

CRESSINGHAM DESIGN FORUM: CRESSINGHAM GARDENS ESTATE

MEETING SUMMARY – 3rd September 2018

1- Discussion points:

- 1.1 An overview was provided on the original design intent outlined by Ted Hollamby for the open spaces and landscape at Cressingham Gardens and where the Design Team had identified areas which worked well and areas which weren't achieving what was intended.
- 1.2 A brief overview was provided of the tree survey and an explanation of how trees are given a grading based on their condition / longevity. It was made clear to attendees that the current tree survey diagram presented does not preclude which trees would be retained or removed but that it acts as information that is useful in informing the design process.
- 1.3 Accessibility was discussed at length with resident attendees indicating that at present many of the surfaces are slippery when wet across the estate and there are many stairs, walkways and paths that are felt to be dangerous.
- 1.4 Some residents occasionally use the outdoor spaces for barbecues or gatherings but this was only occasional
- 1.5 There are currently lots of dead ends, inefficient places that lead to wasted / underutilised space. There are also issues of many narrow alleyways which aren't overlooked so no natural surveillance which can enable to anti-social behaviour.
- 1.6 There was discussion about the management for existing trees in poor condition not being undertaken and self-sown plants / trees not being maintained – lots of plants can be blown in from the park which are a concern.
- 1.7 Need to link any community garden/rain garden or communal spaces with existing schemes which will ensure a longevity of maintenance for the spaces if possible.
- 1.8 There was recognition that there was no real play area on the site – the area by the tennis table was not suitable for ball games. A designated play area would be welcomed.
- 1.9 There needs to be better distinction / definition between public space and community space or semi-public spaces versus private in the future estate.
- 1.10 Security of spaces across the estate was discussed and it should be considered from the outset – CCTV should be thought about within the design as well as appropriate lighting.



2- Actions:

- 2.1 Provide a copy of the appropriate presentation slides on the project website for residents who were unable to attend.
- 2.2 Design Team to consider all of the points raised by residents in any design progression for the open space and landscape. Further resident engagement on this topic will be required to ensure the various strands of discussion are covered.
- 2.3 Explore the potential of discussing sustainability/energy as a future Design Forum topic.
- 2.4 Communicate in high level some of the discussion had at this Design Forum and outline what the next topic will be through the next community newsletter when the appropriate stage is reached in the programme.