

NOTICE OF MEETING

ALEXANDRA PARK AND PALACE STATUTORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Monday, 7th October, 2024, 7.00 pm - George Meehan House 294
High Road Wood Green N22 8JZ**

Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Association Green Wards	Mr John Crompton	M.Hill & Fortis
Noel Park Residents Association	<i>Vacancy</i>	Noel Park Ward
Palace Gates Residents Association Ward	<i>Vacancy</i>	Alexandra Park
Palace View Residents Association	Ms Elizabeth Richardson	Hornsey Ward
The Rookfield Association	<i>Vacancy</i>	Muswell Hill Ward
Three Avenues Residents Association Ward	Mr Jason Beazley	Bounds Green
Warner Estate Residents Association	Ms Joyce Rosser	Hornsey

Appointed Members

Bounds Green Ward
Muswell Hill Ward
Noel Park Ward
Alexandra Park Ward
Fortis Green Ward
Hornsey Ward
Council-Wide Member
Council Wide Member

Cllr Emily Arkell
Cllr Cathy Brennan
Cllr Emine Ibrahim
Cllr Alessandra Rossetti
Cllr Mark Blake
Cllr Elin Weston
Cllr Eldridge Culverwell
Cllr Sarah Elliott

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2. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies for absence.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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4. URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair will consider the admission of any late items of Urgent Business. (Late items will be considered under the agenda item where they appear. New items will be dealt with under item 9 below).

5. MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING (PAGES 1 - 16)

To approve SAC minutes 1st July 2024, to note the CC minutes 1st July 2024, to note the Trustee Board Minutes 15 July 2024

6. CEO'S GENERAL UPDATE REPORT - TO CONSIDER THE GENERAL UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES IN THE PARK AND PALACE (PAGES 17 - 24)

7. SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

8. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

To consider any items of urgent business as identified at item 4.

9. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

To note the dates of future meetings:

20th January 2025, 8.30pm,
17 March 2025, 7pm

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Friday, 27 September 2024

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**MINUTES OF THE STATUTORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
ON MONDAY 1 JULY 2024 AT 8.30PM –9.10 PM**

PRESENT: Mr Jason Beazley (Three Avenues Residents' Association), Mr John Crompton (Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Association Green Wards) , Ms Joyce Rosser (Warner Estate Residents Association), Councillor Emine Ibrahim, Councillor Emily Arkell, Councillor Mark Blake, Cllr Cathy Brennan

Also present: Ayshe Simsek (Democratic Service Manager), Yeside Odumade (Principal Committee Co-Ordinator), Emma Dagnes (CEO, APP), Mark Evison (Head of Park & Environmental Sustainability, APP), Natalie Layton (Charity Secretary).

1. FILMING AT MEETINGS

The Chair referred to the filming of meetings and this information was noted.

2. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Beatrice Murray, Duncan Neill, Councillor Elin Weston, Councillor Sarah Elliott and Cllr Rossetti.

3. NOMINATION OF CHAIR

The Democratic Services Manager requested nominations of the chair for the Alexandra Park and Palace Statutory Advisory Committee for the municipal year 2024-2025, Mr Jason Beazley was proposed by Cllr Arkell and seconded by Cllr Brennan and the Committee agreed Mr Jason Beazley as the Chair for 202/2025

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. URGENT BUSINESS

There were no urgent items of business.

6. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

RESOLVED:

That the minutes be amended to reflect apologies of Ms Joyce Rosser, and the meeting held on 25 January be agreed and signed as a correct record.

That Minutes for 9 November, 14 December, 26 February 2024, 27 March 2024 be noted.

7. CEO UPDATE REPORT

The Committee congratulated The Chief Executive on receiving an OBE.

The report was introduced by Emma Dagnes Chief Executive of Alexandra Park. The update included updates from Uses and Activities; Access, Safety and Inclusion; Nature, Health and Well-being and Management and Community Involvement.

Mark Evison, Head of Park and Environmental Sustainability, highlighted the good work of multiple volunteer groups- corporate groups, Volunteer Group, TCV (The Consultation Volunteers).

