



## Brookleigh Residents' Forum

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026

### SUMMARY NOTES

The Brookleigh Residents' Forum took place on Thursday 22nd January 2026. Leaflets were available at the venue with information on local groups, events, charities, and activities in Burgess Hill.

Residents were invited to contribute ideas on the following questions which were on flipcharts at the venue:

- What would you like to see on the agenda for the next Residents' Forum?
- How should we engage with residents on the public art for neighbourhood centres?
- Do you have any suggestions for what you would like to see at your community centre?
- What kind of events or activities would you like to be held in your area/community?

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### Agenda

1. Welcome and purpose
  2. Project overview
  3. Museum of London Archaeology (MOLA) event
    - Taking place on **Wednesday 8th April** at **Burgess Hill Football Club**
    - Funded by MSDC and Sage Homes (look out for more information from 23 March 26 online on the Brookleigh Facebook page and website and social media)
  4. Social Value at Brookleigh
  5. Q&A session
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## Attendance

Representatives were present from:

- Homes England
- Mid Sussex District Council (MSDC) Planning and Communities Teams
- Bellway
- Vistry
- Sage Homes

Residents also had time after the presentation for questions and answers, informal conversations, refreshments, and smaller group discussions.

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## Key Issues Raised & Actions

### 1. Freeks Lane Works

- Concerns raised about delays.
- **Action:** Bellway representative advised completion expected by **end of April**. Delays attributed partly to weather, and they acknowledged progress had been slower than planned. Developer committed to trying to improve timeframes for completion. Bellway to keep residents updated with the progress.

### 2. Request for barriers to prevent anti-social behaviour on Freeks Lane.

- MSDC set out this is a decision for West Sussex County Council (WSCC) and the Police. Residents can submit complaints in relation to anti-social behaviour [here](#).

### 3. Barbed Wire Fencing & Overhanging Trees

- Barbed wire remains on boundary between Freeks Lane and development; trees also overhanging properties.
- **Action:** MSDC Planning team confirmed investigation underway. A tree officer visited the site earlier that day. MSDC will continue to assess and resolve the issue.

### 4. Parking Issues on Match Days (Burgess Hill Football Club)

- Residents reported parking pressures during BHFC match days.

- **Action:** BHFC encourages sustainable travel such as bus use and car sharing. MSDC has engaged with BHFC with further suggestions around sustainability and behaviour change via the sustainability team and communities' team.

#### 4. Road and maintenance at Oakhurst

- Residents reported being charged maintenance fees for a park that is not under Firstport's ownership and no / minimal maintenance of the areas which are under Firstport's ownership.
- Maintenance query from residents regarding the verges on Eastbridge Avenue as they have not been maintained – who's responsibility are they.
- Cllr Hicks and residents raised issues with the roads (maintenance) through Oakhurst. Homes England and MSDC set out the process for adoption.
- **Action:** Issue acknowledged at the meeting. As roads are currently unadopted, Homes England will discuss further with WSCC, Vistry and Sage.

#### 5. Oakhurst / Sage

- A resident complained of their property flooding from an upstairs flat. Sage have been notified of the issue.
- **Action:** Sage had been dealing with the issue. The Sage representative to take away the issues raised and discuss with MSDC. Homes England to discuss with Vistry and Sage.

#### 6. Fence on Footpath

- A boundary fence is being destroyed on a regular basis and is then being replaced by the developer. Some residents want continued access to the pathway.
- Residents understand why the fence is reinstated but expressed preference for pathway access.
- **Action:** MSDC, Homes England, and Vistry to discuss longer-term solutions.

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#### Next Steps

All comments and issues raised have been noted and will be investigated by the relevant organisations.

**Residents' Forums are planned to be held every 6 months and is an opportunity for residents of Brookleigh and surrounding areas to share information, hear updates and get to know fellow residents. If you have an item you would like on the next agenda please email [brookleigh.community@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:brookleigh.community@midsussex.gov.uk)**

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