

Hyde Park Paddington

Note of Steering Group Meeting held on 16 June 2021, 3-4pm, via Zoom

Attendees:

Residential Members:

- Allen Zimble (Chairman)
- Andy Beverley
- Sally Martin
- Bernadette McKernan
- Sarah Clifford
- Sergio Chiquetto
- David Steyn
- Maria Parpou

Business Members:

- Kay Buxton (The Paddington Partnership)
- Mark McKeown and James Parker (Church Commissioners)
- Chris Peers (Paddington BID)
- Isabel Turner (British Land)
- Ian Lush (Imperial Health Charity)
- Paul Charalambous (Stylotel)
- Rev'd Stephen Mason (St John's Church)
- Will Clayton (PaddingtonNow BID)

Apologies Received:

- Matthew Lindsay
- Andrew Scrivener (European Land)

Invited Guests:

- Felix Hobson and Sinead Fahey, Fifth Studio for Item 2

	Actions
1. Introductions and Apologies These were duly made and apologies noted.	
2. Presentation on Bishop's Bridge Road (BBR) Public Realm Plan (Felix Hobson and Sinead Fahey, Fifth Studio) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Following introductions, Felix Hobson explained that there is a package of projects on BBR and they are assessing how best they can be delivered.• He set out the boundary of the area covered which runs from the gyratory to Eastbourne terrace.• The environment is of poor quality for pedestrians with street clutter, lack of character, poor signposting (e.g. high quality pedestrian areas by the canal are not well signposted), dominated by vehicles, no cycle provisioning and lack of greening.	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The challenges are intensified by Marylebone boys school access and the location of the central reservation which is not ideal. • Felix outlined expectations versus the reality of views from bridge including canal and station. With gateway hotel development and student accommodation at gyratory end, there is a triangle of access over taxi rank building. • They engaged with stakeholders including local businesses, TFL/ National rail, landowners, canal and river trust, and the school • Options under consideration include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New segregated cycle lane ○ Pavement widening ○ New crossings/ improved stairways/ access points & continuous canal pathway ○ Additional greening • The distinguishing character of the bridge was highlighted including its importance in providing access to a major entrance to Paddington station (canalside) to complement the new Crossrail and Praed St entrances. • Next steps involve further stakeholder engagement to understand quick wins and wider context, phasing strategy and costing; further engagement with HPP NF and final RIBA Stage 2 report. <p>SM asked about the trade-off between dispersal of traffic and provision of cycle lanes. FH said Westminster emphasised importance of this as part of critical road network, and it should be part of the overall modelling.</p> <p>SC asked if any lanes might be lost on bridge with the current plans. FH explained that the cycle lane will be inside the taxi lane and moving crossing/ widening public realm will leave more generous space for waiting.</p> <p>AZ thanked FH and SF for their time in presenting at the meeting and willingness to engage with the Forum.</p>	
<p>3. Agreement of Minutes of Steering Group Meeting held on 21 April 2021 and matters arising</p> <p>The minutes were agreed and there were no matters arising not covered by the agenda.</p>	
<p>4. Update on other CIL Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burwood Place – KB explained that the trial holes proposed by WCC have been carried out. The project has now moved to Stage 2 design. Aim to start end August. • Sussex Gardens – KB confirmed basement surveys completed and work should start on similar timescale. • Norfolk Square Gardens Showcase – CP confirmed that the butterfly survey would commence this week and preparation of gardens underway/ being planted. Using more mature plants which will create immediate appeal. • Connaught Village Green – JP explained they have finalised stage 1 and are consulting with WCC/ ward councillors before getting final approval (may take up to 9 months). • The Bays – KB agreed with JP that the on boarding process on these projects is not transparent, but they are moving towards implementation. Detail of 	

<p>asset approvals and consents is underway, although there have been some questions in TfL on ownership.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bishop’s Bridge Road – covered under item 2 above. • Edgware Road Insights Study – KB noted that WCC was asking for city planning updates and policies. Also, the study is being updated for vacancy rates with comparators to neighbouring areas. She aims to have WCC sign off in the next few weeks to provide the second half of funding for the project. <p>AZ thanked everyone for the updates and added that Norfolk Square will be on everyone’s walking list.</p>	
<p>5. Topics and date for next General Meeting scheduled for 6 July 2021</p> <p>KB suggested moving the meeting (which was pencilled in for 6th July) to September and all agreed. A revised date of Tuesday 14th September was set, with the aim of holding the meeting in person.</p>	KB/ AZ
<p>6. AOB</p> <p>CP noted that on Friday 25th June from 12-2pm there would be a Mexican picnic lunch in Norfolk Square.</p> <p>CP explained that Paddington BID and Paddington Partnership were producing an eating out guide (rather than the usual magazine) in order to support F&B recovery.</p> <p>AB enquired when the Cork & bottle might be re-opening and WC explained they were in landlord negotiations.</p>	
<p>7. Date of next Steering Group Meeting</p> <p>The next Steering meeting was not required before general meeting in September.</p>	KB/ BM