The Chief Executive gave thanks to Haringey Council for the funding received.

It was requested that Committee have a look at the park bylaw review and send any comments directly to the Chair. In response it was noted that there was very detailed and dense information and the draft of the bylaw review was with the legal team and some key information had been printed for the chair and would be passed to him at the end of the meeting.

It was highlighted that it was helpful to know in advance the events that were happening in the park as well as the park closures.

RESOLVED:

The SAC noted the report.

8. WETLAND PROJECT, PLANNING REPORT

The report was introduced by Mark Evison, Head of Park and Environmental Sustainability.

It was noted that the feasibility study was carried out following the Strategic Vision work undertaken to consider project across the Park and Palace. The scheme was developed with the Friends of Alexandra Park. The project outcome were:

- A) Control surface water and reclaim muddy path

- B) Establish a new reed bed to increase diversity of birds using the site
- C) De-silt the pond to increase its capacity and quality
- D) Increase the capacity of the channel system to reduce the peak flows of surface water entering the public drainage system
- E) Create new ponds to increase the area of aquatic habitat

£50,000 funding was provided to Alexander Park was provided by the Mayor of London. The elements that would form phase 1 were likely to be A, D and E.

The Committee were informed that a grant of £50,000 was received to by the Greater London Authority (GLA) manage water, create ponds. The grant would also help deliver and phase 1 of the Wetland project in the autumn.

RESOLVED:

The SAC noted the report.

9. SPORTS CLUB SOLAR PANEL AND SOUTH TERRACE LEDS PROJECTS

The item was introduced by Mark Evison, Head of Park and Environmental Sustainability. The Committee were informed that the Trust's new vision was to be a sustainable home for all.

Haringey Council were awarded Community Carbon Fund grants for two carbon reduction projects in the Park and Palace. These were; Installation of Solar Panels on the sports pavilion and installation of LED lights on the South Terrace.

The trust in partnership with the Alexandra Park Club would install 24 solar panels onto the roof of the pavilion. It is estimated that the panels would generate output 10,000 kWh of electricity per year.

LED lights on the South Terrace

There were 52 decorative lamps on the South Terrace, the community carbon fund supported the project to replace old inefficient lamps with new low energy LED lamps. The new lamps would require half as much power as the original light sand would save 7,370 kWh of electricity per year.

RESOLVED:

The SAC noted the report.

10. SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- It was asked if councillors/ officers could inform the Committee of expenditure of CIL and section 106 funds in relation to the new housing and buildings that overlook the Alexandra Palace and Park.
- That the March meeting, be focused on the goals of Alexandra Park and Palace 2025/26.

12. DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The dates of future meetings noted.

**MINUTES OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY
1 JULY 2024 AT 7:00PM – 8:15PM**

PRESENT: Mr Nigel Willmott (Friends of Alexandra Palace Theatre & CC Chair), Mr Jason Beazley (Three Avenues Residents' Association), Mr John Chilton (Friends of Alexandra Park), Mr Hugh Williams (Palace View Residents' Association), Councillor Emine Ibrahim, Councillor Sean O'Donovan, Councillor Anne Stennett

Also present: Ayshe Simsek (Democratic Services Manager), Yeside Odumade (Principal Committee Co-Ordinator), Emma Dagnes (CEO, APP), Mark Evison (Head of Park & Environmental Sustainability, APP), Natalie Layton (Charity Secretary), Mr John Crompton (Muswell Hill & Fortis Green Association & SAC Member).

The Chair drew attention to the information included on the agenda front sheet and noted that the meeting was not being webcast live.

2. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Ms Etain Casey and Mr John Thompson, Mr. John Wilkinson (deputised by Rachel MacDonald), Councillor Nick da Costa and Councillor Sarah Elliott.

Emma Dagnes was congratulated for her OBE award which was for services to heritage. This was well deserved and acknowledgement of Emma's work for the Palace

The Committee noted the sad news of the passing of former councillor Andy Krokou who was one of the first councillors elected to the Council of Cypriot origin. Andy Krokou had served three terms as a Labour councillor, including chairing the Board in 2002 to 2003, at a time, when a section 36 order was in place at the palace. Andy had provided calm leadership at this difficult time. It was noted that there would be a one-minute silence at full Council in July in tribute to Andy.

