

**Consultation on Proposed Amendments to the New Monks Farm Allocation within the
Proposed Submission Adur Local Plan 2014**

Meeting for residents of Withy Patch Caravan Site
9th December 2015
Withy Patch

Attendance:

- Moira Hayes, Jane Proctor - Adur and Worthing Councils
- Andrew Smith and 2 other Representatives - Home Space (management company)
- Emma Nuttall - Friends, Families and Travellers
- The Site Manager
- 3 Residents

Moira Hayes explained that the proposed changes to the Submission Adur Local Plan 2014 show the indicative layout of the proposed roundabout moved eastwards to a more central location. This would impact on the existing Withy Patch site which would be relocated southwards and slightly westwards. This relocation would provide an opportunity to improve the site and facilities, address flood risk and enable some limited future expansion to meet identified needs. MH went through the questions set out in the consultation leaflet.

Comments

- Residents would prefer to retain the existing layout on any new site – in a line
- The provision of larger pitches would enable additional vans to be located for expanding families.
- There is a preference for baths rather than showers in the new amenity blocks
- Reference was made to the Caravan Act and the need to ensure adequate space between the caravans.
- Concern was expressed at the fly-tipping that occurs and a request was made for security cameras to be installed.
- One resident expressed concern that if facilities were improved the rent would increase. If this was comparable to a Council house, then the preference would be to move to bricks and mortar – would this be an option?
- Would the caravans be re-sited at the developers cost? If not, the costs of moving, including plumbing in etc. should be factored in.
- If a new primary school is provided as part of the New Monks Farm development, would the children from Withy Patch be within its catchment as it would be the closest school?
- A play area would be welcomed – could be funding from other sources (Tesco was mentioned) to provide play equipment.
- Would the caravans be linked to mains drainage?

Some issues relating to planned maintenance were raised; Home Space will forward relevant queries onto the Council.

It was explained that the consultation lasts until 4th January 2016; residents can write, email or phone the Policy Team if they have any further comments to make. Alternatively comments can be made via Emma Nuttall or the site manager.

Residents were reminded that a further meeting was arranged for later that day (4.30 – 6pm) at Shoreham Airport, for anyone unable to attend the morning meeting.