



Muswell Hill, Alexandra, Fortis Green and Highgate Area Forum and Committee

WEDNESDAY, 12TH MARCH, 2014

6.30 pm

**VENUE: THE LONDESBOROUGH ROOM (PALM COURT ENTRANCE)
ALEXANDRA PALACE, ALEXANDRA PALACE WAY, LONDON N22 7AY**

MEMBERS OF THE AREA COMMITTEE/FORUM:

Councillors Allison, Beacham, Bloch, Davies, Engert (Chair), Erskine, Hare, Jenks, Newton, Scott, Solomon and Williams

There will be a 'Report a Problem' surgery from 6.00pm to 6.30pm where officers from the Council's Frontline services and the Police Safer Neighbourhood Team will be in attendance.

Introduction by the Chair – Councillor Engert

AREA FORUM

1. AREA FORUM ITEMS

In respect of the following items Members of the Public attending are encouraged to ask questions and raise any concerns

Traffic/Pedestrian Crossing Issues – Colney Hatch Lane junctions with Alexandra Park Road and Pages Lane

(this will be considered with Item 4 on the Committee part of the agenda)

Tony Kennedy - Transport Policy & Projects Manager LB Haringey will be in attendance

Regeneration of Alexandra Palace – Update - 7.20pm

Duncan Wilson – Chief Executive – Alexandra Palace will give an update to the Forum on the current activities and development proposals for the Palace

There will be a 5 minute interval after the Area Forum business has concluded before the Area Committee commences

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

4. QUESTIONS, DEPUTATIONS OR PETITIONS : TO CONSIDER ANY QUESTIONS, DEPUTATIONS OR PETITIONS RECEIVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 4, SECTION B29 OF THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION

7. MINUTES - 30 JANUARY 2014

6. FEEDBACK FROM AREA FORUM PART OF THE PROCEEDINGS

7. AREA PLAN UPDATE

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT

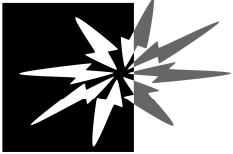
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Haringey Council

Briefing note for the Muswell Hill, Alexandra, Fortis Green and Highgate Area Forum

Date : 12 March 2014

Purpose of Briefing

- To update the Muswell Hill, Alexandra, Fortis Green and Highgate Area Forum about progress with the Alexandra Palace regeneration project.

1. Regeneration project

In the summer of 2012 the Alexandra Park and Palace Trust (APPCT) consulted widely about a regeneration plan for the whole place based on a design masterplan by Terry Farrell Associates. This plan was broadly welcomed by over 2000 respondents. It formed the basis of a bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund to restore the Victorian theatre as a new cultural and performance space and former BBC TV studios as a visitor attraction. The Stage 1 bid for £17m towards a £24m project was successful. This allowed us to proceed to the next phase, design and submission of fully costed proposals. The design team, led by internationally renowned architects Feilden Clegg Bradley, have just been appointed.

The Trust is also taking professional advice about the feasibility of finding one or more private sector partners to invest in a hotel and our events business. If and when proposals emerge from this process we will consult on them fully.

To encourage people to see the place in a new light, we are promoting “meanwhile” uses of some of the derelict or underused spaces such as the theatre, where some interim repairs have allowed us to use the auditorium for the first time in recent history.

2. Conservation of the fabric

The Trust has also commissioned a full study of the condition of the fabric of Alexandra Palace from the conservation architects Purcell. We are now studying the initial findings, and the intention is that this will lead to a ten year programme of maintenance and repairs to the 140-year old building. The HLF project (above) will be addressing the most important historic interiors, which were mostly untouched by the 1980s fire. But many of the areas rebuilt following the 1980s fire are now themselves in need of urgent repair and (in some cases) rebuilding. The mechanical and electrical plant too is in need of replacement or overhaul, as confirmed by the survey. The Trust is now putting together a prioritised plan for addressing these issues in conjunction with the regeneration project and to support the existing events business.

3. Events report

The basis of regenerating the Palace is a thriving events business, which is generating profits to support the Trust’s work in respect of the Park and Palace. There is sustainable growth in live sports events, concerts and exhibitions. However as always individual events come and go over time, so to remain competitive we are always looking to attract new business.

