

# NORTH KINGSTON FORUM



## Minutes 48<sup>th</sup> NKForum meeting Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 5pm - Zoom

Item:	Description	Action	Whom
1	<b>Apologies: were received from Saphina</b>		
2	Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed		
3	<b>Confirmation of payment of Invoice 885:</b> The invoice was approved by a majority and has been paid. Malcolm expressed concerns about payment for work that has not yet been fully completed. It was explained that in order to get the work done in time for us the payment needed to be made. This was accepted by everybody.		
4	<b>Possible Date for the Reg 14 consultation:</b> Government guidance is that we can consider consultation but we need to be careful how we do it. Di said we need to consult with the Council before proceeding. The London Plan has not yet been approved and we have not seen any update on it. Assumption is that the London plan will be approved this summer. As soon as it is published we should launch our Reg 14 consultation. Marilyn expressed concern about moving forward during an evolving situation. A discussion ensued. One of the key issues is how do we inform residents without internet access. No agreement on possible date is possible at this time. Di will seek guidance from	<b>to seek guidance from the council</b>	<b>Diane</b>

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	the Council. The earliest date is the beginning of September.		
5	<p><b>Survey Questions and Policies Summary:</b></p> <p>The discussion surrounded how we communicate the document and make it easier for people to access. John kindly offered to review and draft a newsletter. Howard asked if we could ask Neil what the average response to the Reg 14 consultation. Marilyn expressed concern about residents reverting to cars when the virus scare was over and the effect on the environment. She offered to draft a statement on the environmental issues. It was agreed that we should not pay for activities that are the Council's responsibility.</p>		
6	<p><b>Update on maps:</b></p> <p>Di said she has been looking at the green infrastructure map and has some minor changes. Asa said the map department are still working and may be able to help us. Discussion ensued. Marilyn expressed concern about the neighbourhood boundary as reflected on the map. Asa will update the maps later this month.</p>	To continue update	Di & Asa
7	<p><b>AOB: Marilyn asked that she now be noted as representing Kingston Environment Forum.</b></p> <p>Howard said we need to reimburse Di for payment of the invoice. Di said we have sufficient funds in the Metro Bank account and she will reclaim it back by cheque (~£120). Agreement was made that Di should not personally fund any activities but should all share any new founded fees.</p>		
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attendance	Marilyn Mason, Howard Sheppard, Jonathan Rollason, Glen Keywood, Asa Backman. Malcolm had difficulty accessing Zoom connection.		

**Agenda**  
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1	Apologies		
2	Confirm previous meeting and virtually sign		
3	<p>Confirmation of payment of invoice 855. Majority agreement and payment has been instructed.</p> <p>Malcolm's concerns are noted and advice welcomed:            'I am also happy to contribute my share with others towards the £600 for the consultant's fee for the 'Basic Conditions Statement' and the shortfall of £196 but I'm not sure about my condoning or able to offer my support for advance payment for the 'work in progress' that is knowingly not yet complete. I sympathise and share in the sentiments of the committee and agree the paperwork is ridiculously lengthy and uncertain if grant returned. However, contractually and as stewards of the public purse it is in my mind wrong to accept billing and payment for work not yet completed therefore for this part of the support for paying the consultant I withhold from giving my support.</p> <p>In defence of your support given to the accounting irregularity I suppose (but far from my being convinced and being confident so as to endorse) it might be possible to reasonably argue that the additional paperwork involved for Treasury may result in costs for the public purse and deferment from benefit of implementation of the project that far exceeded the assumed de minimis balance of the overpayment being made to the consultant, once the calculated partial entitlement now due to the consultant had been paid from the invoice. It may support your actions if full payment is now made you that you</p>		

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	<p>have it well documented with the consultant as to the work they have actually undertaken and the work they are yet to complete under that agreement for invoicing against the grant and you have an undertaking from them that they will indeed complete that balance of work being paid for now and that future work tranches and fees for this financial year to completion have been fully identified.</p>		
4	<p>Possible date for the Reg 14 consultation. Things to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government guidance on NPLanning which seems to be being updated quite regularly</li> <li>• The date of possible publication of the London Plan. Once this is published, aspects of RBKs Core Strategy will no longer conform leaving the borough open to the potential of increased speculative development, therefore it would make sense to get the Reg 14 moving as quickly as possible.</li> <li>• The consultation will be open for 6 weeks and then it will take us a while to digest the results and address any comments. Once submitted to the council for Examination, this will likely take 2+ months.</li> <li>• If we tried to consult between mid July and early September, we would likely be slaughtered by fist shakers</li> <li>• Once the NPlan has been approved to move forward to Referendum, it will become a material consideration in any planning application.</li> </ul>		
5	<p>Survey Qs and Policies Summary from Howard. Can we combine and bring together on posters. See attachments</p> <p>Consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are there too many questions? If yes, how can we reduce ?</li> <li>• How can we incorporate policy maps?</li> <li>• How many responses should we be aiming for?</li> <li>• The format will have to fit on both paper and survey monkey</li> </ul>		

6	Update on Maps		
7	AOB		
8	Next virtual meeting : 17 <sup>th</sup> June time to be determined.		
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