

# OLD OAK INTERIM NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

**Notes of meeting held on 8th March 2017 at the Collectice, Old Oak Lane.**

**Present:** Amanda Souter, Chloe Fremantle, Teresa McGee, Nina Hall, Ewa Cwirko-Godycka, Henry Peterson, Jennifer Campbell, Maureen Clark, Patricia Swainston, Anne Snowden, Jenny Robinson (UCL), Stephen Williams, Nick Pole, Philip Ward, Dariusz Dzwigaj, Annie Robinson, Ben Eastop, Penelope Condon, Daniel Condon, Celia Toler, Cllr Katherine Crawford.

Apologies: Stewart Dalby, Mark Walker

## **1. Notes of 26th January meeting**

1.1 No matters arising. Those at the meeting introduced themselves, and the presence of several new members from College Park was welcomed.

## **2.0 News and feedback from the OPDC**

2.1 HP and AS reported back on the session held with members of the OPDC Planning Committee on February 1st. The five OONF members present had been able to present the case for a neighbourhood area and plan, and this had led to a lengthy discussion. It was clear that OPDC members continued to have reservations about whether a neighbourhood plan would add value in a major regeneration area. But it was felt that some progress had been made in convincing the committee that the proposals from OOF were serious and well considered.

2.2 There was still no news on the appointment of a new Chair of the OPDC Board, despite interviews having been held on February 10th. The long delays on this appointment were impacting on the momentum of the OPDC, with several Board meetings cancelled.

## **3.0 Draft designation application to the OPDC**

3.1 Further adjustments and edits had been made to the draft designation application for the proposed Old Oak neighbourhood area and boundary. It was agreed that this could now be submitted to the OPDC and to LBHF. Noted that the 6 week statutory public consultation would not start until after Easter, due to other work priorities for both planning authorities.

## **4.0 OONF Consultation leaflet**

4.1 Slides were shown of a draft consultation leaflet to be circulated by the Forum, at the start of the 6 week consultation period. It was agreed that the text and design needed more work in order to take on board the following points;

- the text needed to be shorter and clearer. As an initial leaflet there was a limit to what people would read especially having received leaflets from OPDC, HS2, QPR and Cargiant.

- it was important that the design and graphics distinguished the OOBF leaflet from others, and made clear that a neighbourhood plan was a community-led initiative and not the product of a local planning authority or a developer.
- the DCLG 'advert' was probably not worth including, as taking up space
- warm and cheerful colours should be used - perhaps yellow

4.2 SW and NH agreed to do further work on the text and design, in liaison with HP, AS, and MW. The deadline for use of the Locality 2016/17 grant was the end of March. ArtWest agreed to undertake commissioning of the printing, and finalising of the design, on a pro bono basis.

4.3 Agreed that the Forum should also have printed a set of A3 and A4 posters for use on notice boards in the area, plus business cards (generic rather than with names) to give to anyone interested in joining. (HP/E C-G to sort out suitable text).

## **5. HS2 next steps**

5.1 Noted that the HS2 Bill was now an Act but that many further planning approvals would be required by HS2 in relation to individual sites. AS trying to re-establish a better flow of information from HS2 on their latest plans for the proposed Overground at Old Oak Common Lane.

## **6. Developments in Scrubs Lane**

The meeting reviewed slides and information on the following planned developments in Scrubs Lane

- North Kensington Gate (North) - planning application had been approved by OPDC at its 1st March Planning Committee. Cllr Nalalia Perez (the new second LBHF member on the committee had voted against, with all other members supporting the application. St Helens Residents Association (HP) had spoken as an objector, with slides, under the new OPDC procedure which allows 5 minutes from objectors. Aurora Developments had responded, assuring the committee that it was their firm intention to build out the scheme once approved.
- North Kensington Gate (South) - noted that this planning application was likely to come before the committee shortly. Density similar to the northern scheme, the proposed tower a contentious issue, being opposed by English Heritage, RBKC, LBHF and the Canals and River Trust.
- 2 Scrubs Lane - planning application thought to be imminent. Scheme involves replacing the church and day nursery on ground and first floor, with 18 floors of residential above.
- Mitre Yard - planning application likely soon, after further design changes.

## **7. OPR and Thames Valley Harriers**

7.1. QPR and TVH had announced in mid-February plans for a 30,000 seat stadium at Linford Christie Stadium at Wormwood Scrubs/Ducane Road. Described as a 'community

stadium' it was not clear what this meant, as compared with previous QPR proposals for a stadium as a 'regeneration catalyst' and major commercial/residential complex.

7.2. Noted that LBHF Council and the Wormwood Scrubs Charitable Trust would be the major decision-makers in what happens next. Linford Christie Stadium and athletics track involves low rise buildings only, granted on a site which remains Metropolitan Open Land. Use of the Scrubs remains governed by the 1879 Act of Parliament. The planning obstacles to a 30,000 seat stadium look formidable. LBHF has not yet issued any press release on the QPR/TVH announcement.

### **8. Alternative designs for a logo for the Forum**

8.1 The meeting discussed slides showing a series of options for an OONF logo. The favoured option was that showing figures as the trunk and branches of an oak tree. Agreed this should be worked up further with naturalistic rather than 'stick' figures, and without the overlap in the words 'Old' and 'Oak'. SW and E C-G to pursue.

### **Any other business**

9.1 There was no further business and the meeting concluded at 20.05 hours