

Hyde Park Paddington

Note of Steering Group Meeting held on 26 March 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
- Matthew Lindsay
- Rev'd Stephen Mason

Business Members:

- Andrew Scrivener (European Land)
- Will Clayton (PaddingtonNow BID)
- Ian Lush (Imperial Health Charity)
- Isabel Jeans (British Land)
- Kay Buxton (The Paddington Partnership)
- Mike Fairmaner (Marble Arch London)

Apologies:

- Sally Martin
- Sergio Chiquetto
- Paul Charalambous (Stylotel)
- Nikhil Shah
- Vaughan Smith (Frontline Club)
- Mark McKeown (The Church Commissioners)

	Actions
1. Introductions and Apologies These were duly made and apologies noted.	
2. Agreement of Minutes of Inaugural General Meeting These had been circulated beforehand. It was agreed to anonymise the questions from the floor. AZ and BM asked for a couple of changes to improve accuracy. The group agreed to put amended minutes on website as draft minutes and the next public Forum meeting would be asked to formally agree them.	KB
3. Addressing the points raised at the meeting The points raised at the meeting were discussed. It was considered that though they were all valid points, some lay outside the role of the Forum. It was agreed to produce some FAQs and answers to go on the website that would answer some of the points made.	KB and SC

<p>Some of the points made were in relation to subjects already identified as a priority. Others, such as greening, would be added to the list. The Group also considered that it was worth re-stating the overall vision as this captured a lot of the concerns raised at the meeting.</p>	
<p>4. Update on City Plan timetable Different people had heard different reports of when the City Plan was due to be formally published – ranging from spring to autumn 2019. MF was asked to contact WCC to for a definitive response.</p>	MF
<p>5. Westminster grouping on Neighbourhood Forums KB explained that Marylebone Forum is organising a coming together of all the Neighbourhood Forums in Westminster for discussions about CIL and general levels of engagement with the City Council. After the first meeting, the intention then is to meet collectively with the Council. KB would let AZ know when a date was fixed.</p>	KB
<p>6. Taking forward the priorities The meeting discussed how to take forward the priorities previously identified, along with those raised at the Inaugural meeting. Some of these were policy issues, which could be addressed in either the City Plan or Neighbourhood Plan, some were day to day operational issues, and some were public realm improvements. AS explained he and KB had met WCC to discuss a plan for public realm improvements on the edges of the canal basin, and this touched on Praed Street and the rest of the ward. WCC was calling this a Place Plan. This was a promising start, and AS suggested that the Forum should ask for a meeting with WCC directly. It was not clear whether the Forum was on the list of stakeholders that WCC was intending to engage with. This was agreed and AZ, as Chairman, would contact WCC to ask for a meeting with the Steering Group, and specify that the Place Plan would be on the agenda.</p> <p>AS emphasised that the meeting with WCC had worked partly because The Paddington Partnership had pulled information together and knew what it wanted, and WCC appreciated being updated on schemes and ideas for improvements. Therefore it would be important for the Forum to come up with initiatives to feed in to this meeting.</p> <p>The Steering Group agreed that Praed Street was a clear priority and that it was important to ensure that locally generated CIL would be spent in the area. It was noted that producing a neighbourhood plan would help to do this. IL noted that St Mary’s Hospital had serious concerns about changing traffic arrangements on Praed Street around junctions with South Wharf Road because of the impact on ambulance journey times.</p> <p>On Short Term Lets, the issue was not one of policy, but of practical enforcement and WCC not having sufficient resources to overcome the difficulties in collecting evidence to support enforcement activity. KB reported that The Portman Estate and the Church Commissioners were in discussions with WCC about joint funding a general enforcement post that would include Short Term Lets. It was agreed that there is little direct action that the Forum can take on short lets, other than to support changes to legislation and regulations, and to continue to raise awareness locally.</p>	AZ

<p>On Vice, AZ explained that a security company had presented to HPEA with a view to HPEA getting costed options to fund night time security patrols. KB said that both PBID and Marble Arch BID use Andrews International and if HPEA could raise the funds, then the BIDs would be happy to provide accommodation and extend their contracts with Andrews to help provide night time patrols.</p> <p>AS suggested that the BIDs could help informally with the collection of monies to fund private security.</p> <p>There was a discussion about the need to have suitable late evening commercial uses to entice visitors and residents into the estate to provide some natural surveillance to help deter criminal activity. St John’s Church would be a good location and SM stated that the church had a lapsed planning permission for an extension to provide venue facilities but repairs to the church roof had taken priority. This might be a policy area worth exploring in a Neighbourhood Plan as it would be contrary to current planning policies.</p> <p>Gateways and connections to encourage “genuine footfall” were already being looked at via Marble Arch’s work with TfL on improved crossings along Edgware Road and at the Marylebone Flyover.</p> <p>Affordable housing policy was noted, but the Group recognised the constraints that WCC had to operate within.</p> <p>It was agreed to re-state the overall vision to reassure forum members that the points raised at the meeting were being addressed, including much needed greening projects.</p>	<p>AZ and AS to meet to follow up.</p>
<p>7. Date of next General Meeting This was agreed to be held in early summer before school holidays. SC would set up a Doodle Poll to find the best date.</p>	<p>SC</p>
<p>8. Recruitment to resident vacancy on Steering Group The resident members agreed to look to fill the current vacancy.</p>	<p>Residents</p>
<p>9. Date of Next Meeting The Group discussed times and agreed early morning was the distinct preference, enabling the residents to then get to their work places. Meetings would therefore be held 08:30-10:00 but if this was too early, then the Group was happy for others to arrive for 9:00.</p> <p>The date of the next meeting was fixed for 2 May 08:30-10:00. Offers of a venue welcomed but IJ stated that she was happy to host again if the room was available.</p>	<p>SC</p>