3. NOMINATIONS OF CHAIR

The Democratic services Manager requested nominations for the nomination of chair for the Alexandra Palace and Park Consultative Committee for the municipal year 2024-2025. Mr. Nigel Wilmot was proposed by Cllr Ibrahim and seconded by Mr. Jason Beazley, and the Committee agreed to have Mr. Nigel Wilmot as the Chair.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest, and Committee members were requested to let the clerk know should they become aware of any whilst at the meeting.

5. URGENT BUSINESS

There were no matters of urgent business.

6. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

RESOLVED:

1. That the minutes of the meeting held on 25 January 2024 be agreed and signed as a correct record.
2. That the Statutory Advisory Committee (SAC) minutes for 25 July 2024 be noted.
3. That the Minutes of the Trustee Board for 9 November 2023, 14 December 2023, 26 February and 27 March be noted.

7. CEO UPDATE REPORT

The Chief Executive of Alexandra Palace and Park introduced the report, which included updates from Uses and Activities; Access, Safety and Inclusion; Nature, Health and Well-being and Management and Community Involvement.

The Head of Park and Environmental Sustainability, highlighted the good work of multiple volunteer groups- corporate groups, Volunteer Group, TCV (The Consultation Volunteers).

There was a public engagement exercise on enhancing the Grove, including an event co-created by Alexandra Palace's Young Creatives Network explored ideas for improvements and ended with a family fun day on the 8 June 2024,

The Committee were shown pictures of work that was done to enhance the habitat of the Grove. The pictures showed cleared grass so the pond could be seen, this provided more space to play, with natural or dedicated equipment for indoor play.

Noted the collaboration work with the volunteer group Friends of the Park which included sowing some wildflowers to encourage pesticides enlisting a hedge growing expert, trying out a traditional park method. Gardening volunteers' flowers were funded by the Friends of the park.

The following points were noted in the discussion at this point of the meeting.

- It was a gradual process in making all bins uniformed.
- The Park was looking at alternative, practical routes where contractors could take to avoid deep groves on the paths/ parks.

- It was noted that work had started on notice boards, gate 1 of Alexandra Palace was being renovated and there were around 15 notice boards in need of renovation.
- Work had been done of the ponds in the park, which had helped with the habitation of the animals.

Maintenance, Repairs and Improvements

The team had put an application to Historic England for roof works and were successful and received a six-figure sum. However, the funds provided was to make the space in the roof watertight. It was noted that due to the significant dereliction in the roof area Historic England had given further funds for the project.

There would be a need for a major planning application to fit it out and this may take a year or longer to do. It was estimated that the cost may be between £2-2.5 million for this.

The Chief Executive informed the Committee that the double-glazed unit vents would blow open when there were high winds and there was work on this to make the area waterproof and involved an update of the vents.

The legacy project in the Southeast Office Building Refurbishment now enabled Alexandra Palace (AP) staff members to work in the building where previously contractors were working.

The following points were noted in the discussion at this point of the meeting.

- It was noted that a full-time bricklayer had been secured for brick repairs in the south terrace and it was hoped to employ a bricklayer apprentice. Bricklayers would help with minor jobs within Alexandra Palace, this would ultimately lead to timely completion to repairs and cost savings.
- The Huskies Ice hockey team had had a great season last year with a crowd reaching capacity of over 1000 people. There was now a women's ice hockey team that had been created where young women came from all over the country to try out to be a part of the team.
- Dementia café hosted by AP would be good to publicise.
- 150 years celebration of Alexandra Palace event hosted by MP Catherine West in the House of Parliament.

Noted that there were 14 days of events and some were half day events.
Agreed for Natalie Layton to provide John Chilton breakdown of the events

Creative Learning events outlined were as follows:

- The North London Book Club and it was hoped that this event would return next year.

- The theatre school has been successful in their productions and had built on their success year on year.
- Rhythm Stick x Library Lates was an inclusive club night organised by and for people with disability. This event had a good turnout, with Alexis Taylor attending the event.

