

Nansledan Community Association (“NCA”)

Nansledan Project Update Meeting held by Duchy Team 4th September 2018 at 6pm St Columb Minor Small Church Hall

Chair: Ben Murphy MRI - Estate Director - Duchy of Cornwall
Peter James - Project Manager - Duchy of Cornwall
Tracey Nicholas - Nansledan Project Administrator – Duchy of Cornwall

Attendees: Nansledan Community (Residents and Business owners)

On Tuesday 4th September 2019 the Nansledan Project Team, headed by Mr Ben Murphy, held an open meeting for the residents and businesses of Nansledan to provide an update on the building programme and project.

The meeting was very well attended with approximately 70 local residents along with business owners, a local councillor (Louis Gardner) and the new Methodist Minister for Newquay (Clare Anderson) also in attendance.

The meeting was opened by Ben and along with Peter they gave an excellent presentation on how the estate was developing and what was on the horizon. The presentation included updates on subject where residents had raised concerns. The following is a short summary of the topics discussed and issues raised by the audience at the Q&A session.

Skol Nansledan Development - The 14-classroom school will cater for around 420 children and is due to open in September 2019. The steel frame for the school has been put into position and work is well underway to enable the team to deliver on target. Here's hoping for a dry winter to help the developers, (Midas Construction) achieve their aim.

The school will be within walking/cycling distance from the Nansledan Estate with new cycle routes being created to help reduce car usage and encourage healthier lifestyles within the community.

Childrens play areas and parks (green space) - Firstly, Peter apologised that the area assigned as a temporary play area for children during the summer period did not materialise, this was due to a number of factors. However we were advised that work will be starting shortly on a Toddlers play area near to the new orchards space at the bottom end of Kosti Veur. The aim is to have it ready some time in December/January. There will be more play areas as the development progresses but Peter also mentioned that the plan is to deliver a larger Community Recreation Ground adjacent to the new school at the end of 2019 early 2020. This area will include sports fields, play equipment and a Pavilion. This will be a welcome addition to the local community as we already have an established social scene which includes a weekly football training session for the budding Beckhams of Nansledan.

Building ethos - During the presentation Ben made mention of HRH the Duke of Cornwall's drive to use locally sourced building materials and there is evidence of this across the estate. Mention was also made of a possible move away from the wood-burning stoves in smaller homes and a shift towards a new style of roof slate allowing solar energy to be incorporated into the build. This is a shift in thinking and one which I believe has a positive future. A pilot project is being delivered on the Morrish development and, all being well, it may be rolled out on South facing homes across the site in future.

At the end of the main presentation Ben Murphy reminded the audience of the open invitation for residents to attend an exhibition being held by all three developers in the commercial Units. Residents have the opportunity to see the new design plans for the next phase of the Development. The exhibition takes place on 13th September between 2 and 7pm. Posters are dotted around the Estate with the detail.

Issues raised from the floor at the Q&A session

Litter/Dog bins - an update was provided by Peter James advising the meeting that the Duchy has purchased a number of bins in the short term. These will be strategically placed around the Estate near to Green space and walking routes. The longer term management of the bins is still on going however in the short term the emptying of the bins will fall to the Estate Management Team, Blenheims and Newquay Community Orchard.

There was also a discussion around the general tidiness of Nansledan with concern raised regarding litter being deposited or carried in the wind around Nansledan. The audience were reassured by Ben and Peter that the developers had been tasked to speak with the workman about littering. However it was also reiterated that we all take a vital role in ensuring our immediate areas are kept tidy and clear of litter where possible.

Parking – concerns were raised about inappropriate parking across the Estate. It was agreed that parking is a generic problem in all housing areas. Everything is being done to try to lessen the disruption caused. It was echoed by many of the audience that we have a duty to self police our parking habits to ensure we utilise our own spaces. Councillor Gardiner raised a concern around the planning applications put forward to the local council and that he believed that there had been little consultation around parking spaces and access through the narrow streets for emergency services.

Ben Murphy confirmed that all road designs had to prove they can be tracked by emergency and refuse vehicles before planning approval is granted. Ben also confirmed a number of briefing meetings had in fact taken place between the Duchy and Newquay Town Council in which unfortunately the councillor had not been in attendance. Ben also stated that more meetings were to take place and that Mr Gardner was more than welcome to attend and discuss the concerns he has raised. Bus stops – concern was raised from the floor about the lack of bus stops adjacent to the Estate on the Main route to Quantrill Downs. Peter James advises that there

are on going discussions and plans to put in two new bus stops with Island crossings nearby to allow greater access to public transport and access to the estate.

Post box – A discussion took place regarding Nansledan having a post box. Peter James advises that he has already been in communication with Royal Mail and that it is an on going issue which he is looking for support from the Nansledan Community Association to help lobby for the post box. The Chair of the NCA also stated that she had written to Royal Mail but had yet to receive a response. Help was offered to jointly approach the matter.

Overall the meeting was a great success with lots of positive feedback coming from the floor. The meeting closed at approximately 8pm with a vote of thanks given to Ben Murphy and his team.