

**ST QUINTIN AND WOODLANDS NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM
MINUTES OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING SEPTEMBER 9TH 2014**

Present, Henry Peterson (Chair), Richard Ehrman, Andrew Michaud, Nigel Whitbread, Steve Divall, Tania Martin, Cassie Goldman, David Marshall.

Apologies: Jenny Harborne, Fiona Withey

**1. Minutes of meeting held on 3rd July
Agreed.**

2. Feedback from phone call with RBKC (Joanna Hammond) and timetable for formal 6 week consultation on the Draft Plan

HP reported back on latest discussions with RBKC. Council officers had been reviewing the Draft StQW plan since the beginning of August. To date their response consisted only of a series of bullet points covering issues where the council would be seeking changes. These include conservation policies, and a hint that there would be concerns over 'general conformity'.

The latter issue was likely to relate to the proposed policies for Latimer Road, which the Forum had always acknowledged as varying from current RBKC Employment policies. The committee discussed the extent to which RBKC policies themselves were at variance with NPPF policies, and the Government's current direction of travel on introducing greater flexibilities and widening the scope of permitted development.

It was noted that the latest Government consultation on permitted development ended in late September, and that the council was unlikely to be able to retain its current borough-wide opt-out from current permitted development rules.

HP reported that it had become clear from statements by RBKC officers at the Examination in Public of the council's conservation policies, that the council was not claiming these policies as 'strategic'. Hence the Forum should be in a position to propose minor variations and neighbourhood-level interpretations, as currently set out in the Draft Plan.

3. Draft of consultation leaflet.

The format for a 4 page leaflet, summarising the 12 objectives in the Draft plan and intended for circulation to all households in the area at the start of the 6 week statutory consultation, was agreed. The text may need some amendment in light of comments from the council.

It was agreed that the council should be given a deadline of end September to provide its comments on the Draft Plan. There would also be an opportunity for further comments during the 6 week period. HP to write to JH to this effect.

4. Arrangements for RBKC 'walkabout' on afternoon of Sept 17th

A suggested itinerary for the walkabout of the area, with RBKC planning officers, was discussed. Committee members provided suggested addresses for viewing points and access to rear gardens.

HP to check on whether ward councillors would wish to be involved. JH, DM, AM, NW would join the walkabout, and AH to be invited also.

HP to check with the sub-group of local architects on RBKC conservation decisions which had been a source of contention, and/or appeals, in recent years. Also to re-check the info on front rooflights in Bracewell/Brewster Gardens, as provided by NW, and the position on heights of front boundary walls.

5. NPIERS health check

Agreed to submit an application for the Draft plan to be reviewed and 'health checked' via the NPIERS service. Costs would be £375 a day, which is good value as compared with engaging a planning consultant to review the plan. Funds are available within the locality grant.

6. Latest draft of Consultation Statement

Noted that FW, JH and HP would be discussing this in detail later in the week. The document would need to be finalised after the 6 week consultation, in order to incorporate comments received and action taken on them.

7. Consultation exercises on neighbouring development proposals

Agreed that the Forum should submit comments on the proposals for the Mayoral Development Corporation, and on QPR plans for 'New Queens Park'. The main focus of our comments should be on transport and traffic issues. HP to draft. DM suggested approaching other local bodies to jointly commission a transport consultant,

Noted that QPR did not own the Car Giant site, and that the Club's outline plans were not agreed with Car Giant who had developed their own proposals for development.

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