

**Design Workshop 3 - Community Facilities - Wednesday 03 September 2014**

The purpose of this design workshop was to review and develop the design of the proposed Community Facilities to ensure the location and design proposals satisfy resident needs and service requirements.

**Attendees**

**Project Team**

Dean Aggett - Development Manager  
Colin Ainger – Lead Designer  
Pamela Kovachich – Consultation Manager

**Residents**

Albert Drive (1)  
Bunyard Drive (1)  
Dartmouth Avenue (2)  
Dykes Path (1)  
Heron Walk (1)  
Woodlands House (1)

**Stakeholders**

Councillor Raja - Ward Councillor

**Apologies**

Blackmore Crescent (1)  
St Michael's Church (1)  
Heron Walk (1)  
Pharmacy (1)

**Discussion and Actions**

**1.0 Sheltered Accommodation**

- Participants commented that within the existing accommodation kitchens and bedrooms are too small, and halls and bathrooms are poorly lit
- Participants support the proposal to provide more sheltered accommodation to meet the care and support needs of the population
- Participants want the new sheltered accommodation to be located on a bus route and close to the shops, park and Health Centre
- Participants support the proposal to locate new sheltered accommodation close to facilities for younger children i.e. the Sure Start centre, the private nurseries, Broadmere Primary School and toddler play areas
- Participants said that they feel trapped in their blocks for fear of anti social behaviour and feel that the proposed location for the sheltered accommodation would increase safety and security

- Storage will be required for mobility scooters and this should be carefully considered in the design
- Elderly residents will need a frequent and reliable bus service
- Participants would like to visit an example of a large sheltered accommodation scheme

#### **Actions for the Project Team**

- Discuss the design of the sheltered accommodation units in further detail at the Housing and Character Areas Design Workshop on 25th September 2014
- Consider points raised about the size and location of the sheltered accommodation
- Continue discussions with bus service operators and provider feedback on developments
- Organise visits to other sheltered accommodation schemes to give residents a feel for what could be provided

### **2.0 Health Centre**

- It was suggested that the elderly residents will prefer to be located near the Health Centre though not necessarily adjacent to it
- Participants in previous Focus Group meetings have suggested that the Health Centre should be close to Broadmere Primary School and the Sure Start Centre as they work closely together. The local doctors do not want the Health Centre to be located too close to the new Leisure Centre as they fear it will be seen as a drop in facility for sports injuries
- Participants would prefer the pharmacy to be located in the Retail Hub rather than the Health Centre

#### **Action for the Project Team**

- Continue discussions to determine the optimum location for the Health Centre

### **3.0 Sports and Leisure**

- Participants want the football club to stay in Sheerwater and supported the proposal to provide an all-weather (3G) pitch
- Participants support the proposal to locate the Leisure Centre and Sports Facilities between the existing schools

#### **Action for the Project Team**

- Accommodate Sheerwater FC facilities within the regeneration proposals

### **4.0 Nurseries**

- The participants agreed with the proposed location of the two private nurseries and Sure Start children's centre

- Locating the nurseries close to Broadmere Primary School was considered to be a sensible and logical approach to build upon the strong existing links between these facilities

#### **5.0 Community Centre / Youth Centre**

- The Emerging Masterplan shows the Community Centre sharing some facilities with the Youth Centre and locates these facilities between the retail centre and the Village Green to create an accessible community hub
- The participants generally supported the idea of bringing the Youth Centre into the heart of the community and locating the facility with the Community Centre
- Some participants thought it would be better to locate these facilities nearer to the sports and leisure facilities
- Participants felt that the Youth Centre should not face the retail centre

#### **Action for the Project Team**

- Further consideration to be given to the location of the Community Centre and Youth Centre

#### **6.0 St. Michaels Church**

- Attendees were informed that the regeneration proposals no longer include the demolition of St. Michaels Church and re-provision of a multi faith facility

#### **7.0 Schools**

- Councillor Raja queried whether the current schools could accommodate the increase in population arising from the additional households
- The Project Team confirmed that Surrey County Council (SCC), the schools, and the Local Planning Authority are being consulted with regard to the regeneration proposals and the capacity of the existing schools.
- Bishop David Brown School (BDB) is proposing to increase its capacity independently to the regeneration proposals. The school is currently undertaking a public consultation exercise in relation to the creation of an additional form of entry from 2016 onwards.
- SCC has confirmed that the proposed expansion of BDB will help meet any additional demand for secondary school places generated by the regeneration proposals.
- The provision of shared sports facilities as defined within the regeneration proposals are integral to BDB's expansion plans.
- Broadmere Primary School has no immediate plans to expand its capacity. SCC believes there is sufficient room for expansion within the existing class structure to meet the needs of the increased population created by the regeneration proposals

#### **8.0 Trees**

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- Participants informed the team that there are two 300-400 year old oak trees located within the regeneration area which should be considered as part of the masterplanning design development

### **Actions for the Project Team**

- Take note of the tree survey report regarding the type and condition of existing trees
- Identify and take note of the location and significance of the oak trees and consider if it is practically possible to retain these trees where they are deemed to be of significant value