

Hyde Park Paddington

Note of Steering Group Meeting held on 29 April 2-3pm via Zoom

Attendees:

Residential Members:

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

Business Members:

- Ian Lush (Imperial Health Charity)
- 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:

- Andrew Scrivener (European Land)
- Vaughan Smith (Frontline Club)

	Actions
<p>1. Introductions and Apologies</p> <p>These were duly made and apologies noted.</p> <p>AZ wished everyone well, thanked people for attending and asked for a brief update on how everyone is coping.</p> <p>PC has furloughed all staff.</p> <p>IT reported that Sainsbury's is open in Paddington Central but only a handful of people are on the estate which has remained open.</p> <p>IL reported he is now Chairman of the national NHS charity and is busier than ever and that significant charitable donations have been made both nationally and to St Mary's. There are signs that the pressure from Covid 19 is easing at the hospital.</p> <p>MM said that they had made 200 free parking spaces available for the NHS and had retained skeleton staff and building managers on the estate. Generally the estate has been very quiet with few issues. JL said that on the commercial side they were having discussions with tenants and taking a case by case approach. Most tenants had closed for the lockdown.</p>	

<p>KB reported that Marble Arch BID had repositioned its services to support businesses with the lockdown and signpost government aid packages. The Street Team hours had been changed to noon-8pm to reflect the circumstances but would be patrolling until 10pm in the lead up to Eid and beyond, working closely with the Police. For Paddington KB said they had paused the Explore Paddington magazine and were concerned about the canal uses not being eligible for government support as they weren't liable for business rates.</p> <p>SM said that although the church is closed, they are busy running virtual coffee mornings and play groups etc, and making the most of the local shops that are open. Reported that there is a less anti-social behaviour on the estate as drug dealers weren't present and far fewer short term lets operating.</p> <p>AB reported that the HPEA was busy helping to coordinate volunteering on the estate and sending out regular newsletters and the local shops that were open had expanded their ranges which was welcomed.</p> <p>WC said he had furloughed all staff and was concerned that re-opening and running the business with social distancing measures would be hard as the fewer customers would not cover the costs of opening.</p> <p>SM said how lucky they were to have Hyde Park to use to get some fresh air and exercise.</p> <p>AZ reported he is in weekly contact with Nickie Aiken MP which was very good and she is proposing a private members bill on pedicabs and is looking for support. She has just been appointed as Principal Private Secretary within MHCLG. WCC had reported there were about 100 people continuing to rough sleep in the city, despite the availability of accommodation to them. AZ said how strong the sense of community was, with lots of offers of help and support.</p>	
<p>2. Matters arising from Steering Group held on 3 December</p> <p>The minutes were agreed. AZ congratulated KB and MF on the successful CIL applications.</p>	
<p>3. WCC Decisions on HPP CIL Applications</p> <p>KB presented slides and confirmed that WCC had approved these applications for neighbourhood CIL funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bishop's Bridge Road Public Realm Action plan £50k. KB confirmed this was much more than just street furniture clutter reduction but to make it less of a boundary. • Edgware Road Insights Study £20k (plus £20k from Marylebone Forum CIL and £10k from Marble Arch BID). See Item 5 below. • Norfolk Square Gardens Showcase £20k - led by Paddington BID • Star Street Green Space Improvements £57k – submitted by Cllr Acton rather than the Forum. <p>The unsuccessful applications had been deferred rather than refused, pending the release of the Paddington Transport Study, and that WCC had already been in touch seeking to incorporate these into the Paddington Place Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • London Street to Connaught Village walking route – £50,000 • Sale Place to Connaught Village walking route – £50,000 • Praed Street/South Wharf Road Pedestrian Refuge – £35,000 	
<p>4. CIL Projects Updates – Burwood Place and Sussex Gardens</p> <p>MF explained that WCC public realm project teams had assembled project cost estimates for Burwood Place and Sussex Gardens.</p> <p>For Burwood PI, to get to Stage 1 Feasibility design options, WCC had quoted £8,870 but had assured MF/KB that they were working to the overall project cost of £30k. The idea is</p>	

<p>to have some seating (social distancing compatible), planters and a possible communal bike pump as its next to the cycle quietway. Both AZ and PC suggested single seats might be best.</p> <p>For Sussex Gardens, the location was more complex but the same principles applied, with some seating and greenery. The tree would remain. The removal of the recycling centre would help to create a much better corner. Again, MF/KB had expressed concerns to WCC on the cost of getting to Stage 1 Feasibility Options (in this case £21,755) but again were reassured by WCC that they working to the overall budget.</p> <p>For both schemes WCC had promised a couple of design options in about 3 weeks, and the Group agreed to convene a special Steering Group meeting for WCC to present design options for both schemes.</p> <p>IL suggested that the north side of the junction between Sussex Gardens and Edgware Road would benefit from a similar approach, once the long running building works had finished. This was agreed as a potential scheme for a future CIL application.</p>	<p>MF</p>
<p>5. Edgware Road Insights Study</p> <p>KB explained that Marble Arch BID had started to think about this study and said it would cover the entire length of Edgware Road from Marble Arch to the Flyover and include the side streets at the junctions with Edgware Road and the whole of Old Marylebone Road and Chapel Street. The study would underpin policy development for the HPP and Marylebone neighbourhood plans and would include research on topics such as land use, rental values, catchment area, expenditure and dwell time. Several stakeholder sessions would be built into the study to ensure full local participation and capture of issues. KB offered to circulate the draft brief to the Group the following week.</p>	<p>KB</p>
<p>6. Date of next meetings</p> <p>It was agreed it was premature to arrange a General meeting. The next Steering Group meeting to which WCC Public Realm would be invited to present their design options for Burwood PI and Sussex Gardens was fixed for Wednesday 20 May 2-3pm via Zoom. .</p>	<p>MF</p>