

# **GARRATT BUSINESS PARK PUBLIC MEETING**

## **THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> March AT 09.30 AM**

held at Malcolm Ryan Studios

### **MEETING NOTES**

#### **ATTENDEES**

##### **BID BOARD**

David Guyan (Mr Carpet)  
Derek Smith (Holman & Williams)  
Keith Stringer (M & S Supplies)  
Barbara Lascelles (Lascelles Antiques)-BOARD ADVISOR  
Judith Roscoe- BID Co-ordinator

##### **BUSINESSES**

Bruce Maskell - Maskold Ltd  
Kim Maskell – Maskold Ltd  
Sue Oglaza Boldfort  
Richard Roberts– MR Studios  
Ian Eglin – Compass Glass  
Richard Hatton- Concord Lifting  
Alex Ruston – Precision Lighting & Remote Controlled Lighting  
Matt Anderson – Velvet Living  
Steve Novak – Cattle Grid  
Al Macleod – Cattle Grid  
Joe Ruston – Remote Controlled Lighting  
Michael Hall – Delta House Studios  
Stephen Mercer -TUK Ltd  
Joe Hawkins – Cappagh

##### **POLICE**

Sam Samiullah  
David Porter

#### **APOLOGIES**

Mahesh Rawal -Board Member  
Lorinda Freint- Board Member  
TUK Ltd - Stephen Mercer  
Tony Sperrin – Delta

#### **NOTES OF THE MEETING**

##### **1. Wimbledon Stadium**

David and Judith reported back on their meeting with Galliard Homes who are the site developers, who will be taking over the site in April 2017, with an expectation of starting demolition in August. They hope to start the construction period, with piling, in January 2018. The demolition stages will be 'relaxed' and 'muck away'. There will be no access to the site from Riverside Road until the 'north-south' road is constructed and even then they may still use Plough Lane. Following demolition, the site will comprise two developments, the football stadium and the housing development. We have asked for a site plan (although it is available on the Merton planning site) & shall be asking for contact details of the demolition contractors plus a contact for both development sites.

Joe from Cappagh says that there has been contact made from Galliard to Cappagh regarding the demolition 'muck away'

## **2. Parking**

There was a long discussion regarding parking. Parking space is already scarce on the site and the fear that people who are not working on the Estate will try to park here after the current external (mainly St Georges hospital staff) facility to park on the stadium site ceases is significant. Derek will inform the BID Board how his scheme within Riverside Yard works, and the BID Board will investigate the implementation of a windscreen sticker system. This would show which cars are owned by workers on GBP and therefore enable businesses on the estate to identify those who are parking here but not working here. Although such stickers would have no legal power it should make those who are parking here 'unentitled' to at least feel uncomfortable. There will need to be signs put up about the new system, which will need to be carefully worded but along the lines of 'THIS IS A PRIVATE ESTATE & PARKING IS CONTROLLED' The stickers or 'permits' will need to be ordered, printed, numbered & distributed, so they can be traced back to each business. The question about how many such stickers will be allocated per business is still for consideration by the BID Board. There is reluctance to put a personal mobile number on each sticker but the Company name must be on it. A spreadsheet will need to be prepared with details of business, car registration, name of employee & 'permit' number.

## **3. Gates**

There have been several recent problems with the gates near Riverside Yard, now referred to as the 'main' gates. One Sunday in February, the keypad didnt work, someone damaged the gate trying to make it open and it cost £1000 to repair it. The other gate was working but wasnt tried. The history is that the business which installed these gates went bankrupt and when City Gates took over their management they advised us that the pallisade style gates were less suitable for us, but it would have been costly to replace them. There was a meeting between the BID Board & City Gates on 8<sup>th</sup> March when several options were explained. The BID Board await further information from City Gates on these options. However we do need to ensure that there are clear signs explaining that there is another gate which can be used, (between Associated Pipework & Lavender Investments) & the BID Board will consider employing a key holder service.

## **4. LIGHTS**

The current lights were installed 10 years ago by Wandsworth Council as part of special support for the Estate which is no longer available. Several issues have been experienced over the last couple of months, relating to the electricity supply tripping, and the lights themselves being corroded. The lights have been 'refurbished' and are now working. It is important that if any businesses notice that lights are not working, they should report this to Judith.

## **5. ROAD RESURFACING**

The project to renovate that part of Riverside Road between Ois Removals and Burke & Wills is ongoing. However due to lack of time by the volunteer board & Judith it is now being managed by an agent who knows the Estate well. Several other questions about how this work will be carried out have been identified and not yet answered. The road will be renovated in the near future.

## **6. FASTER BROADBAND**

Faster Broadband is currently being used by over 20 businesses on the Estate. FBB was introduced onto the Estate in 2015 when a Government grant was available for installing the infrastructure; this is no longer available. The arrangements for the management of the scheme have also been changed from Exponential E to Bongo and they are working well. New businesses can access FBB but only on an annual basis. The BID Board expect to meet the FBB managers in May to discuss the possibility of additional businesses joining in late Summer. We now know that another 3 businesses are interested in joining.

## **7 GBP WEBSITE**

The GBP website has lots of useful information about the Estate, including a list of all the businesses, regular news updates and a webmail connection. There is some updating necessary, especially of the businesses plus the webmail addressed. We would also like communications from the Estate to include Facebook and Twitter. When asked at the meeting, it appears that Cattle Grid, Precision Lighting, Velvet Living, Concord, Cappagh, Malcolm Ryan Studios & Wimbledon Arts Studios are already using Facebook and Twitter, and the BID Board would like to hear from others who are. We are also considering making our website Mobile enabled.

## **8. BID LEVY 2017/18**

The BID Levy bills will be sent out by the Council in April. Will all businesses please endeavour to pay at this time, as when the Council send out reminders, the BID has to pay an additional £10 per invoice.

## **9 BUSINESS RATES 2017-2020**

Business Rates and the RV of all businesses have been reviewed and revised in 2000, 2005, 2010 and now in 2017. This was scheduled to be revised in 2010 but was delayed by the Government. It is unknown whether the next revaluation will be in 2020 or later. Many businesses on the Estate have seen a sharp rise in their RV and thus will have an increase in their business rates in April 2017. Business Rates are managed by the Government and Wandsworth Council have no influence on them, though they have to collect the payments. Judith obtained some information from the Council and a list of expected new rates was posted up at the meeting. If businesses are unaware of what they will be asked to pay in April 2017, they should contact [brates@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:brates@wandsworth.gov.uk)

## **10 CRIME & SAFETY**

There have been a couple of incidents recently involving the theft of a tailgate from one business, and a bicycle from another. These have been captured by CCTV and investigations are on going. There are now two police constables working on the Earlsfield policing team who both attended this meeting. They suggested that the BID consider joining Facewatch. Tooting Town Centre have done so. Facewatch stores images and accessing this information is a relatively quick process. The local police have also joined Facewatch which is a local community website. Judith has the email addresses of both policemen if you need to contact them, plus attends the Earlsfield SNT regular meetings (next one - 4<sup>th</sup> April) . If you experience any criminal activity it is important that you let Judith know so that the BID BOARD is aware of the broader scenario.

## **11. NEXT GBP OPEN MEETING**

This is currently planned for Thursday 19 October 2017