RESOLVED:

The Committee to note report.

8. WETLAND PROJECT PLANNING REPORT

The report was introduced by Mark Evison- Head of Park and Environmental Sustainability.

It was noted that the feasibility study was carried out following the Strategic Vision work undertaken to consider project across the park and palace. The scheme was developed with the Friends of Alexandra Park. The project outcomes were:

- A. Control surface water and reclaim muddy path.
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- C. De-silt the pond to increase its capacity and quality.
- D. Increase the capacity of the channel system to reduce the peak flows of surface water entering the public drainage system.
- E. Create new ponds to increase the area of aquatic habitat.

It was noted that £50,000 funding was provided to Alexandra Park by the Mayor of London. The elements that would form phase 1 were likely to be A, D and E as noted above.

The councillors asked questions and the following was noted:

- The wetlands were affected by the wetter winter; however, the project should help move water around site and keep path drier. Ponds would help to keep capacity of water during the wetter days.
- Responding to the information that the felling of mature trees would be required to deliver the scheme and that Council's Tree team have advised they have no objection in principle given the overall aims to increase habitat structural diversity and species richness, Councillors asked that the communications around the reasons for removal of the trees, as outlined, be very clear as tree removal was always a key local and national concern to residents.

RESOLVED:

The Committee to note report.

9. SPORTS CLUB SOLAR PANEL AND SOUTH TERRACE LEDS PROJECTS

The report was introduced by Mark Evison- Head of Park and Environmental Sustainability.

It was noted that funding was awarded for 24 solar panels onto the roof of the pavilion together with associated equipment inside the building. It was estimated that the panels would generate around 10,000 kWh of electricity per annum- avoiding emissions of 2.25 tonnes CO₂e. It was noted that the panels would be installed on the southern aspect of the pavilion roof. The project would require planning permission due to the location

LED lights on the South Terrace

There were 52 decorative lamps on South Terrace. The Community Carbon Fund had supported a project to replace the old inefficient lamps with new low energy LED lamps. The new lamps required half as much power as the original, which would save 7,370 kWh of electricity a year. It would save 1.65 tonnes of CO₂e annually.

RESOLVED:

To note this report.

10. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

There were no new items of urgent business.

11. VIEWS / QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There was no question from members of the public.

10. NON-VOTING BOARD MEMBERS' FEEDBACK

It was discussed that the Transmitter Hall had become a venue in itself and producing limited revenue. It was on organisation's plan to do development work to upgrade space.

11. SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

That the March meeting be focused on goals for Alexandra Park and Palace 2025/26.

13. DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The dates of the future meetings were noted.

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MINUTES OF THE ALEXANDRA PALACE AND PARK BOARD HELD ON MONDAY, 15 JULY 2024, 7:00PM – 8:24PM

PRESENT: Councillors Emine Ibrahim (Chair), Nick da Costa, Anne Stennett, Sean O'Donovan, Ahmed Mahbub

Co-Optees: Jason Beazley, Nigel Willmott, John Chiltern, Duncan Neill

Present from Alexandra Park & Palace:

Emma Dagnes OBE (CEO), Richard Paterson (Director Finance & Resources), Catherine Solomon (Director, HR & Organisational Development), Natalie Layton (Charity Secretary)

1. FILMING AT MEETINGS

The Chair referred to the notice of filming at meetings and this information was noted.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Councillor Sarah Elliot

3. URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were none.

5. QUESTIONS, DEPUTATIONS OR PETITIONS

There were none.

6. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

There were none.

7. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 26 February 2024 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

8. VERBAL FEEDBACK FROM THE ADVISORY & CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES

Mr Nigel Willmott had been re-elected as Chair of the Consultative Committee at the last meeting. The Committee noted the 151 tonnes of rubbish collected in the Park last year. A

request had been made to have a report submitted on the latest developments including planning applications in the surrounding area

Mr John Chilton highlighted that the Friends of The Park had raised concern that the Trust did not have the powers to close the park for more than 14 days for events

Post meeting note: The Trust's legal advisors had confirmed that there were sufficient powers under the governing Acts of Parliament for all of the events held in the Park fuller information will be provided to the Consultative Committee.

