

ST QUINTIN AND WOODLAND NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM MINUTES OF 16th APRIL 2014 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

1. Minutes from 26th March

1.1 Agreed

2. Community Engagement

2.1 HP reported on meeting with Community Organisers (Cabinet Office funded and based at Dalgarno Neighbourhood Trust). Their method of working involves approaching and talking to local residents, using a methodology called *Roots Solution/Listening Matters*. This could provide useful input to the StQW Plan on social housing issues.

2.2. Agreed that the composite version of the responses to the StQW Survey, as put together by WC, was a very helpful document. It conveyed a wide set of local views and impressions about the nature of the neighbourhood and the needs and challenges that it faces.

2.3. Agreed that topic leads should draft a summary of key issues that have surfaced (Housing FW, Education, Health CG, Conservation JH, Parks and open spaces NW, Employment RE). In the meantime the document to be published in the StQW website in its current form (i.e anonymised responses).

2.4. FW to finalise the editing of the consultation strategy document

3. Housing section of draft Plan

3.1 'Buy to Leave' - HP reported back on KenSoc discussion with Cllr Tim Coleridge, Noted that RBKC Planning Department does not see vacant/under-occupied new-builds as a problem that can be addressed by the planning system, and views LB Islington proposals as unworkable. But the issue is moving up the political agenda in K&C and the council may need to respond by putting together an inventory of extent to which the borough's new-built housing is actually being used to live in - rather than as an investment commodity.

3.2. Draft section of the Plan on Housing issues discussed. Agreed to expand this section to cover:

- such data as is available on housing needs in the StQW area as compared with borough-wide housing targets
- information on registered rents in the area (NW)
- identification of possible sites (very limited, Crowthorne Rd, Latimer Road as part of regeneration proposals, Latimer/Wood Lane underpass site)

- scope for affordable housing schemes as mentioned in London Plan update (graduate housing) and RBKC review of housing part of Core Strategy.

4. Conservation

4.1. JH, NW and HP reported back on meeting with RBKC officers. This had been productive, in that RBKC agreed that the neighbourhood plan was the right vehicle for proposing a set of neighbourhood interpretations of the currently proposed revised set of Core Strategy policies on conservation and design.

4.2 The council's programme and timetable for preparing Conservation Area Appraisals had been discussed. Oxford Gardems CA was towards the back end and is not planned to be done until March 2016-July 2017. Hence the need to progress what local residents want to see happen on conservation via the StQW Plan.

4.3 The list of proposed neighbourhood variations/interpretations of RBKC Core policies, as put together by JH's sub-group, had been discussed. The majority were seen as non-problematic in terms of 'general conformity' and future enforcement. RBKC had agreed to consult with their conservation team over issue of rendering rear brickwork (for insulation purposes). Would also welcome suggestions on how to restrict size of garden outbuildings and happy to discuss wording for inclusion in StQW Plan.

4.4 The committee reviewed the draft set of slides for March 27th open meeting, and agreed a number of changes to simplify the text.

5. Shopping and Farmers Market ideas

5.1 Feedback from North Pole Road and Dalgarno Gardens shopping surveys attached. Agreed the draft Plan should test out support for:

- some short term 'shoppers parking' (i.e. metered) on the North Pole roundabout
- loading bays in Bracewell Road and Brewster Gdns to reduce the problems of vehicles delivering to North Pole Road

Noted that there appeared to be no scope for mixed residents/metered parking bays as these do not feature within RBKC parking scheme (unlike LBHF)

5.2 DM reported back on response from London Farmers Markets. Sites at Bowling Club or Latimer Road not seen as viable, but St Helens Gardens a definite prospect provided this was combined with temporary road closures (as for Festival).

Forecourts alone did not provide enough space. Sunday rather than Saturday seen as best option. Negotiations with RBKC on road closure and parking would take several months, and Spring 2015 seen as best start date.

5.3 Agreed to consult further with St Helens shopkeepers (DM and CG) and with church (HP, SD) and if supported to float the idea at the April 24th open meeting.

6. Agenda for open meeting 24th April 8pm at St Helens Church hall

Agreed that this should cover

- presentation from WDT and Imperial on underpass
- conservation policies for the draft Plan
- St Helens Farmers Market/ road closure ideas, subject to feedback over coming week.

7. Availability of NALC grants for establishing Community Councils

7.1 Noted the Queens Park would go live from April, with residents in the area paying an additional precept levied for local projects and activities. Not at present linked to a local plan. Agreed to keep under review the potential of CIL proceeds and a precept for the StQW area, once the Plan is further advanced.

8. Any other business

Noted that activity at the Bowling Club was going well, with refurbishment under way and 4 working groups looking at membership and marketing. TM and other StQW/SHRA members involved.

9. Date of next meeting

9.1 Tuesday May 6th at 6.30pm at 95 Highlever. The meeting would consider an updated version of the draft Plan, prior to the wider informal consultation stage.