

# Hyde Park Paddington

## Note of Steering Group Meeting held on 2 May 2019, 8.30 – 10:00 a.m.

British Land's offices, York House 45 Seymour Street, London W1

### Attendees:

#### Residential Members:

- Allen Zimble
- Sarah Clifford
- Bernadette McKernan
- Sally Martin

#### Business Members:

- Will Clayton (PaddingtonNow BID)
- Isabel Jeans (British Land)
- Kay Buxton (The Paddington Partnership)
- Mike Fairmaner (Marble Arch London)
- Vaughan Smith (Frontline Club)
- Mark McKeown (The Church Commissioners)

In attendance:

- Chris Peers (PaddingtonNow BID)

### Apologies:

- Sergio Chiquetto
- Paul Charalambous (Stylotel)
- Matthew Lindsay
- Ian Lush (Imperial Health Charity)
- Andrew Scrivener (European Land)

	Actions
<b>1. Introductions and Apologies</b> These were duly made and apologies noted.	
<b>2. Agreement of Minutes of Steering Group held on 26 March</b> These had been circulated beforehand with the meeting papers. AZ asked for a minor addition which was to minute that AS suggested that the BIDs could help informally with the collection of monies to fund private security; action: AZ and AS to meet to follow up.	SC to update minutes AS and AZ to discuss
<b>3. Matters arising from meeting held on 26 March</b> No matters raised.	
<b>4. Paper on CIL (taken as first item for discussion, by agreement)</b>	

<p>This was circulated beforehand with the meeting papers. MF and KB provided some additional background: it appears that WCC now regard the neighbourhood forums as their main way of communicating with local communities. The “Forum of Forums” to be organised by Marylebone Forum (mentioned at the previous steering group) will be important to share information. Although our Ward Members have made applications for CIL to be spent locally, which is much appreciated, there is no transparent process on how bids could be made for CIL money, nor on how it is allocated.</p> <p>The new information outlined in the paper, regarding the way in which CIL would be allocated, was agreed to support a firm proposal on the part of the Steering Group to move forward to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan. Without it, there would be much less certainty, and less money, for our area. The Paddington Place Plan will set out some priorities which should in principle generate spending on the HydeParkPaddington area; however it was noted that although the Merchant Square scheme was not yet consented, this would not necessarily generate CIL for our area without a plan.</p> <p>It was agreed that a motion would be put to the next General Meeting supporting the preparation of a plan. KB and MF will pull together the information needed, and a presentation. This should include funding proposals. BM asked that the presentation should include possible problems and challenges. SM suggested that we should request guidance from WCC on what they might require, and MM advised on using our Councillors to assist in this.</p>	<p>KB and MF</p>
<p><b>5. Praed Street vision brief</b></p> <p>This was previously circulated by KB, and again with the full meeting papers. KB provided further background: disparate ownership is still a big challenge in any implementation. The BID will be going to market on the brief and it was noted that part of the process is consulting with neighbours – hence bringing it to the Forum.</p> <p>There was general discussion on the issues, including the lack of data on the customer base for retail; the difficult market for retail leading to landlords wanting to hang on to current tenants; the poor quality of Praed Street units (including the residential above); it appears that current planning policy (or interpretation thereof) is working against making improvements.</p> <p>AZ spoke in support of action, stating that the more effectively the Forum works, the more the Council will take notice.</p> <p>KB requested that someone from the Forum should be on the panel for selecting the consultants for the study – AZ and IJ both volunteered.</p>	<p>KB</p>
<p><b>6. Frequently Asked Questions – draft for website</b></p> <p>This was circulated with the meeting papers. KB suggested that there should be a further question which allowed the “big vision” to be articulated. This could refer to the green issues and environment, which were referred to in the original proposal document for the establishment of the Forum.</p> <p>IJ felt that the references to the plan should include a statement on the challenges of putting one in place. BM requested that there should be a briefing note to the steering group on this.</p> <p>KB mentioned that the Marylebone Forum had been effective in gathering community input over a period of time, by being active at every opportunity with</p>	<p>SC to update FAQs</p>

<p>questionnaires and so on. SM suggested a pack or a flier, and BM wondered whether the summer concerts would be a good opportunity.</p>	<p>Next steering group agenda</p>
<p><b>7. Recruitment to resident vacancy on Steering Group</b>  AS has offered to publicise on the Merchant Square intranet. IJ will also consider possible options. AZ to liaise with AS.</p> <p>AZ was also concerned about inactive steering group members on the residential side and agreed to contact and meet as appropriate.</p>	<p>AZ</p> <p>AZ</p>
<p><b>8. Date of next General Meeting</b>  19 June had been proposed following the previous Steering Group meeting. Not all the Steering Group can attend but it was agreed to go ahead with this date.  A question was raised as to whether voting can be done by proxy and it was agreed to consult the constitution outside the meeting.</p>	<p>KB and MF to book venue</p> <p>SC to review constitution</p>
<p><b>9. Date of Next Meeting</b>  14 May 9am to 10am which will be a presentation on the Paddington Place Plan by Ruchi Chakravarty from WCC's place shaping team.  It was noted that the purpose of this meeting, as well as those who had not seen it having the opportunity to review the Place Plan, was to make clear to WCC that the Forum is proceeding towards the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>AZ felt that Ward Councillors should also be brought up to speed on the plans, and KB proposed that there should be a regular update for Ward Councillors on the activities of the Forum. These should fall after the Steering Group meetings and before any public session, and therefore one should be arranged between 15 May and 19 June.</p> <p>Otherwise the programme of Steering Group meetings should be proposed with dates in September, November, January/February and May.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>KB</p> <p>KB and SC</p>
<p><b>10. AOB</b>  None raised.</p>	