

Tariff Community Involvement Programme Update

January - March 2016

This document summarises our Community Involvement programme, and sets out some of the issues and interests we are hearing from residents in the Eastern Expansion Area (EEA), Tattenhoe Park (TP) and the Western Expansion Area (WEA).

112 people
came to the
Tattenhoe
Park Fun Day

Highlights From This Quarter

Community Engagement

- Built links with developers and agencies operating in WEA.
- Ran a community fun day for residents of Tattenhoe Park, in partnership with the Shenley Brook End and Tattenhoe Park Parish Council and Watling Vale Partnership.
- Supported a community fun day in Broughton Pavilion, run in partnership with the Brooklands Community Minister and local residents.
- Ran a 'pop up' engagement event at Brooklands Farm School Campus 2.



Grants

- 2 grants were made in this quarter, to the value of £550. One grant paid for an activity day run by the Walton Churches Partnership and local residents in the EEA. 206 people attended, lots of connections were made and the group is now planning further activities for the May and October half terms. The other grant helped the Broughton and Brooklands Community Connectors to fund the launch of a residents group aimed at building community cohesion. This is also a resident-led group.

Sector Wide Support and Information

- 479 subscribers to our Growth Gossip newsletter
- We delivered support to community projects including Friends of Hummingbirds, and support to a project being led by a volunteer at the school to get some community defibrillators installed. We also wrote a presentation about the lessons we learned when working with new communities which was shared in a regional Girl Guide event.

'We love the family fun days as it's a great way to make new friends. There is always something new for the kids to learn and do. It's a highlight of our holidays'

Mum of 2, children under 5

Western Expansion Area (WEA)

What have we been hearing about the Western Expansion Area?

We recorded 21 dialogues over the last quarter about the WEA. These were mainly collected through door knocking and via conversations with developers and agencies operating in the area. The most commonly recorded 'keywords' for the dialogues we collected last quarter were:

21
dialogues



Homes - Similar to last quarter we had comments about the lack of affordable homes in the area. Residents also commented on how quickly properties were selling. We made contact with all the developers on site, and have explored ways we can work together to benefit residents. Bovis (on area 10) ran a community networking event so residents could meet their (prospective)

neighbours, and these were well received by residents. We would like to encourage other developers to do the same as we feel this would be a good opportunity for residents to find out about their area and provide positive engagement for the developers.

Community Activity - We have been working with the local Father, Ross Northing, based in Stony Stratford as he was keen to coordinate an arrivals door knocking programme to welcome new residents. We have provided him with literature about our Community Involvement programme and meet with him for updates. We also did our own door knocking and spoke to residents, many of who are keen to make links with their neighbours and start community activity. We are in touch with a few ladies who would like to set up a community coffee morning and hope to have something up and running soon. Residents ideas so far include a coffee morning, pub nights, nursery provision, street parties and after school activities for children (very similar early activities to the EEA). Residents were keen to hear about the temporary community spaces as plans develop.

Future plans - Residents were keen to find out about plans and projected timescales for other developments in the area - particularly when and where underpasses will be located, when and where parks would be, and what shops would be in the local centre. We shared the information we have with residents, agencies and developers.

Broughton Gate and Brooklands (EEA)

What have we been hearing from residents in Broughton Gate and Brooklands?

The most commonly recorded 'keywords' for dialogues recorded last quarter were:

Libraries (25), Access to support (22) and Community activities (21)

However it should be noted that we have been doing some intensive engagement with residents in the area about their experience of children's centres, libraries and youth services which will have influenced the keywords most recorded.

The main concern of residents continued to be around traffic on Fen Street during peak times. There are concerns that as housing increases, the traffic will worsen. Other concerns included being able to access Brooklands Park during the winter (as residents said it flooded), and residents wanting to know timescales for the Brooklands Square development.

We spoke to a number of residents who showed an interest in volunteering, and our engagement team have linked them with potential opportunities in the community.

Residents told us the importance of feeling valued as a volunteer - some have had less than positive experiences when they felt their input hasn't been recognised which is causing them to stop volunteering. We are exploring ways to support best practice in volunteer recruitment and management for community organisations.

We had very positive feedback around our Community Accelerator Programme (CAP). One lady who attended the workshops went on to run a training session on 'inflatables' (bouncy castles) for the community; one lady got a job at the school, and all attendees reported an increase in their skills and confidence in running community events. We also supported the PTA to explore funding options for a community defibrillator, and have begun early conversations about a potential arts project in the community, led by residents.

140
dialogues



Tattenhoe Park & Kingsmead South

What have we been hearing from residents in Tattenhoe Park?

The most commonly recorded 'keywords' for dialogues recorded last quarter were:

Roads - Parking remained the major concern of residents in Tattenhoe Park. Residents have repeatedly complained to both the Community Mobiliser, School and MK Council about the poor parking and lack of safe crossing points around Priory Rise School, causing particular issues at drop off and pick up times. One resident has suggested creating a petition to get action taken to resolve this issue, and there has been a lot posted on Facebook. We shared the information we had about who to contact and told residents that the school and TVP are involved in finding solutions to this issue.

Community Safety and Anti Social Behaviour - There were comments about antisocial behaviour in the park off Hayton Way....

"cars park there when it is dark and drug paraphernalia is left behind".

Residents have identified litter as an issue in that area, and have noticed that empty canisters (which they think are 'legal highs') are often found there. Residents want to know what action they could take to resolve this. Our CM advised residents to contact 101 and we have told the Parish about this issue.

Community activities - Josan worked with the Shenley Brook End and Tattenhoe Park Parish Council, Watling Vale Partnership and Priory Rise School to run a fun day for residents. 112 people attended and feedback was excellent. We met a few ladies who were keen to organise a street party and will support them to get something set up. We also talked to them about the New Communities Fund and will support them to apply should they wish to.

We plan to run an engagement event in Tattenhoe Park in May half term in partnership with other local agencies.

12
dialogues



Impact Case Study: CAP

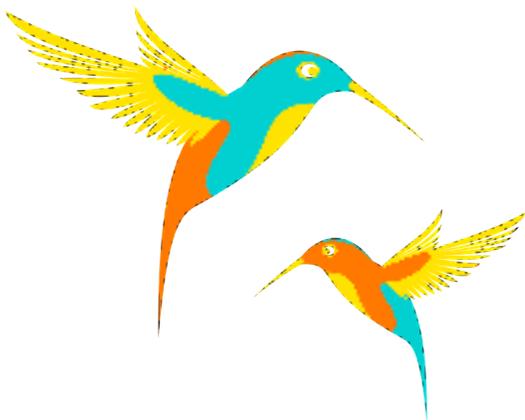
Parents group set up to support Hummingbirds Children's Centre (EEA)

We have been supporting a group to develop, Parents of Hummingbirds, that will support and influence the running of Hummingbirds Children's Centre in Broughton.

The main aim of the group is to raise funds for the Children's Centre through events and activities and once more established, will be able to raise funds through funding applications to support the work of the Centre. The members of this group may also be able to help influence their local service, making the service the best it can be for the local community.

We engaged this group through the MK Councils Community and Cultural Service Review which explored alternative ways of supporting children's centres, libraries and youth provision. Through this initial engagement the group was linked with the Community Mobiliser for the Expansion Area (Josan) and our Support and Development Team.

Community Action: MK supported the group's Christmas event for fundraising where they were able to raise £165.00 and since then have given advice on setting up/formalising a group, promoting their events, and about available relevant training. This has helped them develop their ideas and plan future events.



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