

Hyde Park Paddington

Note of Steering Group Meeting held on 20 May 2-3pm via Zoom

Attendees:

Residential Members:

- Allen Zimble (Chairman)
- Andy Beverley
- Sally Martin
- Bernadette McKernan
- Sergio Chiquetto
- Rev'd Stephen Mason
- Sarah Clifford

Business Members:

- Ian Lush (Imperial Health Charity)
- Andrew Scrivener (European Land)
- Will Clayton (PaddingtonNow BID)
- Kay Buxton (The Paddington Partnership)
- Mark Mckeown and Joanna Love (Church Commissioners)
- Paul Charalambous (Stylotel)
- Isabel Turner (British Land)
- Mike Fairmaner (Marble Arch London)

Apologies Received:

- Matthew Lindsay

	Actions
<p>1. Introductions and Apologies These were duly made and apologies noted.</p>	
<p>2. Presentation and discussion on early feasibility designs by WCC for Sussex Gardens and Burwood Place. AZ welcomed Susan Chon (Programme Assurance Manager, Public Realm) from the Council and Alpesh Patel and Patrick Fogarty from WSP. They outlined their early feasibility designs for Sussex Gardens/Edgware Road and Burwood Place/Edgware Road that the Forum had been successful in seeking Neighbourhood CIL to improve. For Sussex Gardens, two options had been drawn up and plans were presented to the Group: Scheme 1: Planters over tree roots, curved bench in corner next to garden/Boots, repaving across whole area, possible communal bike pump next to bike stands. New paving throughout. Scheme 2: Individual seats under the tree, combined bench/planter in front of Peace Garden, repaving across whole area, possible communal bike pump next to bike stands. New paving throughout.</p>	

<p>These were discussed and the following comments were made: Need to look at reducing pigeon poo. Can WCC look at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can crown of tree be reduced? • Installation of electronic pigeon scarers • Signage to stop pigeon feeder (possibly on side of planters) <p>Seating:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not a clear view on whether to have seating. Majority in favour to try and help reclaim the space. • Need to ensure sufficient space for people to travel through the space with bags on wheels etc • New seating on Kensington High Street should be looked at: https://www.meristemdesign.co.uk/news/2019/10/2/kensington-amp-chelseas-first-ever-parklets-launched-on-kensington-high-street though needs modification to meet social distancing needs. • Discussion of custom made seat around tree – eg new one in Hyde Park Square Gardens (AZ offered site visit/photo). Although this might constrain the pedestrian flow. • Liked the use of wooden finishes, though would need to be maintained otherwise deteriorates. • Ideally align works with TfL, esp if they remove left turn slip road <p>For Burwood Place, two options had been drawn up and plans were presented to the Group.</p> <p>1. Burwood Place</p> <p>Scheme 1: Two benches next to tree at Edgware Road end, two planters at other end away from Edgware Rd. Bike pump.</p> <p>Scheme 2: Planter next to tree at Edgware Road end and combined seat as/planters at other end away from Edgware road. Bike pump.</p> <p>These were discussed and the following comments were made: Concerns common to both schemes: Insufficient greenery in both. It is currently stark area, needs much bigger greening intervention, especially at Edgware Road end. Idea of raised planted bed/parklet just north of cycle stands connecting the two trees was supported. Ideally additional trees, but understood to be not possible. Colour was identified as key too in respect of planting.</p> <p>Scheme 1 specific concerns: Type of bench supported, just need to be aware of proximity to cash points. Again Kensington High St combined benches/planters might be good option.</p> <p>Scheme 2 specific concerns: Need seating at Edgware Road end.</p> <p>AZ thanked Susan Chon and her colleagues for attending the meeting and asked MF to do a short note of the discussion to send to Susan to help her make modifications to the options. Agreed for Susan to present revised designs at next meeting.</p>	<p>MF</p>
<p>3. Matters arising from Steering Group held on 29 April The meeting then reverted to the agenda order and the minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.</p>	
<p>4. Nomination of Maria Parpou for vacant resident representative position on Steering Group. AZ reminded the Group that it was still had a vacancy for another resident representative and that he would like to propose Maria Parpou for the position. She was an active</p>	

<p>resident, was HPEA Treasurer and worked for Visa. She lived on the Hyde Park Estate. AZ had sought to recruit a resident representative from north of the area but had not been successful. Maria's nomination was unanimously approved. MF to invite her to the next meeting.</p>	<p>MF</p>
<p>5. Edgware Road Insights Study KB explained that she had previously circulated to the Group the draft consultants brief for this study after the last meeting and asked for comments by 29 May. KB had sent the same brief to the Marylebone Forum with the same deadline for comments. So far she had received a number of individual responses which would be looked at and changes to the brief made where appropriate.</p>	<p>ALL</p>
<p>6. AOB – Congestion Charge Re-introduction AZ expressed concern on the re-introduction of the Congestion Charge post Covid 19 lockdown and its longer operating times until 10pm in the evening and that it would now be 7 days a week rather than Monday to Friday. Being just outside the zone, AZ was concerned that this might push traffic through the estate and inhibit residents from travelling across Edgware Road, especially at a time when public transport would be operating at severely reduced capacity. Traffic on Edgware Road and air quality might suffer. These concerns were widely held by most of the residents on the Group, and SM was particularly concerned at the impact on some of his parishioners. It was understood that the Government had demanded that the Mayor make these changes as part of the Covid 19 transport settlement for TfL.</p>	
<p>7. Date of next meetings It was agreed to arrange the next meeting for 10 June for WCC to present revised feasibility designs for Sussex Gardens and Burwood Place. 2-3pm via Zoom.</p>	<p>MF</p>