

INTERIM OLD OAK NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

Notes of meeting held on January 26th 2017 at the Collective Events Space.

Present:

Eva Cwirko-Godyka, Ben Eastop (ACAVA), Tim Hughes (HUC), Alice Veitch, Stephen Williams (ACAVA), Leiah Lewis, Chloe Fremantle, Philip Ward, Nick Pole, Sheela Selvajothy, Eleanor Botwright, Cllr Kate Crawford, Rev Desmond Banks, Mark Walker (Chair), Darius Dzwigaj, Stewart Dalby, Henry Peterson.

Apologies:

Amanda Souter, Nina Hall

1. Note of meeting on November 23rd 2016

1.1 Interviews for appointment of new OPDC Board Chair fixed for February 11th. In the meantime Board meetings had continued to be cancelled.

2. Outcome of Government response to Lords Select Committee on HS2 Bill

2.1 MW reported that progress had been made via petitioners in terms of achieving a list of agreed assurances, including enhanced compensation. But lobbying by LB Ealing remained much lower profile than that of LB Camden, where active political leadership had brought better results for their local residents.

3. Update on discussions with OPDC planners on designation application for Old Oak neighbourhood forum and area.

3.1 HP and MW explained that discussions with OPDC planning officers had reached stage where differences over the 'appropriateness' and scope of a neighbourhood plan for Old Oak had narrowed. OONF had been offered a 'closed' session with OPDC Planning Committee members on Feb 1st at which to make its case for designation.

3.2 The meeting reviewed a set of draft slides setting out the added value that a NF and NP could bring, with maps of the neighbourhood boundary as preferred by OPDC officers as compared with a modified version of earlier OONF proposals.

3.3 Agreed that slides on individual neighbourhoods should be briefly presented by a local resident

MW for the Island Triangle/Wesley Estate

E C-G or DD for Midland Terrace/Shafesbury Gardens

Amanda S for Wells House Road

Nina Hall to be asked to cover Old Oak Estate

NP to identify College Park participant

3.3 Discussed the 'shield' site on Victoria Road and siting of proposed Old Oak Overground station (with bridge or tunnel to Victoria Road). Noted that TFL further reviewing options. Little scope for a NP to influence Victoria Road frontages. HP to contact Boden for their view on inclusion/exclusion within NP boundary. Site had been floated for possible long-term housing use.

3.4 On other HS2 compound sites, agreed that there was little real benefit in including in designation application, but should make clear that prospect of inclusion in a second iteration of an Old Oak NP should be kept alive. Powerday site firmly earmarked in West London Waste Plan, so little value in including within boundary this time round.

4. Finalising the proposed neighbourhood area boundary and designation application

4.1 Taking account of above, proposed boundary agreed for purposes of presentation to OPDC Planning Committee members. SD reported on decision of recent FOWWS meeting, that the Scrubs should remain within the proposed boundary, a decision welcomed by the Forum. Scrubs Charitable Trust being asked for their view. No response as yet from London and Regional Properties on inclusion of Cargiant 46 acres (site of proposed Old Oak Park).

5. Funding application to Locality -

5.1 TH from Hammersmith United Charities explained that Hammersmith United Charities had agreed to act as 'banker' for the Forum in terms of receiving and administering the initial £2,615 grant awarded to the Forum. Gave a brief background to the work of the charity, which has recently celebrated its 400th anniversary.

5.2 These funds will be used to finance costs of leaflets/flyers distributed at start of 6 week consultation on the designation application, to be mounted by OPDC and LBHF. Second instalment of a further £6,400 should be available after April 2017, with a possible £6,000 as a deprived and 'complex' area.

6. Preparing publicity materials for 6 week public consultation on designation application

6.1 The meeting looked at examples of consultation material issued by OPDC, QPR, Cargiant, and the StQW Neighbourhood Forum, introducing consultation exercises. Agreed to try for a design that was distinctive as compared with material from these bodies, given that local residents find it hard to keep track of what is being circulated in the area.

6.2 SW from ACAVA agreed to help with graphic design. MW and HP to supply draft text. Aiming to have material printed by end March, so that 2016/17 budget spent before year end.

7. Identifying further Forum members

Noted that the interim forum currently has a membership of 22 residents, 12 people working within the proposed neighbourhood area, and 5 ward councillors who are members by right. Those attending the forum for the first time gave details of email addresses and postcodes. HP to speak further to OPDC re their proposed requirements for 'validation',

which appear onerous compared with other London boroughs designating neighbourhood forums.

8. Update on planning applications and development proposals at Old Oak

8.1 Noted that QPR had circulated a winter newsletter, which referred to further land acquisitions but gave no details of where. QPR had contacted the Collective about holding a further round of consultation.

8.2 Aurora applications for 'North Kensington Gate' still not determined. To be considered by LBHF Planning and Development Control Committee on Feb 8th. RBKC had submitted string objections to proposed building heights.

8.3 Capital and Docklands has held a further exhibition of proposals for 'Mitre Yard' (proposed 200 flats and a ground and 18 storey tower). Images of proposed development shown, with intended use of light brickwork despite the two sites being separated by the private access road to EMR and Powerday waste sites which will be in use for a further 5 years or more. Planning application anticipated in March.

8.4 Further consultation on proposals for 2 Scrubs Lane expected shortly (18-20 storey tower)

9. Date of next meeting

9.1 **Wednesday March 8th at 6.30pm**, in the downstairs area of the Collective event space (more room and a larger screen). The Collective's agreement to free use of the space welcomed by the forum.

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