

Notes of the AGM of the StQW Neighbourhood Forum and St Helens Residents Association - St Helens Church Hall November 14th 2018

Present: Henry Peterson (Chair), Maggie Tyler (Treasurer), Jenny Harborne, Jimmy Makromallis, Tanoa Martin, Cllr Blakeman, Cllr Thompson, Cllr Bakhtiar and approx 40 members of the association/forum.

1. Welcome and introductions

1.1 Apologies were noted. The Chair welcomed new members and explained that the association and the forum share a common membership, now over 400 residents living in the area. The association had established the StQW Neighbourhood Forum in 2013 in order to prepare a neighbourhood plan, which had been successful at its referendum in February 2016.

1.2 After a judicial reviews on the land at Nursery Lane, leading up to a five day hearing in the High Court, the Council had successfully defeated the application from the Legard family. The StQW Neighbourhood Plan had therefore been finally 'made' (adopted as part of the Boroughs' Development Plan) in July 2018.

2. Health Recovery Plan for North Kensington

2.1 Krishna Sharda from North West London Clinical Commissioning Group gave a presentation on this NHS plan. It formed part of wider 'recovery' efforts in which the Council and NHS were involved, in meeting the needs of families of Grenfell victims and survivors.

3. The RBKC Planning Enforcement service

3.1 Bill Bergin from the RBKC Enforcement Team introduced himself and gave out cards through which he can be contacted by local residents. The Council has restructured its enforcement functions (planning noise nuisance, environment in a single unified team, in order to provide a more joined up response to residents.

3.2 Noted that issues in the StQW/St Helens area included:

- breaches of Construction Traffic Management Plans (failure to suspend parking bays leaving HGVs parking illegally and blocking streets)
- Basement projects inadequately managed and causing structural damage or nuisance to neighbours.
- paving over of front gardens with impermeable hard surfaces (a breach of planning controls unless planning permission obtained).

4. Planning update

4.1 Four major current issues affecting the neighbourhood

- The OPDC was making slow progress on its Local Plan . A second Revised 'Regulation 19' Draft Plan had been consulted on during the summer. StQW Forum had submitted detailed comments, as for the earlier two versions, but the Plan continued to rely on very high density development. The amended document had been submitted to the Secretary of State in September and an 'Examination in Public' would get under way in 2019. The meeting looked slides and images of the latest proposals, including high density high-rise housing at Old Oak North.
- Early work was being undertaken by the RBKC Planning Department on a masterplan and Supplementary Planning Document for the Kensal Canalside Opportunity Area. This involved accommodating a Mayoral housing targets of 3,500 new homes.

- RBKC were consulting on the draft Conservation Area Appraisal for the Oxford Gardens Conservation Area. This document would replace the 1979/90 CAPS. Noted that Nursery Lane features in Conservation Area Appraisal as one of three ‘backland’ sites designated as Local Green Spaces. The site is now in use by Mark Enright Landscape Gardeners for storage and plants, shrubs and landscaping materials. Note that this use is consistent with the Certificate of Lawful Development for the site (granted 2018) and with former use by Clifton Nurseries.
- The Council was still awaiting the response from the Planning Inspector to the revised and updated Local Plan for the Borough. All housing estate renewal proposals were removed from the Draft Plan post Grenfell and pre-examination. The Council has announced plans to build 600 new homes on its own sites in North Ken, with 50% social housing 50% market housing. Two of the identified sites (at Barlby Road and at Hewer Street) were close to the StQW neighbourhood area.

4.2 Other planning issues included

- The long promised underpass between the Imperial College site and Latimer Road, on which negotiations between the College, Network Rail and LBHF continue. Forecast of completion by Q3 2019 now looks likely to slip further
- RBKC Transport team looking at possible streetscape improvements for St Helens Gardens
- Future of Linford Christie Stadium on Wormwood Scrub still not clear. LBHF reviewing options.
- RBKC Community Engagement Team is forming a new local group to consider options for the former Maxilla site under Westway.

5. Annual report and elections to management committees for 2018/19

5.1. The Chair explained that SHRA and StQW remain as bodies with separate constitutions but same membership (over 420 members) and shared open meetings. The StQW Forum is the body legally ‘designated’ by RBKC in 2013 for the neighbourhood plan. The Forum had applied successfully for renewed designation, which will run for 5 years until July 2023.

5.2. The two management committees share several of the same members and have been meeting together as one since 2016/7 to keep things simple. Most existing management committee members have agreed to stay on. Nigel Whitbread has resigned. There were 4 vacancies on each management committee.

5.2 The following were re-elected to the management committees of each body

St Helens Residents Association

Chair Henry Peterson,
 Treasurer Maggie Tyler,
 Secretary Tania Martin,
 Jenny Harborne,
 Catherine Mannheim,
 Ben Joseph,
 William Cooper,
 David Marshall,
 Fiona Withey,
 Jimmy Makromallis.

StQW Neighbourhood Forum

Andre Michaud (Bracewell Rd)
William Cooper (Eynham Road)
Richard Ehrman (Latimer Road building owner)
Jenny Harborne (Highlever Road)
Tania Martin (Highlever Road)
Henry Peterson (Chair) (Highlever Road)
Fiona Withey (Kelfield Gardens)
Andrew Hanson (Highlever Road)
David Marshall (Finstock Road)
Steve Divall (St Helens Church)

5.3 Maggie Tyler presented the SHRA accounts to the meeting. Since the completion of the neighbourhood plan, both income and expenditure had been limited to the cost of booking the church hall and minor expenses for stationery etc. There had been little movement over the past year. The StQW Forum holds no funds, the Dalgarno Trust having acted as 'accountable body' for the Forum during the period when StQW was in receipt of grant aid from Locality to prepare the neighbourhood plan.

6. Any other business

6.1. None.