

Over the last 6 months the residents association has been pushing the Consortium to acknowledge that there are design issues related to the area specifically the lack of a balance pond. In addition to an explanation why there is no balance pond we have been pushing the health and safety, poorly maintained, unfinished landscaping issues here

In December 2020 after attending a meeting on site with Chamonix, the Consortium acknowledged the





landscaping issues and there has been movement recently to replace trees identified as dead and more is still outstanding. However, until early this month there was a reluctance to accept that the what should have been a balance pond is in effect a detention basin. A detention basin is an area of land that is used to temporarily hold excess water in the event of heavy rainfall until it drains away in this case via the central drainage ditch unlike a balance pond that will retain a permanent water level. Shown above are two views taken recently, 24 hrs after a period of heavy rain indicating the height of water we could see here as the water recedes.

Due to the change of use of this area and limited water to now be retained in the area, the Consortium need to submit revised plans to the local planning authority for approval. Before submitting the plans, they have requested feedback from the Residents Association on the proposals.

Attached below are two drawings, the first is the current plan for this area, the second is the proposed plan for this area



The most obvious change is that nearly all planting that was originally planned for around the peripheral of the basin has been removed. The only planting to remain is the bulrush located at water headwalls in areas that children should be discouraged from playing near and that as we have seen last year encouraged children to play with and spread all over the area like cotton wool. There appears to be no consideration to health and safety with knee-high fencing or more appropriate planting.

Please provide your feedback as to whether you are comfortable with Consortium Proposal as it is or you would like to see changes.

If like us you would like to see more consideration to health and safety with additional, more appropriate planting and knee-high fencing, signage etc. please feel free to add your comments below or via wdranorthbrook@gmail.com by no later than 28th March on what you would like to see added.





