ST QUINTIN AND WOODLANDS NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM MINUTES OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING NOVEMBER 12TH 2014

Present: Henry Peterson, Richard Ehrman, Tania Martin, Jenny Harborne, Nigel Whitbread, Steve Divall (part), Andre Michaud, Fiona Withey.

- 1. Minutes of meeting held on 8th October
- 1.1. Agreed

2. Updated version of StQW Plan and edits made

2.1 Noted that the section of the StQW Plan on Latimer Road had been expanded significantly. This was necessary to provide detailed evidence of the problems of long-term vacant and underused B1 floorspace in the street, resulting from the application of current RBKC restrictive policies.

2.2. TM and RE had provided detailed figures and data on individual premises, to be included in this section of the Draft Plan. This was solid evidence that RBKC could not ignore.

2.3. RBKC had published an Issues and Options paper on Enterprise, as their next stage in updating this chapter of the Core Strategy. Noted that this made little reference to the problems of Latimer Road, and included the entirety of the Freston Road/Latimer Road EZ as a 'viable' employment zone. The Council appeared to be relying heavily on the 2014 Frost Meadowcroft study, in supporting its case for 'whole borough' exemption from Government flexibilities on office to residential, and had ignored the more detailed findings of the Roger Tym/Peter Brett study. Agreed that HP and RE should prepare a response to the Issues and Options paper.

2.4. On Conservation issues, it was agreed to retain a proposed StQW policy to cease to resists minor adjustments to roof ridge heights, where this does not affect appearance, and to require main chimney stacks to be kept. Also to keep the proposed policy requiring satellite dishes, meter boxes etc to be sited discreetly.

2.5 The report on the 'healthcheck' carried out by Christopher Lockhart-Mummery had been helpful in advising that there was a good chance of the StQW proposals on Latimer Road being found to be in 'general conformity'. Also that the Draft Plan had made a good case for designation of the Nursery lane site as Local Green Space.

3. Timetable for next consultation and draft consultation leaflet

3.1 Agreed that the statutory 'pre-submission' consultation on the Draft Plan should run from December 1st for 8 weeks to January 25th. This would be two weeks longer than the required minimum of 6 weeks, to allow for the Xmas and New Year break. The alternative was to postpone the consultation until after New Year, which would add further delay to the overall timetable.

4. StQW Funds and expenditure plans up to Dec 31st

4.1 Discussion on how best to spend the remaining funds from the Locality grant by the end of the calendar year, as required by CLG. Agreed to seek quotes for professional design of maps needed for inclusion in the submission version of the StQW Plan.

5. AGM on 20th November

5.1 Noted that the agenda would include nominations for the re-election of the present management committee for a further year. Plus a further presentation on the proposed policies in the StQW Draft Plan, to check for continuing support of these prior to the 8 week consultation.

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