Notes of the meeting of the Danescourt Community Association, held on 20.03.23

Present:

Edgar Gibbs, Chair

Ray Jenkins, Treasurer

Councillor Sean Driscoll

Councillor Peter Huw Jenkins

Jessica Clement, Transport for Wales (Community Engagement)

Dylan Philips (Project Manager, Amey)

Kevin, Transport for Wales

21 Residents of Danescourt

Lanks Hill Footbridge Replacement

Planning consent for the new bridge was not required. The replacement was under "permitted development".

Bridge design is standard, but on being pressed, the views of the local residents may be taken into account at a meeting to be held Tuesday 21.03.23 (now Thursday 23.03.23). Councillor Sean Driscoll requested that he be able to attend.

Photos of different bridge designs were tabled by Dylan from Amey as well as residents.

The new bridge to be installed on 26th August 2023.

Dissatisfaction was expressed by the residents at the way the whole process and lack of consultation has been undertaken.

The issue of vulnerable people crossing a 27m long bridge between 1.8m high solid sides was of serious concern as no-one could not see them or hear any shouts if for example they were being mugged. This is a H&S issue which could be confirmed with a Safety Audit. Residents want more visibility.

The bridge design team will email their response to the residents concerns to the Chair of the DCA and the Councillors which will be put on the DCA website.

There will be access to a link on the website to the bridge design, for people to make comments, but the view was that it was probably too late.

Mathew Walk "one cut" proposal

Councillor Sean Driscoll outlined the proposal and thanked Caroline, a resident from Danescourt living on Mathew walk, for organising a petition and obtaining nearly 600 on Facebook, Helen Stewart said responses signatures rejecting the proposal.

Other views were put forward and it seemed to be agreed that the majority of the grass will remain cut but some small areas will be left to encourage wildlife. The question was raised "was it cost cutting?" The Councillor responded it was to promote wildlife in particular bees.

Sewage and Sewerage from new development Questions to Welsh Water

The Chair read out the questions to Welsh Water and the responses received, which it was agreed were less than helpful. These are included below.

1. **Where is the sewage from the already constructed new housing is going?**

The discharge points for new properties at the Plasdwr development are set out in the Drainage Strategy submitted by the developer – please refer to condition 24 of planning permission 14/02733/MJR

2. **Would it be possible to send me a map showing builder specific development by development where the sewage is going currently in the main sewerage system?**

Please can you clarify to which development you are referring to? If you are referring to the Plasdwr development, please see above. For any other developments please provide an indication of which developments you are asking for and we can consider whether we have the information available to them on the points of connection to the public sewer.

3. **Also how many more houses can be built before the current main sewerage reaches capacity?**

We do not hold this information; however, we can advise that as part of the planning process and in our role as a Statutory Consultee we will consider the impact of new development discharges onto our local sewerage system on a case by case basis. We will support new development where capacity is available without causing risk or detriment to the environment or the service, we provide to existing customers in the area.