

**Notes of Sevenoaks Town Partnership Meeting held via Zoom
on Thursday 17th September at 6.30pm.**

Executive Board

Representing	Number	Current Member	Current Organisation	
Sevenoaks Town Council	3	CEO / Town Clerk		Present
		Cllr Victoria Granville-Baxter		Present
		Cllr Simon Raikes		Apologies
Sevenoaks District Council	1	Cllr Avril Hunter		Present
Transport	3	Tony Clayton	Sevenoaks Rail Travellers Association	Apologies
		Austin Blackburn	Go Coach	Apologies
		Elliott Waters	Southeastern	Apologies
Leisure Facilities	3	Jane Parish CEO	Sencio	Apologies
		Andrew Eyre (Chairman)	Stag	Present
		Hannah Kay	Knole	Apologies
Chamber of Commerce	1	Julie Phillips	CEO Sevenoaks & District Chamber of Commerce	Apologies
Bligh's Meadow	1		Savills, agent for Bligh's owners Standard Life Investments	Apologies
Sevenoaks Chronicle	1			Apologies
Sevenoaks Society	1	Roger Walshe		Apologies
Large Business	2	Maxine Morgans (Vice Chairman)	Specsavers	Present
		Elizabeth Dolding	Warners Solicitors	Present
Small Independent Business	2	Roberta Ware	Francis Jones Jewellers	Present
		Glenn Ball	Local Architect	Present
Resident Association	1	Elizabeth Purves	Hollybush Residents Association	Present
Round Table	1			Apologies
Police	1			Apologies
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Also, in Attendance:

Paul Brailsford – Daejan Commercial Properties Ltd
 Mark Newton – Daejan Commercial Properties Ltd
 Chris Levett - Daejan Commercial Properties Ltd
 Stephanie Harrison – Committee Clerk & Pink Week
 Cllr Dr Canet – Sevenoaks Town Council

Emily Haswell – SDC Economic Development Officer
Roger Lee
Roger Fitzgerald
Helen O’Sullivan - Eardley Road Residents' Association
John Levett – Sevenoaks Summer Festival
Richard Baxter- Sevenoaks Society
Cllr Parry – Sevenoaks Town Council
Cllr Busvine – Mayor & Sevenoaks Town Council
Jim Hughes – Local Resident
Mrs Turnbull
David Green
Rob - Waitrose

1. Apologies for Absence

(As noted above)

2. Pre-Planning Consultation Presentation by Daejan Commercial Properties Ltd re proposal to develop 136 High St (former Tesco site)

Paul Brailsford, Mark Newton and Chris Levett, of Daejan Commercial Properties Limited, gave an interesting presentation, lasting approximately 35 minutes, regarding the proposals to redevelop 136 High Street. This was followed by a question and answer session.

The present plans are for 3 x 4000 sq. ft retail shops on the ground floor and 100 flats above, some of which will be kept for letting, and improved landscape and pedestrian access. There will also be some affordable housing made available, but there are no details yet.

Discussion took place regarding the provision of only 50 car parking spaces for 100 flats. The developers were in discussion with KCC regarding this. There were suggestions by representatives present of an aerial walkway connecting to the West side of the town.

A representative from Waitrose asked about disruption, especially in the Suffolk Way area and was assured there should be very few road closures or major disruptions.

This will be an 18 month to two-year project and, if plans are accepted, it could be completed by 2023.

Cllr Eyre thanked the team for their in-depth and insightful presentation.

3. Buckhurst 1 Car Park available for Temporary Use until March 2021 (see attached)

Sevenoaks District Council had offered the Buckhurst Car Park area, site of the current Wednesday market, to Sevenoaks Town Council to use until March 2021. Councillors had decided that due to the current situation with Covid-19 and the uncertainty surrounding

the High St it would not be financially viable to take up the offer. However, we will seek out other businesses to see if they could use the space. A premises licence was being progressed.

Cllr Eyre closed the meeting at 7.35pm.