

3rd September 2001, 7.30p.m.
Venue : Post House, Guildford

in attendance : representatives from –
Laing Homes
Linden
JT Architects
Colin Buchanan & Partners
Members of STAG

Following the introduction given by the developers explaining that it had taken longer than anticipated to deal with all of the issues, the presentation showing all of the changes to the master plan published now in Newsletter 2 was made by Marcus, giving the main points :

- Two doctors have confirmed the uptake of a doctors surgery and office 1200 sq metres
- Traffic changes will go ahead as proposed
- No alteration to the open spaces of 6.8 hectares
- There will be an all-weather court for teenagers
- 7 play areas have been designated
- Changes –
 1. The employment areas have been brought together and consolidated on the SW boundary of the site
 2. The crèche has been moved and is now single storey
 3. The nursing home has been moved to be adjacent to the shops in Burden Way
 4. An all-weather court has been designated in the green area for teenagers
 5. Many of the boundaries to the site are to be upgraded

At this point questions were raised with regard to the now apparently absent community facility. It had been hoped that an all purpose building incorporating a hall, kitchen and offices would be available for use by the community and local churches. It was explained that the doctor's surgery has been considered to be a community facility by the developers.

Concerns were also raised that the consolidation of the employment area was likely to alter the traffic flow through the site. This is to be investigated and the engineers' findings are to be emailed to us.

Andreas Markides then made the presentation with regard to traffic improvements :

1. Johnston Walk/Worplesdon Road is a priority junction and various options have been considered and the anticipated solution is a widening of the junction adding a ghost island to prevent the impediment of traffic flow. A pedestrian crossing is proposed across the road from Pig Alley with a further second crossing.
2. Public Transport plans are well under way with a timetable for buses being prepared and a five year subsidy incorporated
3. Green Travel Plan – commitment to employ a traffic manager for 3 years to co-ordinate and introduce the benefits to the community
4. Safe Roads to School – in liaison with Northmead School and the County Council Officers will result in :
 - Resurfacing and adding lighting to Pig Alley
 - Direct links from Cardwells Keep and Harts Gardens

- Additional 3 pedestrian crossings in Grange Road
 - Traffic drop off point at the pavilion
 - A new footpath via the playing field to the school
5. Grange Road – surveys from 8a.m. to 9p.m. revealed that at no time were more than 25 parking bays required. Parking arrangements have been altered to incorporate some land from the site and parking will be staggered on both sides for 27 bays

A list of the financial commitment for both on and off site were then listed and suggestions made as to how to ensure the funds were used for the designated projects – e.g. presentation needs to be made with regard to the proposed footbridge over the railway line.

Questions were then asked from the floor and where possible dealt with. The major concern was the lack of a community building and how best to solve the problem.

The planning application is to be made/presented to the council on the 25th. It was decided we should apply for a 3 minute presentation and to use this co-operating with the 5 minutes each Councillors Jayne Marks and Pauline Searle will have. It is believed that Cllr Pauline White might also have up to 10 minutes to make her presentation. It is hoped to hold a meeting at Jayne's home on the 10th after she has seen the objection list and to decide what are our priorities and who will participate.