RESOLVED:

That the feedback be noted.

9. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

The meeting heard it would be useful to have the word "Chair" stated somewhere next to the names of the individuals who had been appointed Chair. This would be useful for members of the public and the action had already been agreed in previous meetings.

The reduction of the number of Consultative Committee members would not take place before the nominations. The next nominations were November 2024 and those occupying the current positions would continue for the full year.

RESOLVED:

- i. To note membership of the Alexandra Park and Palace Statutory Advisory Committee, as listed in Appendix 1.
- ii. To note the membership of the Alexandra Park and Palace Consultative Committee, as listed in Appendix 1.
- iii. To approve the proposed reduction in the number of Consultative Committee co-opted board members (from three to two) and make the subsequent amendment to the Consultative Committee Constitution.
- iv. To approve the proposed amendment to Part Three, Section B, section 4, paragraph 2 of the Council's Constitution to reduce the Consultative Committee members from 7 to 6 and; that the Council's Constitution Working Group and the Council's Standards Committee be requested to take the recommendation forward (for Full Council approval).
- v. The Lead Trustee for Whistleblowing would be Councillor Nick da Costa. The Lead Trustee for Sustainability would be Councillor Sean O' Donovan. The Lead Trustee for Safeguarding would be Councillor Anne Stennett. The Lead Trustee for Safeguarding would be Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Councillor Ahmed Mahbub.

10. GENERAL UPDATE

The meeting noted their congratulations to the CEO, Ms Emma Dagnes on her OBE.

RESOLVED:

To note the content of the report.

11. WETLANDS PROJECT

RESOLVED:

To note the contents of the report.

12. SPORTS CLUB SOLAR PANEL & SOUTH TERRACE LEDS PROJECTS

RESOLVED:

To note the contents of the report.

13. FRRAC CHAIR'S REPORT

The economic impact that had been assessed was circa £90 million. The details of this in terms of jobs created could be shared. The social benefits were being investigated. Discussions had been held with one of the funders who would put forward a put forward a presentation to contribute to a case study as part of work being done as part of social benefit as Alexandra Palace had been selected as part of the case study.

A report would be submitted back to the board and the Committee as and when details of the progress became more available.

The meeting heard that as part of the report it would be useful to have a section regarding world disasters, such as the coronavirus crisis as the social benefit of this was worth noting.

RESOLVED:

To note the contents of the report.

14. FINANCE REPORT

In relation to a query regarding CCTV updates, strategic upgrades to the infrastructure were being made.

It would be possible to disaggregate parking charges and donations.

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

15. HEALTH & SAFETY REPORT

There were concerns regarding the small trees that were used by children for climbing and swinging from. The team could be asked to consider a resolution for this, which could include a 'no climbing' sign.

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

16. HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

The demographic figure of 66% referred to White British.

The Staff turnover of 19.9% seemed low for the leisure industry and queries could be made regarding the figure.

RESOLVED:

To note the report

17. DECISION TRACKER

RESOLVED:

The decision tracker was noted

18. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

There were none.

19. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

Items 20 - 26 were subject to a motion to exclude the press and public from the meeting as they contained exempt information as defined in Section 100a of the Local Government Act 1972; Para 1 – information relating to any individual, Para 2 – Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual, Para 3 - information relating to the business or financial affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information), and Para 5 – Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.

20. EXEMPT MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the exempt minutes of the meeting held on 26 February 2024 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

21. EXEMPT INFORMATION

The Board considered the exempt information.

22. EXEMPT PROPERTY UPDATE

The Board considered the exempt information.

23. EXEMPT RISK REGISTER

The Board considered the exempt information.

24. EXEMPT RISK DEEP DIVE: FUNDRAISING APPROACH

The Board considered the exempt information.

25. EXEMPT WEST YARD TENANCY

The Board considered the exempt information.

26. EXEMPT APTL CHAIR'S REPORT

The Board considered the exempt information.

27. ANY OTHER EXEMPT BUSINESS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT

There was no other exempt business.

