

Hyde Park Paddington

Note of Steering Group Meeting held on 3 November 2020, 2-3pm, via Zoom

Attendees:

Residential Members:

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

Business Members:

- Kay Buxton (The Paddington Partnership)
- Mark McKeown and Joanna Love (Church Commissioners)
- Chris Peers (Paddington BID) as nominated replacement by Will Clayton (PaddingtonNow BID)
- Isabel Turner (British Land)
- Andrew Scrivener (European Land)
- Ian Lush (Imperial Health Charity)
- Mike Fairmaner (Marble Arch London)

Apologies Received:

- Matthew Lindsay
- Paul Charalambous (Stylotel)
- Will Clayton (PaddingtonNow BID)
- Vaughan Smith (Frontline Club)

	Actions
1. Introductions and Apologies These were duly made and apologies noted.	
2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising The minutes were agreed and there were no matters arising not covered by the agenda.	
3. Hyde Park Estate Association response to WCC Low Traffic Neighbourhood Proposals AZ explained that the Association had discussed its response to the Council's proposals for a Low Traffic Neighbourhood for the estate after receiving much lobbying (not all of it pleasant) from both supporters and opponents of the scheme. The Association regretted how divisive the scheme had proved and that despite repeated requests to the Council for further information on the impact on residents in terms of journey times and distances, reliable information had not been forthcoming. The Association had agreed	

<p>that, unfortunately, it had no option but to formally object to the proposals. Apparently a separate residents' society was being established that supported the Council's proposals.</p> <p>CP advised that Paddington Now BID had not made a response as it had not been formally consulted and had not seen enough information on the impact of the scheme to make an informed decision. CP said he intended to report issues as they arise during the experimental period (assuming it goes ahead) – whether they were good or bad outcomes. SM reported that Star Street residents were opposed to the scheme and had similarly sought further information but not received anything.</p> <p>KB explained that Camden Council use https://www.commonplace.is/ as a platform to engage the community on Camden LTNs and this worked quite well.</p>	
<p>4. CIL public realm updates</p> <p>a) Connaught Village Green: JL reported that the Church Commissioners had been successful in securing £135k of neighbourhood CIL funding for the next design stage for Connaught Village Green to provide a focal point to the commercial centre. The idea had been caught up in the LTN proposals, and JL was working up less extensive options that could proceed if the LTN was not taken forward.</p> <p>b) Burwood Place: MF reported this was moving to stage 2 design by WCC.</p> <p>c) Sussex Gardens: MF reported this was now on pause pending the outcome of a TFL feasibility study into removing the left-hand slip road at the junction with Sussex Gardens, though traffic would still be able to turn left. This feasibility study was due to be completed by Christmas.</p> <p>d) The Bays: KB presented slides on this project along the canal that went from Bishops Bridge Road to South Wharf Road. The idea was to improve the legibility of the route by marking the entry points and having artistic features along the route, comprising lighting, poetry and illustrations. A total of 15 interventions were planned around 4 distinct themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wildlife/nature • Heritage • Personal memories • Transport <p>An application for advertising consent had recently been submitted. AB asked how it linked into the Council's Paddington Places work and whether it was in line with the Plan's aims for the area. KB confirmed that there was no conflict with the plan, in fact the modelling work will mesh. The main focus of the Place Plan was north of the canal at this point as it was looking at reducing the severance of the Westway.</p> <p>e) Bishop's Bridge Road Public Realm Action Plan: KB reported this had been a successful application in April 2020 for £50k (+ £10k match funding) to improve the bridge as a pedestrian and cycling route by decluttering, softening the landscape and making pedestrian crossings more intuitive. The Action Plan will contain a costed public realm improvement plan with several projects to improve the space. IT reported how the bridge is a key pedestrian route from Paddington station to Paddington Central. The Action Plan interfaces with the pedestrian crossing at the northern end of the bridge, adjacent to the Travis Perkins site. MP asked how well used the crossing was at the moment. KB explained that the Travis Perkins site has been bought by Unite for student housing, with a Travis Perkins store re-provided at ground floor. No application has been made as yet. SC and CP agreed how dangerous that crossing was from personal experience for pedestrians, including pupils from Marylebone Boys School. KB reported that modelling to date indicates the road is too wide for a single crossing. KB</p>	

<p>explained that to ensure it fitted into the Paddington Place Plan, she was intending to ask Fifth Studio (who had been commissioned by the Council to produce the Place Plan) to develop a costed plan for future CIL/S106 and this would be reported back to the Forum. AZ agreed that this scheme needed to go forward and improvements made to the bridge. The way forward was agreed.</p>	
<p>5. Edgware Road Insights Study KB reported following that study was going well with a good response to the surveys:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 47 resident surveys and 12 in-depth interviews completed; • 5 completed hotel and venue premises in-depth interviews; • 6 completed office workers in-depth interviews; • 4 to date local trader in depth-interviews. <p>Interviews were also being arranged with the Portman Estate and Church Commissioners. A draft report was due around Christmas.</p>	
<p>6. Date of next General Meeting MF reminded the Group that the constitution required us to hold a General Meeting every 6 months. The AGM was held on 5 February 2020 so we were overdue a General meeting. It was agreed a virtual meeting was feasible and a date was set for 9 December at 6pm. Email notifications and agenda are required to be sent out at least 14 days in advance.</p>	<p>AZ/KB/MF</p>
<p>7. AOB IL updated the group on St Marys redevelopment proposals. The hospital was on the Government’s published list of hospitals to be modernised and had submitted a strategic business case although had yet to receive any feedback. Assuming the business case is agreed, then there should not be many internal hurdles to address in order to proceed with the proposals, but there was no timetable yet. The Trust was assessing the impact on viability of the pandemic and how it might change development values and the future market for commercial space which was key to the proposals. In the short term, the Charity had made some investment in improving facilities for Trust staff to improve working conditions, including changing facilities for PPE etc, and was also looking at improving wayfinding within the hospital for patients and visitors.</p>	
<p>8. Date of next meeting This was fixed for Wednesday 13 January 2021 2-3 pm via zoom</p>	<p>MF/KB</p>