4. The Park

The challenge of maintaining the Park is significant, given that it is heavily used especially when the weather is good. There has also been some storm damage over the winter, and we have lost some large trees. However there has been recent progress eg in renewing the timber decking around the lake.

We will be looking at the issue of car parking in the course of 2014. Survey work is currently being conducted as part of an options appraisal. Any changes proposed will be fully consulted on.

We are also looking a number of environmental improvement projects, which Mark Evison will outline in greater detail at the meeting.

5. Learning and community

We have recently made some improvements to the Transmitter Hall (aka Boxing Club) to allow us to reopen it later in the year as a centre from which to deliver our learning programmes to commemorate the centenary of WW1, in which Alexandra Palace had a part to play as a refugee and then internment camp. Our learning officer Isobel Aptaker will be engaging with local schools to bring this story to life from September 2014. It will include a small exhibition about the impact of WW1 at Alexandra Palace. This project has bene mostly funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

We will also be using the Transmitter Hall once works are complete around Easter to host community events, including guided tours of the Palace which will start there.

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Councillors Allison, Beacham, Bloch, Engert (Chair), Hare, Jenks, Newton, Scott and Solomon

Apologies Councillor Davies, Erskine and Williams

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTION BY
MH87.	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Davies, Erskine, and Williams.</p> <p>NOTED</p>	
MH88.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS</p> <p>There were no declarations of interests.</p> <p>NOTED</p>	
MH89.	<p>QUESTIONS, DEPUTATIONS OR PETITIONS : TO CONSIDER ANY QUESTIONS, DEPUTATIONS OR PETITIONS RECEIVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 4, SECTION B29 OF THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION</p> <p>Nil.</p>	
MH90.	<p>MINUTES - 23 SEPTEMBER 2013</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That the Minutes of the meeting of the Muswell Hill, Alexandra, Fortis Green and Highgate Area Committee held on 23 September 2013 be agreed as an accurate record of the proceedings.</p> <p><i>Matters Arising</i></p> <p>MH58</p> <p>The Chair advised that she was still chasing on the disabled access at MH Library and community use of space behind the Library.</p> <p>The Chair also advised that Cllr Newton and she had been interviewed by consultants who had been carrying out an appraisal on the future use of libraries, and they had both emphasised these issues.</p> <p>NOTED</p>	

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MH73 – Area Plans (SEE ITEM 7 – MH92 below)

MH80 (i) WALKSAFE N10

The Chair advised that the Council had agreed to extend the 20mph zone to Coppetts Road which was the main route past Coldfall and Coppetts Wood Primary Schools. This work had now been completed together with some resurfacing and replacement speed cushions.

The Chair reported that Cllr Newton had requested some further signage and some works to the pedestrian crossing and mini roundabout junction with Creighton Avenue to make drivers more aware of the new speed limit and to make the pedestrian crossing safer.

NOTED

MH80 (ii) OVERCROWDING ON BUS ROUTES

Overcrowding of 43 and 134 between Colney Hatch Lane and Highgate Station in morning peak. TfL did a loading survey on MH Broadway on 1 May 2013 for 1 hour which didn't evidence people left behind. TfL did ask for further evidence.

Local Cllrs carried out a door-to-door survey to ask about overcrowding. The streets surveyed were Church Crescent, Woodland Gardens, Onslow Gardens, Woodland Rise, St James's Lane, Hillfield Park, Grand Avenue, Firs Avenue and Muswell Hill Road between 11–19th January. 84 of the 117 people who said they regularly used 43 or 134 towards Highgate in the morning peak experienced overcrowding especially between 8 and 8.30am. This evidence has been forwarded to TfL who have promised an early response.

NOTED

MH85 – POLICE ISSUES

The Chair advised that Cllr Newton had written to the Borough Commander regarding the number of police in Borough and received the following response on 18 October 2013:

'The implementation of the Local Policing Model kept the number of officers funded for the borough the same; at 654. The Model allocated an increased number of posts for officers in the main Neighbourhood Policing Teams (known locally as clusters) to 117 Constables. In total there are 180 police officer posts for Neighbourhood Policing, including all the supervisory staff, the borough tasking team and the schools and partnership officers. At the moment the main Neighbourhood Policing Teams are 9 Constables short of the 117, and 9 Sergeants. The borough has already received 5 new Constables who started on the

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Neighbourhood Policing Teams a few weeks ago, and are currently expecting to receive an additional 11 between 22nd January and 10th February - all of these new officers will go to Neighbourhood Teams.'

