

# **LERF MINUTES 15/04/2024**

Attendees: Mariee Wymer (Acting Chair), Jan Power (Forum Member), Stacey Coleburt (Forum Member), Sue Evans (Forum Member), Liz Jenkins (Forum Member), Lynn White (Forum Member), Delia Shepherd (Town Clerk, FSTC), Zulf Awan (Community Engagement Manager, MKCC), Rahul Mundray (Development Manager, MKCC) Samantha Carney (Resident Liaison Officer, GRAHAM), Ibbie Omideyi (Social Impact Business Partner, GRAHAM), Kevin Farrell (Tpas)

Apologies: Jessie Gillsenan, Cllr Ed Hime, Keith McCahon (GRAHAM)

### 1. Welcome & introductions

Action

Mariee opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

#### 2. Minutes

Agreed as a true record.

# 3. Matters Arising

Page 2, item 4 – discussions are ongoing on how to deal with dropped-curbs access being restricted by erection of Heras discussions fencing. Arriva busses having restarted services on Windermere Drive may also help with this.

Page 2, item 4 – Presentation of GRAHAM data to LERF. Completed.

Page 3, Item 4 – Ibbie Omideyi to be invited to give Social Value presentation. Completed.

Page 3, Item 5 – Community Engagement Plan activities report. Completed (and ongoing).

### 4. Construction Progress Update – Rahul Mundray (MKCC)

**Key Achievements:** 

- 5. Start on site achieved 15<sup>th</sup> January.
- 6. Site establishment, tree/shrub clearance, sites fenced 22<sup>nd</sup> January.
- 7. Site strip commenced 29<sup>th</sup> January.
- 8. Graham's RLO, Samantha Carney, appointed.
- 9. Sod Cutting ceremony was held 27th February.



	Action
Site progress:	RM
<ul> <li>Windermere Drive A1 - Drainage diversions, and new drain and soil</li> </ul>	
movement ongoing.	
<ul> <li>Windermere Drive A3 - Old foundations removed and new foundations to 50% of blocks completed.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Melfort, Drayton &amp; Burnmoor - Drainage diversions, and new drain,</li> </ul>	
attenuation and soil movement ongoing, New access road constructed	
<ul> <li>Drainage diversions, and new drain, attenuation, and soil movement ongoing,</li> </ul>	
foundations ongoing.	
<ul> <li>Warren Park - Soil placement ongoing.</li> </ul>	
Upcoming activities:	
<ul> <li>Homes England funding draw-downs – ongoing.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Continue site strip with further testing for contamination, in conjunction with</li> </ul>	
stripping works.	
<ul> <li>Clerk of Works - appointment in progress.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>S278 Highways agreement being finalised.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Party wall agreements in progress.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Stakeholder Engagement Strategy being progressed – engagement on items such as letter boxes, door colours etc will commence soon.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Graham will be running a supplier event to which local businesses will be</li> </ul>	
invited with the aim of investing in and supporting the local economy; – this is now planned to be held in May 24.	
<ul> <li>Graham will be providing 2-year trade apprenticeships and 4-year Site</li> </ul>	
Management / QS apprenticeships; – this will be looked at from Summer 24.	
The condition of the existing grocery store is under renewed scrutiny by	
Environmental Health – and unfortunately, it is likely to have to be closed soon; the	
exact date of closure is under discussion.	
The question was asked about vibrations from a building site possibly causing	
existing cracks in a property to enlarge. Rahul offered to organise a visit to the	
property with GRAHAM to investigate.	RM
5. Resident Liaison Officer Report – Samantha Carney (GRAHAM Construction)	
Samantha introduced the Stakeholder & Community Engagement Monthly Project	
Summary Report, which she will bring to every LERF meeting. The report is also provided to MKCC.	



Stakeholder & Community Engagement Monthly Project Summary Report – March 2024:

Communications – 31 resident contacts – 65% (communications), 16% (site), 13% (customer journey impact), 3% (environment), 3% (insurance)

Key communication themes – Road closures (1), Land usage (2)

Complaints – 1 (Site cabins), 2 (Retro target stickers)

Compliments – 1 (Commendation of RLO position), 2 (Nursery visit)

Stakeholder management activities planned for next month – meeting with new temporary Head Teacher of Sir Herbert Loen Academy secondary school; Introduction with Bletchley & Fenny Stratford Town Council Clerk; Appearance on MKCC Live TV show.

Community Activities carried out during March 2024 – Facilitation of a site visit for the Nursery at Water Hall Primary School to attend Melfort Drive site and observe a digger, dumper, and telehandler in action.

The report also included a more detailed and anonymised list of communications from residents.

## 6. GRAHAM Social Value Programme – Ibbie Omideyi (GRAHAM)

Ibbie gave a presentation on GRAHAM's Social Value programme for the Lakes Estate. The points covered included, local jobs commitments; an educational partnership with MK College, additional resident engagement on the Lakes, funding for small businesses and the 'More for MK' event on 18 June, a mini jobs fare in July or August and supporting the Bletchley Big Street event and other community volunteering events.

On apprenticeships, GRAHAM will be holding CV drop-in sessions for Lakes' residents to help with job applications. The apprenticeships are only available to MK citizens and Lakes' residents will be given the opportunity to apply first. Ibbie highlighted the Level 2 apprenticeships for Groundworkers and Bricklayers.

The question was asked about possible links between the local Health & Wellbeing initiative and GRAHAM's Social Value programme to avoid duplication. Ibbie confirmed that she would be happy to work with the Town Council.



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7. Community Engagement Manager Update – Zulf Awan (MKCC)	
Zulf circulated the Serpentine Court newsletter for information.	
8. Any other business	
A questioned was asked about filling in the underground car park below Serpentine Court. Rahul confirmed that this work was part of Phase B of the project.	
Delia explained that Spotlight is currently experiencing a high level of bookings and reminded the meeting to follow the booking procedure. The room to the right of the entrance hall is reserved for Zulf for the regeneration project, but all other rooms can be booked via Fenny Stratford Town Council.	
9. Date of next meeting	
Monday 3 <sup>RD</sup> June, 6.30pm at Spotlight	