

Community Board Meeting
31st January 2024, 5.30 - 7.30 pm

Attendance:

Community Board Members: Poorvi Mehta (chair), Keith Thomas, Councillor Olly Wehring, Councillor Emily Davey, Councillor Susan Skipwith, Ayshwarya Madhureshan, Elaine Taylor, Malcolm Wood, liman Abdulle (minutes)

Guests: Semana Nota, Resident Engagement and Social Value Lead (SN), Jane Ball, RBK Head of Landlord Services (JB)

Apologies: Khalid Rahmany, Lesley Charlton (Chair)

1.	<p>Welcome and apologies Apologies received from Khalid Rahmany and Lesley Charlton (Chair).</p>
2.	<p>Minutes and actions The minutes of the last meeting were approved.</p>
3.	<p>Presentation, Housing Landlord Services - Jane Ball</p> <p>Project Pandora: the regeneration is on schedule to deliver homes towards the end of this calendar year. A crucial aspect of Project Pandora is to keep all Boards and Councillors informed on work undertaken to prepare for the occupation of the new homes. An overview was sent out before the meeting. Board members were invited to pose questions or engage in discussions following the meeting.</p> <p>The new homes will look and feel very different. Housing Landlord Services intends to develop a video guide for the new homes. As it is planned for the first residents to move into their new homes before Christmas, the goal is to ensure that they feel confident in using their new home and appliances by the start of the holiday season and know what steps to take if any issues arise.</p> <p>Safety In light of recent events on Madingley Green, the police have been actively working to enhance safety measures, including door-to-door checks. Some properties in the front section of Cambridge Road were unlawfully occupied, leading to the installation of notices and barricades. Due to the action taken the situation has improved significantly.</p>
4.	<p>ITEM Update on Police Consultation: Sgt. Oliver Bisgorve was unable to attend.</p>
5.	<p>Constitutional Matters and Recruitment - Semana Nota Semana advised the Board that a review of the Community Board Constitution should take place bi-annually, this is now due. Two former board members have expressed interest in rejoining the Community Board. There was uncertainty as</p>

to whether a third former member who had resigned wished to rejoin the Board. Semana explained that there is no provision in the constitution regarding rejoining after leaving the Board, so this matter has been referred to the Chair, who will discuss it with the members concerned.

Questions/Discussions:

1. A Board member enquired about the reason behind the desire to return.
Response: They wish to stay informed about decisions and offer their input. After reflecting, they feel they can contribute to the regeneration efforts. It was noted that regular newsletters and updates are provided to residents.

2. A Board member asked about publishing meeting minutes on the website.
Response: Meeting minutes are indeed being published.

3. A Board member asked if the decision on returning Board members is left to Lesley.
Response: Yes, Lesley will handle this.

Elaine sought guidance from the Board on what information they would like to share with the community and the public. Board members will consider this.

ACTION

A Board member expressed support for the three former members seeking to join the Board and suggested conducting a survey to address any resident queries.

ACTION

Elaine noted the limited Board spaces and the need to consider this factor.

New members

Semana reminded the Board that no residents applied to join the Community Board at the AGM.

There is currently a space on the Board which is reserved for a young person. Semana informed the Board of a resident, who would meet this criteria and is interested in becoming a Board member. Semana advised that the Constitution permits co-option and suggested that could be used in this case. Semana sought the Board's opinion on this. The Board agreed that having a young voice on the Board could be beneficial.

Elaine explained the co-option process, which allows members to serve for up to a year until the AGM, where they can nominate themselves (or be nominated by others) for full Board membership.

Following discussion, it was agreed to invite the young person to the next Community Board meeting to meet and involve them, and for the Board to then consider co-option. **ACTION**

6.

Phase 1C Hoarding and Meanwhile Space & Phase 2 - Malcolm Wood

Malcolm provided an update on the progress, noting that they are ready to commence work on Block C, situated in front of Cambridge Road. This building will house the community hub and encompass Madingley Green, marking the final building yet to begin in Phase 1. The initial step involves installing hoarding around the building, with fencing scheduled to commence on February 8th to secure the site. Subsequently, more permanent hoarding will be installed. While some parking will be affected once hoarding is up, a portion will be retained along Eureka Road. Efforts are underway to preserve trees, with several mature trees near Madingley Green set to be protected. Although some paths will be inaccessible, alternative routes will be provided, though not all will be step-free.

Questions/Discussions:

1. A Board member enquired about parking on St. Peter's Road and whether drivers will be given advance notice of the hoarding installation.

Response: Malcolm advised that they've collaborated with the CRE team and the caretaking team, posting notices on vehicles and conducting visits to Eurocar and Vibe. Communication efforts include messages through the text database and informing groups like the Sunflower Streets Resident Association and local schools about inaccessible routes. Coordination with the Hawks Clinic site aims to minimise disruption.

2. A Board member raised concerns about lighting on the hoarding for safety and security.

Response: Malcolm assured that lighting will be installed without compromising housing disruption.

Regarding security, a Board member suggested placing CCTV cameras due to the boarded-up space, which could attract illegal activities like drug dealing. Elaine pledged to share the concern with the Safer and Neighborhood team.

ACTION

Funday

As Madingley Green will not be available, it is likely that the CREst Funday will be held at Cambridge Gardens.

Meanwhile spaces

There was a discussion about other areas on CRE where residents might be encouraged to meet, such as the concrete areas. Could these be made more resident-friendly? A Board member asked about the provision of a bench.

ACTION

Phase 2 - Reserved Matters Planning Application

Malcolm emphasised ongoing engagement for Phase 2, aiming for maximum community involvement. While the outline planning permission broadly outlines building locations and heights, specifics like the number and type of homes are yet to be determined. Efforts are focused on designing spaces to meet community needs, including communication channels such as exhibitions and engagement with local schools like Kings Oak and King Athelstan.

	<p>Questions/Discussions:</p> <p>1. A Board member proposed including children's activities during exhibitions. Response: Malcolm confirmed that activities for children will be provided.</p> <p>2. Another Board member queried if Phase 2's design will differ from Phase 1's. Response: Malcolm explained that while Phase 2's initial stage aims to gather resident input, the planning phase will likely resemble Phase 1 in terms of building style. Feedback will be sought from residents to determine preferences.</p> <p>Pre-launch events are planned during April to gather initial feedback, with Stage 2 likely to follow after summer. By October 2024, residents may have the opportunity to visit the new blocks, subject to arrangements.</p>
7.	<p>Regeneration Update</p> <p>A Board member enquired about the progress of road naming. Semana informed the Board that outreach efforts have been initiated, with plans to engage schools for assemblies and workshops in February.</p> <p>King Athelstan, St. Joseph's, and Kings Oak are teaming up to facilitate these sessions. Additionally, participation is scheduled for the Archway coffee session. To gather input, suggestion boxes and posters will be strategically placed, including at Queen Mary Hall.</p>
8.	<p>AOB: N/A</p>
9.	<p>Next meeting will be March 27th 2024 at QMH</p>

Action	Item	By	Update
1	Refer concerns about safety around the boarded areas in Phase 2 to the Safer Neighbourhood Team	Elaine	This has been referred to the Community Safety Team in RBK and then on to the Safer Neighbourhood team.
2	Guidance from the Board on what information they would like to share with the community and the public. Board members will consider this.	Community Board	
3	Support for the three former members seeking to rejoin the	Elaine	We need greater clarity on what is expected here

	Board; suggested conducting a survey to address any resident queries.		
5	Other areas on CRE where residents might be encouraged to meet, such as the concrete areas. A Board member asked about the provision of a bench.	Semana	