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Ceres Blocks, Mill Park – Pocket Park Lighting

It has been suggested that there should be improved external lighting to the pocket parks of the residential Ceres blocks on Mill Park, to help improve the lighting scheme of the areas.

Tenders have been requested for the current lighting scheme to extend into the pocket parks of the Ceres Blocks, Mill Park. Work on these improvements is due early 2018.



Mill Park – Improvements

Landscape architects have redesigned Mill Park to improve it for the wide variety of people expected to use it. The idea is to create an urban park for people to enjoy in different ways instead of the current design of open grass areas.

Tenders have gone out to contractors and funding will be provided by CB1 developers Brookgate. Works on this area is expected to start next spring once Hill has completed the aftercare period following their remedial work to the existing lawn, which needed to be replaced due to shortfalls in the initial construction.

This work is not service chargeable and will be supported by Brookgate.



CB1 is the regeneration of the Station Road area of Central Cambridge, focused on creating an exciting mixed used community, in one of the most exciting cities in the UK.

The development is more than halfway to completion and has already transformed a run down and unwelcoming environment into a vibrant community with state of the art workplaces, homes and open spaces, shops and restaurants. **CB1 Community** has been set up to continue growing the community and cohesion for all those who live, work and play in the area of the CB1, Cambridge. The purpose is to provide updates and useful information on what is going on in the local area. This will be in the way of a regular bulletin and the new website www.cb1community.org.uk launching in February 2018.

Key Events

FOOD PARK
Every Friday
12:00 noon – 2:00 pm
Outside Meade House
Mill Park

WEBSITE LAUNCH LUNCH
Saturday 10 February 2018
12:00 noon – 2:00 pm
Outside Meade House
Mill Park

COMMUNITY MEET
Wednesday 21 February 2018
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Crick House
Mill Park



What's been happening during 2017?

CB1 Estate is a mixed used environment with around 4,500 employees and residents across 35 acres. This creates a challenge to ensure everyone is kept up to date on news and events for the area.



June – December 2017

The developer Brookgate along with the Estate Management Company, commissioned some work with a community engagement consultancy to understand, by talking to a range of people, what would make the CB1 area an even better place to live, work and play. One to One conversations were carried out with a handful of residents, employees and stakeholder organisations responsible for delivering the services across the estate and its properties. Those contacted were invited to a workshop to develop a shared understanding of CB1 and to identify key areas of work to continually improve the area. These areas of work were identified as;

Communication

- Who to contact
- What Activities
- How to Report Issues
- Local Businesses

Cohesion

- Who's Who
- Mill Park and Green Space
- Resident Forums
- Local Events
- Pocket Park Lighting

Anti social behaviour

- Security Who's Who
- Reporting an issue
- ASB Forums
- What is being done with current ASB problems

You said. We did.

Following the energy and enthusiasm from all who have attended these workshops so far. Clear direction has been given in the areas and actions identified to focus on and the below table outlines the key achievements so far in working towards better community cohesion and communication.

Communication

CB1 Community Website has been developed featuring an interactive map outlining the key contact details of each property across the estate.

It will include a calendar of events, local business offers and the ability to report incidents and raise concerns.

Cohesion

Door knocking was carried out by a local housing association to see if there was interest from residents in a CB1 Residents forum and build a contact list. This was to understand the areas for improvement and key priorities, where communication was high up on the agenda.

The extension of the already established Cambridge Business Improvement District (BID) has been successful with a local business 'yes' vote and will begin works in the area around spring 2018. The Estate Management Company will work closely with Cambridge BID to work on a calendar of business and community events for the area.

Anti social behaviour

There is a 'report an issue' tab as an email function for raising estate and property concerns.

A bi-annual ASB forum is being created allowing focus on any areas of ASB that need addressing.

There are active estate security patrols hourly throughout the evening, supported up by the well-established Camback radio system which is linked to Cambridge retailers, pubs and business as well as direct to the police.