Involvement Manager) contact details will be included in the letter.

Look ahead programme

TW provided an updated on the work which started on 17 February 2020 and said that good progress is being made. The basement has been constructed for the South Block and the Vistry team were now working on the 1st floor. Construction work for the North Block is being carried out on the building in front of Taplow and on Block 1 (The tower, Thurlow Street), the team were up to level 4, with Block 2 (The library and Over 55 units) up to the 2nd floor. Building on Block 3a and 3b (Dawes Street) was at level 1 going up to level 2. A lot of the drainage and other services are coming from this site; rerouting and creating new connections is required so that work is also underway.

TW said that work had commenced on the South Block superstructure and by Christmas residents would start to see the concrete frame going up, as well as the gantry. The slated work will finish by winter 2021. The whole of North block will be brick covered and the residents will start to see the building above the hoarding by February 2021. The doors and windows installation will begin in January 2021, so the focus will be on making the building watertight along with the construction of the library and medical centre.

TW said that noise reduction is a priority for Vistry and asked that if there are any issues. TW encouraged residents to contact Sarah if there were. Resident 1 said that site had been very quiet on site and had not heard any excessive noise.

Operations during the festive break

TW said the site would be closing from the 23 December until 4 January 2021. 24-hour security will be patrolling throughout the period. LG said that site closure

information of all the Aylesbury construction sites, would be included in the forthcoming NHG winter newsletter.

- **Hoardings art project - Sarah Okae**

SO gave an update on community activities and explained that children and young people worked with Chris Cotton (NHG Aylesbury – Youth Community Connector) and SO on a graffiti art. The theme for the project was the library, and the artwork has been displayed on the hoarding on Dawes Street. 16 children/young people took part and more wanted to get involved, but due to Covid restrictions the attendance numbers had to be limited. The children and their parents/carers gave positive feedback about being involved and the resulting artwork.

SO said that the Vistry team had undertaken a 'virtual' run the previous which and that this was in support of local organisation, Burgess Sport. The team raised over £700 so far and the funds will go towards a meal project and the local foodbank which Burgess Sports is leading on. More donations were still coming in.

SO also gave an overview of Vistry's involvement with the Cycleworks 'Build a Bike' project' for the Aylesbury community. SO explained that residents would be supported to build a bike from recycled bike parts and then once completed; they could keep the bike. The project starts on the 8 December and will last for 8 months.

Action- Lorraine to include the website link for the hoardings art project and Build a Bike Project with the minutes.

Link to art project - <http://aylesburynow.london/news/posts/young-people-create-art-to-celebrate-new-library>

Link to build a bike project - <http://aylesburynow.london/news/posts/build-a-bike-for-free>

Resident 1 queried about the bidding process for new homes on Aylesbury. CB (LBS) agreed to follow up with the Taplow office housing team.

ACTION – CB to follow up query with the LBS Taplow Housing Team.

3. Date of next meeting

- **Wednesday 24 February, 6pm-7.15pm. Venue to be confirmed subject to Covid.**