

**MINUTES OF THE ST ANN'S AND HARRINGAY AREA FORUM AND COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 2012**

Councillors Adamou, Alexander, Brabazon (Chair), Browne and Schmitz

Apologies Councillor Canver

<p>PC49.</p>	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Canver.</p>	
<p>PC50.</p>	<p>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING - 5 JULY 2012</p> <p>Cllr Brabazon reported that she would write to the Leader regarding the Finsbury Park Accord, as agreed at the previous meeting.</p> <p>The Committee agreed that the suggestion that the Regulatory Committee audit a random sample of Certificates of Lawfulness application was a good one and should be followed up on. It was reported that the Planning department did now require original documents in considering such applications.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That the minutes of the meeting held on 5th July 2012 be approved.</p>	
<p>PC51.</p>	<p>URGENT BUSINESS</p> <p>There were no items of urgent business.</p>	
<p>PC52.</p>	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
<p>PC53.</p>	<p>DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS</p> <p>There were no deputations or petitions.</p>	
<p>PC54.</p>	<p>FEEDBACK FROM THE AREA FORUM</p> <p>It was felt that the debate on HMOs had been positive, and that having fewer topics per meeting seemed to work well. It was felt, however, that too many items were covered in the first part of the meeting as updates, and that this meant that these felt quite rushed.</p> <p>It was acknowledged that a balance was needed between ensuring that people were kept informed and allowing enough time for each item.</p>	

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For the format of the Question Time, it was suggested that in future Panel Members could each open with a brief introduction before it was opened to questions from the floor. It was further suggested that it would have been beneficial for councillors to be represented on the Panel given the significant level of work that some councillors had put into addressing this issue for several years, although some felt that it had worked well without councillors as the nature of the information was very complex and technical. It was reported that people had learnt a lot from the session, which indicated that it had been a useful discussion. It was recognised that having senior council officers presented had represented a valuable opportunity for local residents to ask questions of them directly. Having a panel member with experience of working with families living in HMOs had provided a different viewpoint on this issue.

It was hoped that there would be some positive action taken as a consequence of the debate.

It was suggested that a future discussion be held around rent control, as well as Housing Benefit cuts.

PC55.

GREEN LANES OUTER LONDON FUND ROUND 2 UPDATE

The architect gave a presentation, updating the Committee on progress with the Green Lanes TfL Corridor Scheme and the Outer London Fund public realm, shopfront improvements and overground bridge improvements projects, and setting out the strategic objectives for each.

In response to a question from the Committee, it was confirmed that the scope of the project included the upper facades on Green Lanes, as well as shopfronts. Work was currently underway on developing a menu of items for the shopfronts and facades, this would then be assessed with Rob Chau and landlords would then be approached. It was essential that there be a sufficient level of buy-in from the traders.

For the shopfront improvement works, it was noted the available budget would mean that a significant impact could be made by landlords selecting from the available menu of works, but it was unlikely that both upper and lower facades would be undertaken at the same time. Once the initial work was done, remaining improvements could be made over time on an individual basis.

A number of properties had made improvement over the past few months, and it was suggested that contact be made with those properties to learn from them. It was suggested that design guidance be provided on 'quick-wins'.

It was confirmed that parking would not come within the remit of

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	<p>the architects, but would remain the responsibility of the Council; it was reported that there were likely to be only minor adjustments in respect of parking as a result of the project, rather than a comprehensive review.</p> <p>The Committee noted that public consultation would be taking place in October and November 2012, and that stakeholder walkabouts would be taking place on the 2nd and 4th October 2012.</p>	
PC56.	AREA PLAN UPDATE It was agreed that the Area Plan would be discussed at the next meeting of the Committee.	
PC57.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS i) The Chair reported back on a walkabout of St Ann's ward undertaken with Homes for Haringey in respect of greening estates and how this was being implemented. Cllr Browne advised of an organisation called the Metropolitan Public Gardens Association, which offered small grants for the improvement of public green space. The Committee expressed an interest in learning more about this, and Cllr Browne agreed to seek further information. ii) It was reported that a further update was needed on the St Ann's Hospital site, as it had been confirmed that the proposed renal unit to be located there would now be located at Tottenham Hale instead. The meeting closed at 9.30pm.	

COUNCILLOR ZENA BRABAZON

Chair