CHAIR: Councillor Emine Ibrahim

Signed by Chair

Date

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**MEETINGS OF THE STATUTORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
& THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
7 OCTOBER 2024**

Report Title: General Update

Report of: Emma Dagnes OBE, Chief Executive, Alexandra Park & Palace

Purpose: To update the Advisory and Consultative Committees on Alexandra Park and Palace Charitable Trust activities and the events programme.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 - N/A

1. Recommendations

- **Advisory Committee:**
To consider and note the content of the report and agree any comments / advice to the Trustee Board.
- **Consultative Committee:**
To consider and note the content of the report and provide any feedback to the SAC and Trustee Board.

2. Executive Summary

2.1 Introduction

The Statutory Advisory Committee (SAC) was established by the Alexandra Park and Palace Act, 1985 and its remit includes advising the Trustees on activities and events, car parking arrangements, planning related matters and maintenance of the Park. SAC membership consists of 8 Council Members and 8 representatives from residents' associations from specified surrounding areas. The Consultative Committee (CC) was created to extend the Trust's engagement with a wider group of representatives of appropriate local and national organisations.

- 2.2** This report provides both Committees with a general update on activities and the events programme. including Creative Learning, Park, Property and Events activity.
- 2.3** The SAC and the CC are invited to consider the information during their respective meetings and provide advice or feedback to the Trustee Board.

3. Planning and Strategic Project Updates

3.1 Park Projects: The Grove, SE Corner and Playground/Skate Park

Following a review of the feedback received on the Grove public engagement project and the Playground/ Skate Park survey, the team are working on a plan for next steps for further engagement and co-collaboration. All Park projects will be part of a wider capital fundraising campaign.

3.2 North East Office Building (NEOB) Repair Project

The amended Listed Building Consent application was approved by the Council in early September.

Work on site has continued to progress – brickwork construction and repairs are nearing completion, and works to the new roof begin imminently. The latest programme indicates a mid-November finish. The contractor will be keen to claw some of this time back.

3.3 Changing Places Facility

Works are now complete, and the Changing Places facility was officially opened on 11 September.

3.4 EC Cafe Restaurant

Following the completion of RIBA (Plan of Work) Stage 2 (concept design) and a cost estimate exercise, a soft market test will take place later this month. Prospective catering partners will be invited to site for a tour.

3.5. Bollards on Alexandra Palace Way

Currently red and white blocks are in place along Alexandra Palace Way to prevent drivers parking on the pavement which leads to anti-social behaviour, littering and damage to the paving. Consideration is being given to using bollards as a permanent solution. A permanent installation is likely to require planning permission and/or listed building consent so the Advisory and Consultative Committee are asked to consider the proposal and whether they have any advice for Board.

The scheme is currently unfunded, but the details are being finalised so the project can be costed and then broken into phases to be carried out over several years a funds become available. The bollard proposed is a standard type available 'off the shelf' to ensure that replacement of damaged bollards in future is possible. The bollards will be placed 2.25m apart to prevent vehicle access and the final number will depend on the gaps between existing street furniture (such as lamp columns and bus stops).

Figure 1: example bollard



3.6 North bridge structural remedial works

Extensive surveys have been conducted to establish the current condition of the North Yard bridge, a scheme has been planned and we aim to submit our proposals to Haringey planning department imminently.

5. Maintenance, Repairs & Improvements Since Last Reported

5.1 General Maintenance

A recently appointed bricklayer has made a fantastic start on tackling fabric repairs, beginning with the rebuilding of the North Yard retaining wall, which is now weatherproofed and ready to last another 150 years.

Other significant efforts include upgrading the fire alarm panel in the Palm Court security office, enhancing the WiFi connectivity completion of the Ice Rink referee changing room refurbishment.

Various other repairs and upgrades across the site included replacing broken steps, fixing bollards, moving staff from the Theatre into the South East office building and installing new pumps in the boiler room.

5.2 Safety Upgrades

Upgrades to our Electrical Distribution boards and emergency lighting system continue across the estate.

