

Hyde Park Paddington

Note of Steering Group Meeting held on 1 November 2022, 4-5pm, via Zoom

Attendees:

Residential Members:

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

Business Members:

- Kay Buxton
- Chris Peers
- James Parker
- Paul Charalambous
- Rev'd Stephen Mason
- Will Clayton
- Will Scott

Apologies Received:

- Bernadette Le Beau
- Charlotte Moss
- Ian Lush

	Actions
1. Welcome, Apologies and Introductions The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted.	
2. Agreement of minutes and matters arising from Steering Group meeting held on 12 May 2022; agreement of draft minutes of AGM held on 30 March 2022 The minutes for both meetings were agreed and there were no matters arising not covered by the agenda. To be uploaded to the Forum website.	KB
3. Co-option of Antonia Cox as resident representative replacing Matthew Lindsay The co-option of Antonia Cox was approved.	
4. Feedback from Hyde Park ward councillors briefing on Neighbourhood Forum The Chairman explained that there had been two rounds of briefings with new Hyde Park councillors on the forum, its purpose and activities. All councillors have been invited to join the forum as councillor representatives, so they can attend the general meetings. It	

<p>JP confirmed that WSP (designers) were taking forward the Connaught Village Green project. It was in the system and seems to be progressing. The aim is to have spades in the ground by Q3 2023 with c9 months to deliver the scheme.</p> <p>KB explained there was c£800k in the CIL pot to use and the next applications can now be made as the Ward councillors are briefed. She noted that the Forum is currently looking at an application for a planning support for the Neighbourhood Plan which will cost c£25k. This was agreed.</p> <p>AZ asked the steering group to give some consideration to the next round of projects and send in ideas asap.</p>	ALL
<p>7. Next steps on Neighbourhood Plan (including application for planning policy support)</p> <p>KB outlined some of the key findings from the Neighbourhood Plan workshop held in June and additional feedback from the councillor discussions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Praed Street corridor– councillors agreed with the importance of being relevant to the Paddington Square and St Mary’s hospital plans, recognising that the St Mary’s development was some way off yet • Edgware Road – agreed that townscaping and public realm is key but we cannot influence the letting strategy of all landlords • Culture and community – confirmed important to reflect the heritage and the Fleming Museum was mentioned • Opportunity area – confirmed importance of securing step free access through new schemes • Air quality – noted that monitoring this should be part of policy, and greater requirement for air quality monitoring • Sustainability & greening – noted requirements for further pause points and also discussed lack of play space in the Ward • Night time economy – agreed that the concentration of 24/7 workers in the area required support through Plan policies • Hotels – councillors were not aware of the risks of the hotels on the north side of Norfolk Square reverting to residential, as leases come up for renewal, as they cannot compete with Premier Inn. SM understood that in some areas, converting hotels to residential use had been encouraged to upgrade the area and tackle ASB. CP suggested that there might be clusters to protect but additional risks that the properties are becoming HMOs rather than hotels. JP noted that in Sussex Gardens hotels are on longer leaseholds. DS questioned whether there was a requirement to align policy on hotels. AC discussed a blanket policy to convert hotels in certain zones to residential but not HMOs, with the associated risk of ASB. PC noted that affordability might be an issue if they were single use dwellings and losing hotels risked losing the security provided by night porters with hotel use. SM noted that some upgrading was required. AZ suggested a policy to retain flexibility for change over the next 10 years without exacerbating ASB issues. CP noted that Norfolk Square north side hotels had 8-10 years lease to run and are single owner. • Short-term lets and lighting continue to be important • Al fresco dining – councillors are very supportive and there is a suggestion to add Sussex Place as a site for permanent al fresco • Infrastructure for families – some concern at the aging population in the area and the requirement in the plan to support and encourage younger families to live in the area 	

<p>KB noted that the intention is to group these key points into themes for discussion. AZ agreed there was additional work to carry out to scope the requirements and it was important not to limit the possibilities. Next steps to sift out what should be covered in the Plan.</p>	<p>AZ/KB</p>
<p>8. AOB None noted</p>	
<p>9. Date for next Steering group meeting The next Steering meeting was scheduled to be held on Thursday 19 January at 4pm by Zoom.</p>	<p>KB</p>
<p>10. Date of next General Meeting (December) and AGM The next General Meeting was scheduled for Monday 12th December at 6pm at the Victory Services Club.</p>	<p>KB</p>