



Amersham Community Board - Questions from the Public

Chiltern Lifestyle Centre:

1. As the Chilterns Lifestyle Centre Community Liaison Forum has been disbanded since the demise of CDC, & as the Residents' Representative on that Forum, could I please ask for a progress report on the construction of the Centre against the programme, to residents & local businesses & stakeholders who were part of that Forum, who no longer have direct access to information about the project apart from this Board? In particular, I see that on the hoardings around the site, the opening date is advertised as Autumn this year, but according to the published Construction Traffic & Logistics Management Plan, at that stage, the existing buildings will not yet have been demolished, thus severely restricting the number of parking spaces available, & access to the delivery/refuse/coach parking bay will not be possible. Could the appropriate Council Representative on the Board please report to the meeting on what plans are in place to meet the requirements of Planning Permission Condition 13, which requires that "*The scheme for parking and manoeuvring indicated on the submitted plans shall be laid out fully in accordance with the approved details prior to first occupation of the development....*"?

Response:

A BAM are providing an update presentation at the meeting detailing the building progress. BAM are currently on programme for completion in September and handover to the occupants, there are some programme risks as it currently stands due to COVID but these are being proactively managed and the Council are being continually informed of any changes.

B Planning Condition 13 – As highlighted at the previous Community Liaison Forum the Council is not in breach of condition 13 as this is a pre-occupation condition. The project team is currently considering this matter and will put a proposal to the planning department shortly. The final plans once approved will be shared via the planning portal and can be presented to this group if requested.

2. Also, after seeing the muddy mess that is KGV Field during this winter, has any further consideration been given to providing proper surfacing to the log trail area, or fencing-in any of the play/exercise areas to contain children/exclude dogs?

A This winter season has been exceptional, lockdown has increased the use of outdoor spaces, this mixed with the normal winter weather conditions has caused increased mud in the area. The play equipment has a suitable surface treatment to the play features where required, however recent heavy rain has impacted the field. It was of importance to both Amersham Town Council and Buckinghamshire Council to maintain a natural look and feel in this particular playground. We will continue to discuss this with Amersham Town Council, of course once the new play area at the front of the building is open, the demand on the wooden equipment will reduce, most notably in winter.

B Perimeter hedge rows will be installed to the skate park during the current planting season, intended completion is March 2021. There will not be perimeter hedges around the natural play features having previously taken advice from Thames Valley Police throughout the planning process, comments included maintaining clear site lines in the playground.

The playground which will be situated at the front of the building will be fully fenced in, similar to the playground that was previously at the site.

