

Dear Residents

Update message sent on behalf of Church Crookham Parish Council (CCPC) and Kestrel Contracts Limited.

As you may be aware, one of the planning obligations placed on Taylor Wimpey when permission for the Crookham Park development was granted relates to the provision of a grass athletics track, which is to be located close to the skate park. This obligation is subject to a Section 106 Agreement to ensure that this facility is provided even if – as is now the case – Taylor Wimpey’s workforce has moved on to other sites. Once completed, the athletics track will form part of the formal open space provision for Crookham Park and will be owned and managed by CCPC.

In May 2018, at the Annual Parish Meeting, CCPC invited Fleet and Church Crookham Athletics Club to speak about their vision for such a facility and how they would like to be involved. Residents who attended that event were very keen to see the delivery of such a facility and some even cited it as one of the main reasons for buying their house on the development.

An athletics track will provide an excellent opportunity for the local club to grow and for all residents to come and enjoy the facility and improve fitness and wellbeing amongst our youngsters and runners of all ages and ability.

Although Taylor Wimpey has undertaken some work on this area, CCPC has not yet been able to accept the land from them as a “completed” athletics track due to the poor drainage and very uneven surface. CCPC has held regular meetings with Taylor Wimpey to ensure that their obligation to complete this facility is not forgotten.

From these discussions, CCPC has successfully negotiated a settlement with Taylor Wimpey that allows the parish council to directly appoint specialist contractors who will complete this work to the required standard, but with Taylor Wimpey still footing the bill. We feel that this is a great result for our community as it ensures that a fit-for-purpose athletics area will finally be delivered, but at no additional cost to Council Taxpayers across the parish.

As a result, CCPC has appointed Kestrel Contracts Limited (“Kestrel”) to undertake these works. Kestrel specialise in the delivery of high-quality sports pitches throughout the UK. The 6-to-8-week project is now set to commence.

In advance of the project Kestrel have

- *made numerous visits to site to assess all aspects of work required whilst trying to minimise the impact on residents.*
- *thoroughly risk assessed the project – including site access – and will continue to monitor these risks and adapt their approach to these works throughout the course of the project.*

Kestrel pride themselves in working safely within any site, but even more so when working near to areas that are more easily accessible to the public. Kestrel will also be ensuring that there will be a Kestrel operative on any of the site entrances, making sure all vehicle movements are carried out in a safe and correct manner and outside of school run times.

Kestrel had proposed creating a temporary access from Naishes Lane directly into Dragons Way as their safety-based assessment was that this would keep vehicle movements to the lowest possible level. Following resident feedback on those proposals, Kestrel have reviewed the size of vehicles to be used for deliveries etc. throughout the project and have made adjustments to enable the existing road network to be used accessing via Naishes Lane – Jubilee Drive – Gurkha Road.

- In terms of vehicle movements, the trucks bringing in the shingle/sand and taking away spoil will be 8-wheel vehicle size and approx. 80-90 number of vehicle movements over the project timeline (6 to 8 weeks).
- The change has been to the Kestrel vehicles used from a large HGV to a tractor and trailer (T&T) option. This has the impact of roughly 2 T&T movements compared to each HGV movement so a slight uptick in number.

We politely request that residents of Gurkha Road do not park outside of designated parking areas on these roads to help maximise the width of access routes for works vehicles. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused during the course of these works.

Church Crookham Parish Council will endeavour to update their website “Projects” page with a weekly update on progress with the project highlighting any delays that may have been incurred and providing information on the upcoming weeks anticipated works and vehicle movements.

<http://www.churchcrookham.org.uk/council/projects>

If you have any concerns, questions or comments please contact the parish office staff either by:



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