



The Terrapin Group



Harbour Village Community Liaison Group (CLG) Minutes

Venue: Hive House Library

Date: Thursday 8th September 2022

Attendees:	
Ian George (IG)	The Terrapin Group
Liz Williams (LW)	The Terrapin Group
Victoria Teasdale (VT)	The Terrapin Group
Jamie McArthur (JM)	Bellway Thames Gateway
Sarah Turner (ST)	BeHive
Mandi Knight (MK)	Northfleet Big Local
Matthew Kerr (M)	Kent Libraries
Greg Llewellyn (GL)	Ebbsfleet Development Corporation
Philip Davies (PD)	Huggens College
Cllr Lauren Sullivan	Gravesham BC, Kent CC
Apologies:	
Steve Stamp (SS)	Northfleet CIO
Harrison Thomas	Bellway Thames Gateway
Andrea Jackova (AJ)	Northfleet CIO & Czech, Romani, Slovak Community
Marim Fagbemi (MF)	EDC
Peter Scollard	Gravesham BC
Pastor Ladi Lawal (LL)	RCCG City of His Grace

Introductions

Jamie McArthur welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Matthew from the library for hosting the meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 26th May 2022

No changes were suggested, and the minutes were agreed.

Briefing on the construction programme

JM explained that there are two contractors in the wider area, Bellway and NWM. Bellway seems to be picking up most of the complaints, even though some are emanating from the NWM site. Bellway can pass on complaints and highlight any issues to NWM.

GL said that problems of dust had improved recently due to extra measures being taken, such as dampening down. This was also an issue on the NWM site. NWM were monitoring vibrations from their site, as they are currently excavating. NWM currently don't have any public updates in the form of statements, leaflets or posters.

LW asked if there was a timeline for the proposed work? GL advised that NWM are expected to be breaking concrete and dumping materials until November.

LW said that The Terrapin Group is trying to keep local residents up to date with what is happening on the Bellway site. There is a regular newsletter and we now have Norman the Gnome who will appear around the site, to try and involve local children and families.

JM said that London Road had been very dusty, with no rain in August, but there were delays due to Heritage finds. The more recent wetter weather is helping prevent dust escaping the site. Phase 1 is progressing well, with housing going up. The housing will help prevent the dust reaching the Hive.

LW spoke about some comments that had been received relating to the hours of work for the builders. LW had recently looked into this and had parked outside the site from very early, where the most noise was from parked Range Rovers with engines running and talking loudly, but these were not builders from the site. JM advised that Bellway keep a log of the registration numbers on-site, so could notify the police of any non-contractor vehicles if necessary.

Progress of planning application

JM updated the group on upcoming planning applications. JM advised that on stage 1, almost half of the 50 plots had scaffolding going up. Work on the development platform will be finishing soon. There may be further delays due to heritage issues on stage 2. Bevens Park will be levelled next month.

Plans have been amended to keep the kiln, and Bevens Park plans have been updated. Drainage has now been agreed, the bus route has been submitted. Phase 3 should be ready for consultation around October or November.

JM advised that stage three will be in the autumn could go into the New Year. JM advised that the community centre location is still being decided, and Bellway is still looking for more input from the local community.

Heritage/Bevens Park

There has been an agreement with Historic England that a kiln will be preserved, and details preserved on a website that will include video. Further details to follow in the next few months, including of working with local residents and historians.

JM said that the Bellway team will keep in touch with Bevan family members and local people. LW advised that it is not viable to move the kilns into the park, as they were not designed to be above ground, so would fall apart.

GL advised that Historic England replied four weeks ago. Local historians have been on site. ST asked if a group visit to see the tunnels and Kilns could be organised. JM said that a limited group might be able to be arranged. It was stated that in Bevens Park there will be QR codes which could be scanned to look at short historical films.

Transport

The proposed new cycle and walkways were explained, by looking through the coloured plans.

JM advised that it is expected that FastTrack would be ready for full operational use in 2025. There would be a need to finish construction around it. Bellway are keen that everyone works together, but they can't control the employment land.

Consultation/Communications

LW gave an update. Monthly update posters are being put up around the local area. An open day at the library for the local children had taken place and was well attended and well received. There are now I-Spy sheets, available from the Laundrette, which was a fun way for local children to learn of progress on the site. Action - Terrapin to email the I-Spy to Mariam.

ST asked for an update on the situation regarding jobs and apprenticeships. JM gave an update and advised that people were employed directly by subcontractors. There could be information put online regarding apprenticeships, and the new hoarding could be used to give information about jobs at Bellway.

Any Other business

MK asked if 42 broom handles could be sponsored by Bellway for an upcoming scarecrow competition. LW advised that this would be considered.

ST asked about sponsorship of a Christmas tree, potentially an artificial one.

Date of next meeting

A date of 8th December was initially suggested, although **Thursday 15th December 2022** was agreed once diaries were checked. Start time will be 10am, and the venue will be Hive House Library, 10-11 Hive Lane, Northfleet, DA11 9DE.