5.3 Energy Efficiency

Our buildings showed potential for energy efficiency improvement in various areas including continual work on our BMS controls and heating system infrastructure, LED lighting upgrades and feasibility studies to support future progress. We have recently installed two new Grundfos pumps in our boiler room, which will dramatically increase the efficiency of our heating system, continue to replace light fittings with LED replacements and have started work on our south terrace lighting upgrade while keeping the look and feel the same.

5.4 Ice Rink

A hefty 760Kg compressor was replaced in the Ice Rink Ammonia Plant. Plus, we've revamped the ventilation system with specially designed "socks" to improve air movement without melting the ice, aiming to eliminate condensation and fog issues that posed poor visibility on the ice. An additional 56Kg of Ammonia was added to the system as an ongoing maintenance regime.

5.5 Aesthetic Enhancements

5.5.1 **Pheonix bar wc project:** Significant work has started to take place to upgrade these toilets to ensure a more welcoming environment for our community, a complete strip out of the 1980 sanitaryware has been completed and newly built walls that enhance the space have been constructed.

5.5.2 **Pheonix bar window restoration:** Essential work has taken place on the windows and doors on the West side of the building to repair and restore our beautiful windows and doors, planning was submitted and agreed for us to change the colour to our heritage green which is close to being finished.

5.5.3 **Phoenix Bar Renovation:** The maintenance team have removed the internal timbers of the aging 1980's bar, replacing them with steel frames and hygienic services. This upgrade also includes new stainless steel shelving throughout, enhancing both functionality and aesthetics.

5.5.4 **The Johnson servery :** a strip out of the Johnson servery has taken place after a leak from the upstairs wc's saturated the kitchen below, a full strip out, replacement of electrics and new floor have taken place and we aim to instal a new stainless steel bar in its place.

5.6. Long-Term Planning/ Plant Machinery

5.6.1 **Box Office Re-roofing:** The long-standing leak in the box office is finally being addressed. The aging Air Handling Unit that was in the way has been renewed and is awaiting delivery to be renewed and refitted on the new roof.

5.6.2 **Palm Court Suites:** Major upgrades include a new A/C unit and enhanced emergency lighting, ensuring comfort and safety. The emergency lighting and D/Bs in the kitchenette have been upgraded.

5.7 Emergency Works

5.7.1 **Water main replacement:** full replacement of our galvanised steel water main that burst last year into a new poly pipe with adequate isolation and service points along the run.

5.7.2 **Boating Lake Boundary Wall:** Planning works for the boundary wall.

5.7.3 **North Bridge Phase 1:** Starting works to stop current water ingress and prevent further deterioration of the steel fabric.

5.8 Routine services and special projects continue including smoke vent repairs, ammonia plant maintenance, sprinkler system servicing, lift maintenance while meticulous attention to standards are being upheld.

5.9 Looking Ahead:

- October routine servicing to our fire detection and door entry systems, water treatment systems, emergency lighting inspections and we are constantly exploring improvements to our current systems to maximize energy efficiency.
- We have some minor works planned that will make significant difference to our Visitor service team by ensuring their place of work in the East Court is more comfortable, while also looking at the issue we have with the east court toilets.
- Decorations will commence on the East court doors and brick work repairs will continue to wash around from the east court entrance towards to south terrace.

6. **Park & Environmental Sustainability**

6.1 **Wetlands Project**

A contractor has been appointed to undertake Phase 1 of the project to manage surface water and create a new reed bed habitat. The £50,000 is an initial amount to fund phase 1 of the project. The commencement date is not confirmed at the time of writing, but the project will be completed by the end of March 2025. This project will involve creating and re-landscaping ditches to improve ground conditions, increasing aquatic habitats by making the channel system more sinuous (curvy) and by removing trees to increase light penetration.

6.2 **Notice Boards**

Refurbishment of Park notice boards is underway, at the time writing two have been completed and a third is being worked on. Repairing the timber in the existing boards was chosen as a more sustainable option than replacing them with new ones. The Park map and surrounding information is undergoing a redesign and these will start appearing in the refurbished boards in due course. The side panels are being overhauled so the information can be kept up to date more easily in future.