The Chair felt that it was appropriate to seek an update from the Borough Commander.

ACTION : Cllr Newton to write to the Borough Commander to ask for an update.

Parking Charges

The Chair had received and circulated a reply from Cllr Bevan – Cabinet Member for Environment to her letter containing the resolution at the Committee on 23 September 2013 – There would be no change to Council Policy.

NOTED

Parking Cross-overs

The Chair reported that in response to her written enquiries to Tony Kennedy his response was that approval of cross-over applications were subject to the applicant meeting and agreeing to the set of criteria. The Council had refused a number of applications that did not meet the criteria and would also check compliance when installing approved crossovers. Mr Kennedy had further advised that he was still investigating the actual numbers and would update the Chair once information was available.

NOTED

The Chair also advised that Mr Kennedy was seeking information for figures relating to enforcement action for crossover infringement in each of the Area Forum Wards over the past three years. Mr Kennedy had also advised that Neighbourhood Action Team (NATs) officers would issue residents and businesses verbal/written warnings for crossover infringements and in certain instances proceed to formal action.

NOTED

ROAD SAFETY

The Chair advised that in respect of the junction at Colney Hatch Lane with Alexandra Park Road and Pages Lane, CrossSafe N10 were running a petition and would be coming to the next Forum meeting on 12 March 2014.

NOTED

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MH91.	<p>FEEDBACK FROM AREA FORUM PART OF THE PROCEEDINGS</p> <p>(i) Planning Draft Site Allocations</p> <p>Noted comments from Cllr Allison that the draft document should be circulated to as many people as possible to ensure maximum viewing.</p> <p>ACTION: Ward Councillors to circulate a link to the consultation to local Residents Groups</p> <p>(ii) Licensing Issues</p> <p>Councillor Scott advised that, in summary, in terms of the discussions during the Forum part of the proceedings the concerns that were reported highlighted the fundamental issues of current licensing law and that these concerns were legitimate in regard to a need for the law to be changed. The issue of evidence gathering was vital in terms of identifying when the public left licensed establishments and the nuisances caused by them, and the lack of adequate control by the licensees.</p> <p>Councillor Scott urged that Councillors assist residents in respect of diarising, and cataloguing events, and the anti-social behaviour emanating therefrom in order to be able to present such information to the authorities to back their claims.</p> <p>The Chair felt that it would be useful for Ward Cllrs to alert local residents to applications that might impact upon them.</p> <p>ACTION : That officers be requested to ensure that Ward Cllrs remain aware of information relating to licence applications in their areas in order to assist Ward Cllrs in keeping residents informed.</p> <p>(iii) NORTH HILL TRAFFIC ISSUES</p> <p>Noted – the excellent presentation by Richard Webber on the issues of out-of-date and contradictory signage, traffic and speeding.</p> <p>Noted comments by Members relating to the probability of the old signage being removed.</p> <p>Noted that a petition for pedestrian crossing facilities had been put out by local residents for signature.</p> <p>ACTION : The comments of attendees to be taken back to Tony Kennedy by Michael Demesthenous for response to the</p>	
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	<p>Committee.</p> <p>(iv) Wellington Gyratory</p> <p>Noted – the general aspirations expressed at the need for a reduction in speed limit from 40mph to 30mph in the stretch of Aylmer Road leading to and from the Wellington Gyratory together with modifications to the appearance of the dual carriageway to be less looking like a ‘motorway’.</p> <p>ACTION : Cllr Newton to take this up with Tony Kennedy and Transport for London.</p> <p>ACTION : The comments of attendees to be taken back to Tony Kennedy by Michael Demesthenous for response to the Committee.</p> <p>Noted – comments of the Chair and Cllr Hare in relation to the possibility that the Wellington Gyratory could be reviewed as part of any future development programme of the local area.</p>	
<p>MH92.</p>	<p>AREA PLAN UPDATE</p> <p>The Chair referred to the circulated abridged Area Plan and that the document highlighted aspirations as well as a number of ongoing issues. The Chair advised that she had sent the document to the Area Champion for distribution to relevant senior officers. In terms of the overall contents the document was a living one – to be added to by Ward Councillors i.e, the North Road issue.</p> <p>i. Councillor Jenks commented that the document was a way to highlight in particular traffic issues. The Chair asked that any further additions or changes to be sent to her.</p> <p>Councillor Jenks referred to the issue of the 20mph consultation and issues highlighted regarding perceived need for 20mph in residential and town centre areas. Councillor Jenks also referred to the issues such as requests for Zebra crossings and that for such requests members needed to keep on lobbying for this type of request because there could be achievements even when told that there was no budget for such things e.g. the recent WalkSafe campaign etc.</p> <p>ii. Councillor Solomon commented on the traffic issue and HGV problem at Palace Gates Road, which needed to be looked into and that this issue needed to be added to the list.</p>	

