

EPRA NOTES OF MEETING

Date/Time	Monday 4 th September 2006 – 7:00pm-9:00pm
Venue	Eden Park, Reimers Avenue, Entrance 19
Attendees	EPTB and Community Liaison Officers EPRA Members EPNA Members Hill Cooper Young (Planning Consultants) JASMAX (Architects) Park Chambers
Agenda	Formalising regular communication. Rugby World Cup. Height. Design. Shading. Any other Business

Formalising regular communication.

EPTB wanted to ensure that a robust communication process was in place and stated they remained committed to developing and preserving relationships with neighbourhood groups and reinforced that the development of the stadium is a very public affair with no hidden agenda. Their stated that they were working to incorporate the concerns of the neighbourhood into the designs and re-iterated that the designs are still at concept stage and they hoped that communication lines between the EPTB and its neighbours were robust enough for them to voice concerns to the EPTB in the first instance.

Rugby World Cup.

EPTB re-iterated that the RWC bid was based on 60,000 and a redeveloped south stand and that a complete rebuild which would have lowered the overall height was not feasible and that a temporary solution was not possible. The design was to minimise impact on neighbourhood, with over bridge into transport hub, improve traffic management, internal concourse with 4 gates instead of 16 as well as closing in the stadium to contain noise and light spill. The south stand currently holds 10,000 and this will be increased to 20,000.

Height.

The plans that were previously presented have been changed and both the South and East stands have been lowered. This has been achieved and then further achieved by reducing the viewable area from the members lounges (as it was originally envisaged that the could be similar to those in the North stand)

Design.

The designers pointed out that the plans are still at concept stage, a stage where they test the designs with engineers, exploring height and tolerances etc. Once the concept is completed the preliminary designs are completed working with other consultancy services to work our logistics etc. From this point a developed design is drawn up and then finally working drawings. As the plans are at the concept stage, you can see there is a long way to go.

The new heights of the stadium as advised were 43.28m (leading edge of south stand) and 37.6 (leading edge of east stand), but as previously mentioned the leading edge of stands that comes out over the pitch has negligible, if any shading effect. The “gutter” as they refer to it, which is 41.16m and 36.4m for the South and East stands respectfully is what you need to base shading on (remembering the light towers currently sit at 45.05m).

Shading.

EPTB have listened to neighbourhood comments on shading and have now extended their discussions from 56 originally effected houses to 116, so the additional 60 should be receiving letters in the post this week to this effect. EPTB said they would arrange a workgroup for these 116 effected houses to both demonstrate shading and discuss mitigation. They re-iterated that mitigation is not related to submissions and anyone submitting a proposal against the resource application will be treated in terms of mitigation identically to those either not presenting a submission of those presenting submissions in favour.

Any Other Business

EPTB also stated that the appeal for concerts would remain on hold due to lack of EPNA support for the recent resource application for additional night games.

Next Meeting

EPTB requested regular/monthly meetings with resident/neighbour associations and said they would send out an agenda in advance and a by product of the meeting would be to set milestones and dates surrounding the developments at Eden Park