

West Byfleet Neighbourhood Forum Committee Meeting with Tom Hickman at the West Byfleet Social Club on Tuesday 14th July 2015 at 7 p.m

People attending:- Tom Hickman owner of the land at West Hall.

Members of the West Byfleet Neighbourhood Forum committee:-

Sally Cantello	Penny Hoskyn
Rebecca Bradshaw	David Fisher
Stewart Dick	Emma Slaymaker
Phil Wilson	Angela Williams
Roland Nevett	Gill Duff
David Hastie	Emma Davis

Notes on this informal meeting which was proposed by Tom Hickman

There was no agenda

Tom gave a brief history of the land at West Hall, which had been owned by his company since the 1960's.

The Manor house and surrounding land, which is now a care home, had been sold off many years ago.

Tom produced a map which showed the topography of the land at West Hall, the wooded areas and the area of land that is been proposed for development if taken out of the green belt.

A few members of committee had met Tom in the latter part of last year when he had suggested that perhaps 120 homes would be built on his land.

It became very clear that the proposed 594, as required by WBC, was now the figure he was working on. Fifty percent of these homes would be affordable housing. As a developer his company would aim to build a proportion of the homes but he would look to another house-builder to participate in the project.

It is a possibility 23 acres of the ancient woodland could be open to the public this would include a pathway along the Wey Navigation. [At the moment none of this land has public access] We [the WBNF] are unsure who would manage this land. We were also aware that this development would be seen from the Dodds Lane Track which is an important natural asset to our community

There would be one entrance and exit onto the proposed housing development, along the Parvis Road, at Blackwood Close where a roundabout would be built. There would also be another entrance just for emergency vehicle.

Following on from Tom's talk there was a great deal of discussion around the table on the massive impact this development would have on our area particularly along the Parvis Road and taking into account the already proposed development next door to the West Hall land at Broadoaks where there is a proposal to build 150 homes and a school for 900 children with a 100 staff or more.

We explained to Tom there are very grave concerns about the effect his proposed development would have on our community, our schools, health care, water and sewage etc all of which we feel are working now at full capacity.

At no time did the forum committee agree to any proposals that may have been put forward by Tom, but this had been a cordial, informative and interesting meeting.

We thanked Tom for sharing with us of his plans, such as they are at the moment and we agreed to meet again in the future.

Penny Hoskyn Joint Chair WBNF

Copy to:- Jeni Jackson and Ernest Amoako at WBC Tom Hickman