

Leomansley Area Residents Association

Post-Meeting Report on Implementation Meeting with Developers, 26 May 2009

Lighting

1 Lichfield District Council (LDC) and Taylor Wimpey (TW) are working to resolve an issue with the current footpath lamps. The 3rd party firm which provides the maintenance on these lamps has refused to carry out maintenance on what they consider to be unsafe lamps. This has now moved to high priority on the list of things to do as it affects all footpath lamps on the estate.

2 Kensington Oval (KO) vandalised footpath lighting will be replaced by the large footpath lamps found on the rest of the estate. These cannot be installed until the above issue in #1 is resolved.

3 LDC will be investigating what was originally planned for lighting on the following footpaths: The lane from the pelican crossing by Christchurch Lane at the Leomansley Woods end (south) into the estate leading to Ormonds Close and then down onto Walnut Walk. And then continuing on from Walnut Walk to Chatterton Rd and then continuing on from Chatterton down along to the pond nearest Waitrose. LDC and TW recognize the need for lighting there and will carry this forward as their budget allows.

Highways

1 Taylor Wimpey acknowledge problems with the roundabouts on the estate including the Waitrose roundabout (no raised centre-piece). They will bring all roads up to Section A38 standards including researching whether this entails the need for bollards on pinch points, chevrons on the splitters on the roundabouts, signage, tactiles, dropcurbs, and raised ridges for bike/walk paths.

2 Jon Allinson, LDC, will follow up the damaged Bus stop sign by Waitrose on Whitehouse drive (side by the ponds) which has been torn down and needs re-fixing. The Bus company is responsible for fixing this problem.

3 Road drainage grates on Blakeman Way will be cleared before the water utility adopts the sewage system this summer.

4 Street lamps on Ellsmore Meadow will be installed where there are none (3 or 4 missing).

5 Drop curbs will be implemented where there are places where there should be drop kerbs such as the footpath that starts opposite Waitrose which follows the balancing pond and then crosses Walnut Walk should have drop kerbs at this point but doesn't. A general walk-through needs to be done for the whole estate.

Landscaping

1 Balancing ponds are checked weekly for good water flow by TW.

2 The area to the left of the footpath off Blakeman Way as you leave the estate going onto The Friary will be cutback by TW as it is overgrown.

3 There are still two trees missing from the 'avenue of trees' planting scheme in the Central square area of Cathedral Walk which will be replaced in November by TW.

4 TW refused to put "no ball playing" signs on the Cathedral Walk square area around where the statue will be on Cathedral Walk will be because they say they cannot enforce it.

5 The landscaping which is dead on the one half of the oval by Stonynge Place needs to be replanted. Before the replanting a sump pump will be embedded in the ground by TW to handle the flooding (sometime in June) which will enable the shrubbery and planting there to thrive.

6 Grass which is not being cut on the estate will be picked up by TW - outside of a few houses on Walnut Walk (other side of street is Whitehouse Drive - strangely addressed as one side of road is Whitehouse and other side is Walnut Walk), Collings Drive up nearby the Waitrose carpark at the south end of Cathedral Walk, etc..

Footpaths/Cycle paths

1 TW will do a walkthru of the estate and identify stretches of the public open space footpaths that have not been finished off eg the path adjacent Alesmore Meadow (the portion where Trunkfield brook runs beside it - that footpath has never had its top-coating), a portion of unfinished path just off Thacker Drive, and a portion of unfinished path on the path next to where the old TW showroom used to be off the KO/Chesterfield Rd roundabout, path from Burway Close onto Chesterfield Road stops about 3 metres from the road

2 Jon Allinson will follow up on the 20 bricks of paving have been broken, cracked and chipped by delivery vehicles on The Whytmore (Persimmon's Lisa Evans, Customer Care, has been contacted long ago).

3 TW will secure the last two benches at the end of cathedral walk near the Friary have been pulled up out of their concrete brick settings.

4 TW will implement the cycleway connection on Friary Road: timescale for implementation of cycle track required to be constructed before the occupation of any dwelling beyond 650 as required by planning condition 18 on planning permission 03/00539/FUL.

Bonds

1 There are no bonds wrt the open space on the estate. There are bonds wrt roads and roadworks. Six of the twelve are in the 12-month maintenance period.

Play Area

1 Graffiti on all of the play equipment should be reported to PC Simon Lawrence, Simon.Lawrence@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk, who will notify TW to clean it off.

Darwin Statue

1 The Darwin Statue is to be done by the Darwin Trust who is now seeking the funds for the project as their previous donor is no longer to provide funding for the statue.