6.3 **Grounds Maintenance**

The Park team have continued to work in all weathers over the summer to maintain the Park. The annual meadow cutting has taken place and the arisings removed from site. This operation is intended to reduce nutrient levels in the soil to allow more opportunities for wildflowers to bloom among the dominant species. The Park team have been reviewing the outcome of the engagement work in the Grove to identify short term actions that can

address some of the issues raised. The first of these is to give the pedestrian entrance to the Grove at Muswell Hill (gate 9) some attention this autumn to make it more welcoming.

6.4 Gardening volunteers

The volunteers again prepared the ground and sowed the seeds for the wild flower display alongside the golf course. They have also been involved in rose pruning and caring for the plants in the theatre courtyard.

6.5 North London Hospice Owls

The Park hosted four Owls as part of the North London Hospice trail. These colourful statues were designed by various people, including Matt Lucas and were located at the East Court, Garden Centre, Boating Lake and the Grove.

7. Creative Learning

7.1 Creativity Camps

4 Creativity camps were delivered over August, including DJ workshops, puppet making, comic book and video game design, with 43 young people attending over this time.

7.2 Exhibition: By the People: 150 Lifetimes

- Key initiatives still to be completed: timeline, audio trail, digital online platform launch, and staff/volunteer training
- Online digital learning resource launching on 25/09, including a teacher training webinar aimed at Haringey primary schools to increase school visits

7.3 By the People: Volunteer Contributions

- 950 hours delivered by volunteers in roles such as curation, tour guiding, workshop support, and program ambassadorship
- 2,000 images and stories captured for the archive, enhanced by new images from the exhibition's supporting materials
- Engagement target: 300 school pupils; currently achieved: 387 pupils and 48 teachers directly engaged, with an additional 1,120 indirectly

7.4 By the People: Media Coverage

- Significant media presence: Funding announcement featured on BBC News, The Evening Standard, and Time Out; unveiling covered by ITV London and local newspapers
- Short film showcased at Smile Charity Film Awards: 86,453 views on TikTok, 800 attendees at the ceremony, 2.7 million via live stream, and 5,115 directed to the Unit website

7.5 Tours and volunteers

- BBC studios identified as growth area
- Over the past year we have grown our tour offer with our dedicated group of tour guides and stewards delivering a series of tours around the Theatre and also the BBC Studios.

- The tours have been part of our ongoing 150th celebrations and give visitors a behind-the-scenes look at spaces not normally accessible to the public. Approximately 34 delivered over the year

7.6 Young Creatives Network

- Community radio project currently being planned – key partners include DICE, Jessica Sammut, BBC Learning, Bruce Castle and more.
- -Currently working on application for further 3years of funding from Esmee Fairbairn 180K; key theme placemaking, local people affecting policy and change.

7.7 Café Palais Initiative

- Monthly gatherings for older adults (50+) and those with dementia, offering activities like Singing for the Brain and Kaos Choir – sessions begin again in September
- 430 opportunities provided annually (excluding Kaos and U3A data)
- Outreach to 19 residential homes planned, with a £40K application to the National Lottery Community Fund for expansion

9. Events

- 9.1 Our two-day Fireworks Festival returns on Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd November 2024.

ROAD CLOSURE INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED AT THE MEETING

- 9.3 Event Noise Complaints: The table below displays noise complaints for the current year to date:

Noise complaints recorded for the 2024/5 Year, since 1 st April 2024		
Date	Event	Number of complaints
8 June	The Grove Community Event	3
12 July	Bombay Bicycle Club	2
13 July	Kaleidoscope	6
18 July	Suede+Manic street preachers	6
19 July	Tom Odell	8
20 July	Noel Gallagher's High Flying Birds	2
25 August	Gok Wan	3
26 August	Norman Jay's Good Times	5
August	Summer Series in general	3
Total noise complaints 2024/25 to date		39

- 9.4 Members are encouraged to regularly review on our What's On pages at <https://www.alexandrapalace.com/whats-on/> and may still ask questions during or in advance of meetings.

10. Legal Implications

The Council's Head of Legal & Governance has been consulted in the preparation of this report and has no comments.

11. Use of Appendices – None

12. Background Papers – None