RESIDENTS’ ASSOCIATION for BEULAH ROAD

Brief note of meeting held on Monday, 16 June 2008 at 40 Beulah Road concerning the Medway Depot redevelopment, Grosvenor Bridge

Present: Ben Johnson, Fairview New Homes, Developers
Andy Johnson, Green Issues Communications, Public Relations
Stuart Slatter, Planning Potential, Planners
Mark Cooper, Landscape Architect
Barbara Dike, Hamiltons, Architects
Stuart Anderson
Tom Carmichael
Tim Dack Residents’ Association for Beulah Road
Stephanie Jackson
Philip Whitbourn

Ben Johnson opened the meeting by explaining that Fairview was engaging in a series of public consultations before submitting a planning application.

Barbara Dike then gave a power-point presentation on the scheme, which, to an extent, had been based upon the provisions of the adopted Local Development Plan. The presentation included images illustrating the skyline in this part of Tunbridge Wells. The massing generally was considered acceptable, although some concern was expressed about the height and appearance of the six-storied Block D.

The meeting concluded with a presentation by the Landscape Architect, who showed a number of plans. Of especial interest to the Association was the entrance to the Grosvenor Recreation Ground from Quarry Road / Lower St James Road. Although it was noted that the entrance way would also serve as an access to the car park under Block D, the proposal was considered to be a great improvement on the present unsatisfactory situation. It was pointed out that some form of hoarding was likely to be required during the construction period.

The opportunity to study the scheme and to offer comments before a formal planning application was submitted, was much appreciated.

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