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	<p>ACTION : Cllr Solomon to send details to Chair to be incorporated in the Area Plan.</p> <p>iii. Councillor Allison referred to the refurbishment of cast iron lighting columns in Hillside Gardens. Following a survey the columns had been found to be structurally sound and their refurbishment would act as a pilot for similar schemes across the Borough.</p> <p>NOTED</p>	
<p>MH93.</p>	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT</p> <p>There were no other items of business.</p> <p>Date and items for next meeting.</p> <p>The Chair advised that the next meeting of the Area Forum/Committee would take place on Wednesday 12 March 2014 at 6.30pm at either the Transmitter Room, or The Londesborough Room at Alexandra Palace.</p> <p>The main items on the Forum part of the meeting would be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Road Safety – Junctions of Colney Hatch Lane with Alexandra Park Road and Pages Lane ii. Alexandra Palace – Update from Duncan Wilson <p>There being no further business to discuss the meeting ended at 21.15hrs.</p>	

COUNCILLOR GAIL ENGERT

CHAIR

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Agenda Item 7

Area Plan Update

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Issues of concern for the Muswell Hill, Alexandra, Fortis Green & Highgate Forum as taken from the ongoing Area Plan (last updated 11 April 2013)

1. **Improving Childcare** including:
Access and affordability
2. **Environmental Improvements** including:
Grot-spots and Dumping
Street lighting replacement
Pavement replacement
3. **Supporting Local Businesses and Employment** including:
Reduce on-street parking charges for town centres
Encourage local businesses to take on apprentices
4. **Youth Opportunities** including:
Map local provision including Youth Service and Voluntary
Maintain strong link with Exposure Magazine
5. **Developing Community Hubs** including:
Expansion of Muswell Hill Library & accessibility issues including lift to first floor
Space behind Muswell Hill Library – Community use events/market place etc.
6. **Reducing Crime & Anti-Social Behaviour** including:
Provision of police front counter within the Muswell Hill shopping area
with aspiration for this to include a fully operational SNT base
Make use of enforcement cameras to tackle night-time economy crime
Improve street lighting & Street-tree pruning
7. **Improving Transport / Connectivity** including:
Improvements to east-west bus routes across the borough
Trial service of 144 route from the new W7 headstop at Muswell Hill roundabout
8. **Appropriate Management of Houses of Multiple Occupation (HMOs)** including:
Houses split into multiple individual dwellings and issues of refuse storage etc

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Highways and Streetscene issues in Muswell Hill, Alexandra, Fortis Green & Highgate as taken from the ongoing Area Plan (last updated 11 April 2013)

Alexandra Ward				
Location	Issue	Raised	Action	Resolved
Palace Gates Road	Redesign of road infrastructure or ban on long/large lorries at the factory entrance next to the Sweet Tree Bakery	(Cllr Solomon)		
Bidwell Gardens N11	Vehicles rat-running through the Bidwell Gardens area	(Cllr Solomon)		
Alexandra and Fortis Green Wards				
Location	Issue	Raised	Action	Resolved
Colney Hatch Lane N10	Review of Traffic Lights and pedestrian crossing facilities on Colney Hatch Lane N10 at the junctions with Alexandra Park Road and Pages Lane and to the immediate North of these junctions	(Cllrs Solomon & Newton)		
Fortis Green Ward				
Location	Issue	Raised	Action	Resolved
Aylmer Parade N2	Parking provision including visitor and loading	From c.2006 (Cllr Newton)	Stop-and-Shop scheme proposed June 2012 but needs rethinking	

