

Appendix Two

Knowles House Redevelopment- Residents Consultation 18th April 2017

A drop in session took place in the dining room of Knowles House between 3.00pm and 7.00 pm to discuss the proposed redevelopment of Knowles House, prior to submission of the planning application. Four banners showing the proposals were on display.



Present

Laurence Coker, Jon Burgoyne, Tim Gray, Seun Odunlami, Tom Reynolds, Patrick Devlin, Matt Hornsby, Gordon Cooper

Main issues/concerns raised by residents;

1. Construction traffic. A lot of schoolchildren use the footpath to access nearby schools. Residents had concerns the construction traffic would be a safety issue for schoolchildren in particular. This had been an issue with the construction of the skate park.
2. More general concerns about the disruption caused by construction traffic.
3. Residents were concerned about construction noise and the hours the site would operate
4. Residents felt their concerns over the skate park had not been listened to. There are no toilet facilities or rubbish bins provided, which has led to a deterioration of the area.
5. Residents reported that the café in the park was well used.
6. Residents did not want to see community facilities used for a youth club

7. One resident suggested the need for “stay and play” baby facilities, similar to Curzon Street. Free childcare facilities.
8. One resident asked if the premises would be gated. She felt a gated development may reduce crime.
9. Boundary treatment needed careful consideration. Residents did not want something that would encourage children to sit on the wall and congregate.
10. One residents asked if traffic calming measures could be introduced in the street
11. One resident was pleased to see the building had no balconies (other than possibly some balconies to communal areas of TA). She felt balconies would just become “smoking balconies”. She felt we should provide some covered facility for smokers, otherwise they would just congregate around the entrance porch.

Gordon Cooper 19th April 2017