

HPP Steering Group

Note of Teleconference held on Monday 20 January 2020, at 0830

Present:

Residential Members

Allen Zimbler
Bernadette McKernan
Rev Stephen Mason
Andrew Beverley

Non-Residential

Kay Buxton
Paul Charalambous
Will Clayton
Joanna Love

Apologies were received in advance from:

Sergio Chiquetto
Matthew Lindsey
Mike Fairman
Andrew Scrivener
Isabel Turner
Mark McKeown

The Story so Far

Allen Zimbler thanked everyone for calling in and opened the meeting by saying that the paper circulated on advance was a good outline of your journey so far and had captured well the move towards a Neighbourhood Plan.

Allen added that from a residents' perspective traffic remains a major issue and needs to be added in.

But it is a good summary.

Andy Beverley suggested a good way of wrapping in the traffic concerns. Given the context of the three geographic areas (Edgware Road, Praed Street, Connaught Village) it would be a good idea to include the routes between these areas. This way we can join the areas together, and it meets the Forum objective of encouraging more pedestrian traffic down from Paddington to Connaught Village.

Paul Charalambous added the same is true in respect of the northern connections, connecting the PaddingtonNow BID area up through the Bays to the new developments.

Joanna Love shared that The Church Commissioners do have a walking strategy/plan, which features points of interest and can potentially include visual art, lighting schemes. The sight line from London Street down to Sussex Place could be enhanced as a prime example.

Kay Buxton suggested this could be the subject of a future CIL project.

Andy Beverley stated that these areas can then be connected via the Neighbourhood Plan. The plan is over-arching and we propose and specify routes where we wish to prioritise action.

Bernadette McKernan felt these linkages worked well.

Will Clayton agreed with the walking routes between centres approach.

Paul Charalambous also agreed.

AGM Speaker

Kay Buxton fed back comments submitted in his absence from Andrew Scrivener, which focused on the invitation to Mayfair Forum's Chairman to speak at our AGM on 6 February. Andrew felt that this should focus not on the detailed journey but on the benefits of having an adopted Neighbourhood Plan. All agreed with this approach. Mike will give a clear brief.

Allen Zimble summarised that everyone on the call was happy with this approach, with a couple of additions around traffic/routes.

Residential Vacancy

The issue of the resident vacancy arose. The preference is to target north of Praed Street. Failing that, Allen has someone from the Water Gardens who might fit the bill.

There were no other items of business.

Allen and Kay thanked Andy Beverley for providing the teleconference facility.

The call ended at 0900.