Coldfall Estate N10	Renewal of poor and insufficient Street lighting	December 2007 LBH/44510 (Cllr Newton)		
Fortis Green N2	Highway Resurfacing	c.2006 LBH/89026 (Cllr Newton)		Resurfaced December 2013
Greenham Road N10	Road Safety and Traffic Calming measures	From 2007 LBH/42115 (Cllr Newton)		
Fortis Green and Muswell Hill Wards				
Location	Issue	Raised	Action	Resolved
MH Roundabout	Improvements to pedestrian crossings	From 2007 LBH/36580 (Cllrs Engert & Newton)		Dukes Avenue and arm leading to Colney Hatch Lane improved as part of W7 bus stop works Nov 2013
MH Roundabout	Issues around traffic build-up at the roundabout particularly to Queens Avenue	From 2007 LBH/36580 (Cllrs Engert & Newton)		
MH Roundabout	Accessible first bus stop for W7	From early 2009 (Cllrs Engert & Newton) LBH 0544012 (Cllr Jenks)		New headstop for W7 Completed Dec 2013
MH Roundabout	Trial of 144 bus route to also run from new W7 headstop	(Cllrs Engert & Jenks)		
Highgate Ward				
Location	Issue	Raised	Action	Resolved
North Hill/Church Road/View Road	Crossing to include a pedestrian phase	LBH 0713912 (Cllr Allison)		
North Hill	Speeding traffic	January 2010 & with SNT April 2011 (Cllr Allison)	Speed tests carried out in October 13 but location questioned	

North Hill	Repair and repainting of 100m+ Victorian railings	First raised 2007 LBH 0619212 (Cllr Allison)		
Miltons	Replacement street lighting	January 2010 LBH 73103 (Cllr Allison)		
Miltons	Removal of excess street furniture	(Cllr Hare)		
Hillside Gardens	Street lighting	(Cllr Alison)	Cast iron refurbishment scheduled for Feb/Mar if structurally sound	
Southwood Lane & Highgate High Street	Bulging churchyard wall	May 2012 LBH 75601 (Cllr Allison)		
Langdon Park Road	Resurfacing	January 2010 (Cllr Allison)		
Jacksons Lane	Proper repairs to cobbles	(Cllr Alison)		
Archway Road	Information about accidents	(Cllr Alison)		Accident statistics supplied
Muswell Hill Ward				
Location	Issue	Raised	Action	Resolved
Summerland Gardens car park	Two-way entry and exit from car park onto Muswell Hill Broadway + close current exit	2004 Followed up 2008 LBH/51813 (Cllrs Engert & Newton)		
St James's Lane area N10	Traffic problems from vehicles exiting from Summerland Gardens car park as well as large HGVs	2008 LBH/51514 (Cllrs Engert & Newton)		
St James's Lane area N10	Renewal of street lighting	From 2009 LBH/65109 (Cllr Engert)		

Muswell Hill	Pedestrian Crossing at the bottom of Muswell Hill	From 2009 LBH/62086 (Cllr Engert)		
Priory Road	Speeding traffic	LBH 0067911 (Cllr Jenks)		
Priory Road	Obscured sight-lines for drivers due to parked vehicles	LBH 0067911 (Cllr Jenks)		Build-out installed at junction of Danvers Road
Priory Road	Pedestrian crossing near Redston Road	LBH 0067911 (Cllr Jenks)		
Wood Vale to Park Road	Greenways crossing	LBH 84782 & LBH 0267911 (Cllr Jenks)		Crossing has been constructed
Junction Priory Road and Park Road	Area around shopping Parade needs new pavements	LBH 89728 & LBH 0564512 (Cllr Jenks)		Area around shopping Parade resurfaced in paving slabs
Lynton Road	Resurfacing	LBH 92148 (Cllr Jenks)		
Etheldene Avenue	Resurfacing	LBH 0564512 & LBH 92652 (Cllr Jenks)		
Park Avenue South	Resurfacing	LBH 88792 (Cllr Jenks)	Partially resurfaced but not perfect	
Pathway near Moravian Church N8	Double yellow line	LBH 81790 (Cllr Jenks)		Resolved
Muswell Hill	Review junctions at foot of Muswell Hill for pedestrian and vehicle safety			
General	Paving stones should be replaced with paving stones not tarmac	LBH 85116 (Cllr Jenks)		
General	Recycling banks as part of road scene	LBH 89014 (Cllr Jenks)		