

Minutes of the 15th Forum Meeting 11th January 2017 Hawker Centre 7:30pm.

Application for designation update

Our application for designation with the council which was submitted to the council in August 2016, was finally sent out for a six week consultation on the 12th December 2016. This is a 2 stage process, with our Neighbourhood Area being consulted on in the first instance with the consultation finishing on the 30th January 2017. The council have informed me that all being well, our neighbourhood forum application will begin consultation late February. Our membership has increased from 80 to 140 since we applied for designation last August.

The members were reminded that we are the first to apply for designation in the borough, with no other forums that are known to be forming as of January 2017. In England, there are ~2000 groups moving forward with neighbourhood planning, and almost 300 plans have passed referendum thus far. London now has 100 groups across the 32 boroughs, with 5 plans that have passed referendum.

Feedback from a consultant meeting

We have contacted at least 6 consultancy practices and they agreed to consider completing a Request for Information document we supplied. A number reported back stating they could not complete our RFI due to a conflict of interest. 2 consultancies have complete our RFI.

Howard, Jonathan and I met with a coaching consultant this morning. Angela Koch from Imagine Places who was the first to be interviewed. Angela is a well respected coaching consultant, who had worked with a number of charities, including Locality and the Princes Trust. She has worked with more than 30 neighbourhood planning groups including Kentish Town which recently had a successful referendum. Angela also runs an NPlanning Forum which meets a few times every year to discuss neighbourhood planning issues in London..

A second consultancy will be interviewed on the 26th Jan. rCOH is a neighbourhood planning and development consultancy. Again, they are very well respected, having worked on more than 30 neighbourhood plans including 2 in London.

When we have finished our interview process, we will complete a scoring sheet rating those interviewed. Our recommendation will then be submitted to the interim committee.

Councillor Award

We have been extremely fortunate in receiving a councillor award of £500, £250 from each ward. This will extremely helpful in covering costs such as events, printing, website registrations. Many thanks to our councilors for their support.

To help with the production of some posters/banners:

- Carrie and Chris have very kindly offered to help with the text of a banner/poster

- Diane will ask the membership if someone can help with the creative design

Survey responses

A very preliminary list of suggestions for discussion have been put forward for the consideration of the members attending the meeting, the list is attached to these minutes.

The discussion that followed highlighted members concerns regarding :

- Potential sites for development which could come forward in the future
- Traffic increase in part due to delivery vans
- Increase in local parking problems
- Safeguarding local employment and small businesses eg garages
- Safeguarding diversity of local businesses

But it is important we keep at the forefront of our minds what is achievable with a neighbourhood plan.

Councillor Glasspool gave a quick update on the Kingsgate/Council's Canbury Car Park site. The proposed student accommodation block will not be progressing, and a valuation exercise will be carried out with the hope of developing a more holistic plan for the sites.

Mike Frain informed us of a weekend exhibition and walking tour on the 9/10th September 2017 Hawker Centre/Royal Park Gate Estate to remember the National Aircraft Factory No.2, Ham, Surrey which was demolished 25 years ago this year, more details to follow.

Donations: Members attending the meeting this evening very generously donated £57. The Forum very much appreciates their generosity and the monies will be used to further the aims of the Forum.

Next Meeting

Wednesday 22nd Feb 2017, The Keep Community Centre, 7:30pm.

Attendees

Peter Walter
Steve Ransome
Diane Watling
Howard Sheppard
Charles Roscorla
Mike Frain
Julia Rees
Frances Bailey
Chris Foulkes
Carrie Foulkes
Des McCrow
Cllr David Glasspool

Preliminary Suggestions for Discussion

Sites

- Sainsburys supermarket/Nuffield Gym. Sainsburys has recently sold sites for development with the agreement for the supermarket to be re-established in the development.
- Petrol Station – Richmond Road
- Scout Hut
- Barnfields
- Fire Station
- The Keep (site owned by a private equity company)
- The Kingston Community School /temporary location (old Acre Rd clinic). What will happen to the council owned site once the school moves out to its new permanent location.
- Business Parks

Environment

- Air Quality, health, LEZ, electric vehicle, car clubs (Zip Cars are partnered with the LA)
- Extension – domestic. Standards of work practice, safety, CODE OF PRACTICE
- Policies to keep properties occupied
- **Strategic walking and cycling routes in both wards.**
- How will we cope with the increase in Mobility scooters zooming down the roads/pavements?
- Protection for green spaces (parks, allotments etc)
- An alternative to the ghastly metal parking poles in CPZs
- **'Up and Over' pedestrian/cycle walkways** across major roads

Support for local centres and local businesses:

- lower rates and rents - how?
- Cycle parking
- Short term parking & shop loading opportunities
- 'Shopping Card' to support the local shops eg Lewisham Card
- can we stop more betting shops for example?
- Need to support local centres to ensure they do not turn into flats.
- Safeguarding local employment and small businesses eg garages
- Safeguarding diversity of local businesses

New developments

- will be increasing population density, which in itself may be advantageous if it further supports a vibrant local economy. However, infrastructure and services need to be updated and improved to cope with that incredibly rapid change. How can we ensure this happens?
- New development should be respectful to the surrounding area and durable
- Traffic management /traffic calming measures associated with a new development
- **North Kingston Development Brief area** – new builds – form and function. Proposed 12 storey building .
- Electric cars – strategy for charging points – all new development to be charging point ready
- **Maintenance contracts** as a part of CIL contributions???? (Discussion on CIL charging structure and that a CIL priority list will need to be voted on and also included in the plan.) Don't forget that CIL contribution can only be requested by a Neighbourhood Forum on new development post plan adoption, and cannot be applied retrospectively.
- Good mix of rental and private/affordable ownership.

Heritage/Conservation

- Potential for losing pubs – Assets of Community Value
- Listing of heritage buildings
- Expand conservation areas

Smart North Kingston

- Free Wifi areas for small local business
- Soooooooper fast broadband
- **Connectivity - 4G**
- Car parking apps so that do not need to cruise to find a parking space locally/and in the town centre?

Traffic/Parking

- **Traffic Management** – specific discussion on Tudor Drive – bus laybys? – safe cycling – congestion due to buses stopping etc (although comment that maybe that should be seen as a positive that slows the traffic !)
- **Parking** – CPZ widening into Tudor ward

Education

Schools – how many places will be needed

Projects

- Create squares & Plazas where possible e.g. in front of the new Coop
- Similarly develop/upgrade the large tarmac area in front of the Mosque.
- At Canbury Gardens make better use of some of the under used spaces and create a new central pavilion with an overview of a whole range of new activities and creating a central focus for existing functions. Improve river lighting creating a feel of the Tivoli gardens along the whole waterfront.
- At the YMCA Hawker centre extend their outdoor seating areas out towards the river, to provide river views from a new mini park/activity area.
- Review an earlier proposal from the council to make Latchmere Rec more like Barnes Pond area with proper sports/recreational/ cafe/changing/toilet facilities.
- Activities for all ages in our parks eg concrete table tennis, basketball hoops, exercise machines (like the ones in Fairfield)
- The councils new proposals for the area between Sainsburys and the station seem very good and merit further study and support. Suggest the new square they are proposing to create, could aim to be more user friendly and less 'architectural' than their image.