Meeting of West Byfleet Neighbourhood Forum at West Byfleet Social Club on Thursday 11th February 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:
Penny Hoskyn (Joint Chair)
Sally Cantello
David fisher
Nazrin Shahbazi
Ross Goodman
Richard Thomas
David Hastie
Wade Pollard
Roland Nevett
Stuart Dick
Phil Wilson
John Banks
Cllr. Richard Wilson
Chris Dougherty

1 **Apologies for Absence**
Emma Davis, GaryElson and Pauline Hedges sent their apologies.

2 The forum introduced themselves to John Banks who has volunteered to help with publicity.

3. Minutes of last meeting –

Update Meeting with Stephen Tillman of Altitude. Altitude are very keen to involve the local communities, theyare looking at the area around the station and station approach and the road system and will see what else can be done in the village.

It is planned that there will not be a phased development. Students of Wisley to be involved in the planning of gardens. The development is hoped to start in about 2 years' time and will take about 2 years to complete.

Social and community. The Group are very pleased with the results of the questionnaire, which shows good support of the concept plan.

Cllr Richard Wilson informed the forum that Ray Morgan has now agreed up to £30,000 to replacethe broken play equipment in park. It is from the New Homes Bonus;it is through this improvement will happen very soon.

The chicanes in Camphill Road are being removed in early summer to be replaced with a pelican crossing, this work will take about a week.

4**- Grant Funding**. From a possible £8,000 we have applied and used up £5,500. A further £2,500 will be applied for on the first April 2016 first April – This will give us money for Nigel

Mc Gurk. Which includes20 % vat. which cannot be claimed back. The forum will try and get funding from elsewhere. Any money from Locality not used by August of this year will have to be returned to Locality.

Meeting with Resident Associations. This was held at Byfleet Village Hall and the RA were very supportive of the forums and indicated that they would be able to support financially if needed. At Byfleet village hall, RA very good and very supportive, indicated that they would like to support in a financial sense if needed.

5. Draft plan

Comments from Altitude were discussed and also changes to make the wording more appropriate.
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Car Parking – The Developers feel they have not got to supply car parking because we are close to a railway station. Some local authorities do allow flats and homes to be built near railways without car parking available.

Shoppers car parking should be for shoppers only. On Saturday a car park scheme should be fair to all. Woodlands car park has started to offer all day parking to businesses in WB for 75p a day. At the moment this is for traders only. Some justifications for additional parking included in the plan. The Health Centrehas now employed a security guard because the parking is currently so bad for patients and doctors in current situation.

Therefore, it was thought that the developers should increase any proposed car parking and any commercial development within the business centre should continue to provide the same proportion area of car parking spaces as are now present.

Retail requirements, include all A1 toA5 uses. Problem may occur if we try to restrict use, more retail space – if it was to remove class a1 – shops willbecomevacant

Most of sheer house is expected to be flats and not offices

Most people think– the development should be carried out as soon aspossible. But if it is done all at once, many family businesses will lose out as they will have nowhere to go to trade for the period of the development. Altitude want to do all in one go., with the site to be excavated to low levels, thereforeit cannot be a phased development. Temporary accommodation is not viable. Library, post office etc., will need to be rehomed. Long leases can be useful for some traders who will need to come to an arrangement with altitude. It is imported that residents and retailers continue coming into West Byfleet. It is thought that if the banks close even temporarily they will not return after the development is complete.

Height requirements. Our councillors do not support a minimum of 5 stories, and it should be more open ended. Altitude have said that the WBC have indicated that 5-6 stories, and will provide basement parking, they will have to adhere to the SPD document and the neighbourhood forum plan. In the end they will go as high as the planning office will let them go.

Residents are not in favour of putting a height restriction. There were objections against t the ugliness and style of the building, but not against the height of the building and from 21 people, 13 said no higher than the present, and 5 wanted it lower, to fit in with surrounding area.
Words to the effectthat an attractive building, will enhance the rest of West Byfleet.

6.. **Suggested date for meeting with WBC** - 2 weeks after they have seen the neighbourhood draft, plan. 17 or 22nd march in the afternoon is the best day for members of the forums to meet.

7. AOB. **Broadoaks**, amended planning application, the green belt area in south-east corner will be the subject of a future planning application, and all the highway changes will be in place before this further application will be applied for.
The highway changes will be shown on the WBC planning portal. School is in first development. Drainage issues are still an ongoing concern for the site. In front of planning committee in April 2016

D**ate of next meeting 29th March 2016 at West Byfleet Social Club at 7.30pm**