

G-BUG Meeting Minutes

Purpose of Meeting:	Meeting with G-BUG to discuss Weyside Urban Village cycling proposals
Prepared by:	Maryam Shakiba
Place of Meeting:	Microsoft Teams
Date/Time:	26/08/2020 16:00
Project Reference:	18179

Attendees:

**Maryam Shakiba (Markides Associates), Matthew Hunter (Markides Associates)
Nigel Burke (G-BUG), Doug Clare (G-BUG)**

Item	Description	Action
1	Overview	
	MS provided an overview of Markides Associates and DG provided overview of G-BUG. MS continued to provide an overview of the development's cycling proposals.	
	Meeting was opened to questions and comment, which were brought up in relation to each slide.	
	G-BUG representatives in overall terms are happy with the approach taken by Markides Associates to promote cycling and are pleased with the overall strategy. However, cautioned that the 'devil is in the detail' and there is a need to avoid a 'cycling island'.	
2	Sustainable Movement Strategy – Cycling	
	G-BUG asked about delivery timescales. MH confirmed that properties would be delivered between 2023-2033 under current timescales proposed	
	MH stated that infrastructure type work could be put in as early as possible due to funding from the Housing Infrastructure Fund.	
	G-BUG asked how many houses would be delivered. MH confirmed approximately 1500 houses. The site will be approximately 2/3 residential, with the top 1/3 of the site for industrial use.	
	Elements such as odour will be environmentally assessed as part of the development.	
3	On-Site Cycling Proposals	
	G-BUG requested that crossings would be designed with minimising delays for cyclists in mind, in line with LTN 1/20.	Noted
	Scope for a bike shop at the mobility hub was raised.	Noted

DC suggested installing a BMX/pump track as one of the recreational areas. Funding options could be sourced from Guildford Philanthropy.

Markides to discuss with architects (JTP)/ landscape architects (BMD)

G-BUG asked for clarification on bi-directional route. MH confirmed it would be 3-3.5m wide on one side of the road.

G-BUG highlighted the 4m wide cycle path alongside Spectrum, which provides some of the best cycling facilities in Guildford.

G-BUG highlighted the route should be 3m minimum and not shared with pedestrians. MH confirmed this would be the case.

DC raised the role of scooters in future transport modes, stating that scooters, cyclists and pedestrians can coexist.

Noted

4 Proposed Cycle Connections to the Surrounding Area

G-BUG highlighted that the towpath across from the proposed river crossing is very muddy. Also enquired whether it can join the NCN 223. Also highlighted the importance of it linking up with a useful route.

Noted

G-BUG asked whether the towpath can be tarmacked.

Markides Associates to look into

The towpath near Stoke Lock and towards Woking Road was also highlighted as needing improvement.

Noted

G-BUG stated that a second river crossing with proper crossing facilities for cyclists is essential. This would connect the route to Burpham and Send.

Noted

It was recognised that while tarmac may not be allowed in Riverside Park, raised footpaths can be designed that shed water either way. These must be built in a way that can be maintained.

The possibility of lighting was raised by G-BUG, however both parties recognised that Surrey Wildlife Trust/National Trust would not allow it.

5 Proposed Cycling Improvements in the Surrounding Area

G-BUG requested the slide to be edited to not show the London Road segment of the NCN 223 as a greenway.

Changed

G-BUG asked whether the PROW north of Spectrum can be turned into a cycle route.

Markides Associates to look into

G-BUG asked where the cycle route running along the south side of the site would finish. MH stated that it would lead into the adjacent SANG, the cycleways for which are currently being designed.

<p>G-BUG raised the Walnut Tree Close GBC proposal, which would turn the road into a one-way northbound system. G-BUG is in favour of the scheme, but it needs wider support to ensure it happens. G-BUG requested that MA take a clear stance in pushing for the scheme to be set in place. G-BUG also said that if this was delivered, cycle lanes on Woodbridge Road wouldn't be needed.</p>	<p>Markides Associates to look into</p>
<p>G-BUG asked whether connecting the site with the College Link has been discussed. MS stated that it had been looked into, however a continuous link from Stoke Crossroads to Guildford College had not seemed feasible. G-BUG suggested speaking to SCC contacts to get latest updates on this.</p>	<p>G-BUG to provide contact details for SCC officer</p>
<p>G-BUG asked to include routes to Sainsburys and local schools etc in the Travel Plan.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>G-BUG asked that the toucan crossing reference be changed to say "safe and convenient crossing", reflecting the broader LTN 1/20 guidance.</p>	<p>Changed</p>
<p>G-BUG gave feedback that improvements to the pavement on Woking Road to the A25 would be welcome. As well as improving the connection from Guildford to Woking.</p>	<p>Markides Associates to look into</p>