

**MINUTES OF THE TOTTENHAM HALE AND SEVEN SISTERS AREA FORUM AND COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, 3 JULY 2012**

Councillors Basu, Diakides, Goldberg, Reith (Chair), Rice, Stanton, Vanier and Watson

Apologies Councillor Kober

Also Present: Councillor

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTON BY
OBCB1	APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Councillor Claire Kober.	
OBCB2	URGENT BUSINESS There were no items of urgent business. There was a query about the absence of the terms of reference from the committee agenda. It was usual practice for committees to consider their terms of reference at their first meeting of the municipal year. In response it was noted that the terms of reference for the Area Committees were unchanged since the previous municipal year and they had been approved at full Council in May 2012. The protocols for the Area Committee had changed and were available for view. In keeping with good practice, it was agreed that the Area Committee terms of reference be put forward for ratification at the next meeting in September.	HLDMS
OBCB3	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were no declarations of interest put forward.	
OBCB4	MINUTES The minutes of the meeting held on the 25 April 2012 were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.	HLDMS
OBCB5	ISSUES RAISED AT THE AREA FORUM The Chair asked members of the committee to feedback on the issues raised at the previous forum meeting. <u>Tottenham one way system (Gyratory Scheme)</u> Consultation and communication had been the main theme around the	

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	<p>discussion on the imminent changes to the Gyrotory system. There was a feeling that not all local people had been communicated with about the planned works which would begin in September/October. It would be important to identify the lead council officer linking up with TFL and reporting to the Cabinet Member. They would need to gain a speedy understanding of the publicity and information material distributed about the imminent works and ascertain whether there were any gaps to fill. TFL had previously committed to liaising with a consultancy group made up of local community stakeholders and it was important to convene this group as soon as possible. Cllr Watson agreed to compile a list of community groups that could be involved in these meetings.</p> <p>At the earlier forum meeting, TFL had committed to providing web pages dedicated to information about the forthcoming works to the Tottenham Gyrotory system. Monitoring this website was essential to ensure that updates were being added and that the FAQ (Frequently asked Questions) pages reflected the issues being put forward by residents.</p> <p>There was a strong feeling that the website would need to be updated and respond to concerns on a daily basis and therefore an interactive website was felt to be the best way to facilitate this. The issues which the website would need to anticipate and provide a response to were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expected complaints about the traffic increase in Broad Lane, noise levels, air pollution. • How cycle lanes are expected to be used and if any are to be shared with pedestrians? • If Broad Lane would continue to be a red route? • Changes to bus routes and advice on expected fare changes • Technical advice on how traffic is expected to operate around Broad Lane. • How drainage issues will be tackled. • Where employment and apprenticeship opportunities will be available to Adults and Young people in the area following their working programme in the area <p>More details from the group discussions, that would be useful to TFL to consider when compiling the web pages, would be compiled for the Chair to view and provide to them.</p> <p>There was expected to be traffic jams in the Broad Lane area which would have an impact on surrounding roads such as West Green Road, and it was recalled that, in the consultation stage, there had been some modelling on how the traffic would flow and the possible problem areas. It was agreed to check with TFL if there had been a recent modelling exercise completed which could provide an early insight into the expected traffic problem areas as this would be key information for councillors to have to before the start of the works.</p> <p>TFL would need to anticipate the likely routes and roads that motorists will use to move in and around the Gyrotory works. It was reported that</p>	<p>Cllr Watson</p> <p>Caroline Luck/ Frontline services</p> <p>TFL</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Caroline Luck/ Frontline services</p>
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<p>there was LIP funding, available this year, for use on improving traffic in and around the Gyrary Island roads. Tony Kennedy, Transport Policy and Projects Manager, was leading on this project .The works on the two ways system would have an obvious impact on these roads and it would be important for local councillors to be engaged in this consultation.</p>	<p>Caroline Luck/ Frontline services</p>
<p>The committee were pleased to note that the drainage problems in Tottenham Hale had been recognised and resurfacing of the area with improved materials would take place. It was felt important to highlight, to TFL, resident's experience and history with flooding around the Tottenham Hale area and recommend monitoring.</p>	<p>TFL</p>
<p>Councillors had previously advised TFL of the likely increase in pedestrians making crossings in between the Approach Road and the top of Monument way, highlighting the need to link the two Tottenham greens and have two pedestrian crossing points, instead of one. It was agreed that this issue be re -addressed with TFL in discussions about the plans.</p>	<p>Chair/ TFL</p>
<p><u>Group discussion on Childhood Obesity</u></p>	
<p>The following points were raised by residents in their discussions about the rise of Childhood obesity:</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fried Chicken take away shops seemed to be the only food outlets available to children and young people in close proximity to their schools. Also being able to purchase take away chicken food after school was seen as an aspiration for some young people as it demonstrated their coming of age. • Lack of physical education classes • There was a need for schools to re-introduce domestic science and teach children about nutrients and cooking food. • Working families found it difficult to find time to cook food in the afternoon/evening. • There was a need to protect parks space for children and young people to use for physical activities. 	
<p>A more fundamental proposal to better influence children's eating habits in the borough was providing a free school meal to every child regardless of household income. It was noted that the council could not have a direct influence on schools making this provision as they did not provide the funding for school meals. This funding was instead transferred to schools as part of the Pupil Premium Grant. Schools would need to decide individually whether they wanted to use this funding to provide free school meals.</p>	
<p>The committee noted that there had been discussion at Northumberland Park Secondary school about providing free school meals to all children and they had calculated the cost of this and found it to be cost effective.</p>	

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	<p>The Chair suggested that this calculation could be shared with other schools to guide understanding of how this could be achieved. It was further suggested that this school could take the offer of a free school meal for all students forward as a pilot project and share their results with other schools.</p> <p>There was further information shared about how existing local groups and local venues could take forward educational initiatives to promote healthy eating. For example there was a need to aid understanding about the impact of sugar and salt in diets and how to cook healthy on a low budget. Examples of existing local initiatives included Broad water Farm Café, and a local church which was a holding cooking shows, teaching parishioners how to cook healthy meals. The committee recommended that, as a start, it would be useful to compile a list of existing local initiatives aimed at supporting healthy eating and publish their details.</p> <p>In another group table there was discussion about the importance of motivating children into eating healthy from a young age. They discussed how learning this should new exciting and interesting for children to encourage their awareness of healthy eating. The initiatives used at schools for encouraging recycling were referred to as an example to learn from.</p>	<p>Cllr Rice</p> <p>Fiona Wright</p> <p>Fiona Wright</p>
<p>OBCB6</p>	<p>AREA COMMITTEE PLAN</p> <p>The updated Area Plan was considered by the committee. The Chair had asked that fortnightly collections, state of the roads in the ward areas, and relevant public realm projects be included as additional priorities. There was also a change to the format with additional columns added to record outcomes and timescales for completing the required actions connected with achieving the listed priorities.</p> <p>The committee were asked to keep in mind that the Area Plan would be a live document and as actions were achieved or new actions added the document would be updated accordingly. The Area Committee would review the plan at each of their quarterly meetings and feedback on the actions being completed. These would be noted and directed at the responsible officer leads listed in the document.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That the Area Plan for Tottenham and Seven Sisters be adopted.</p>	<p>Caroline Luck/ Frontline services</p>
<p>OBCB7</p>	<p>NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS</p> <p>There were no items of urgent business.</p>	

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OBCB8	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>None</p>	
OBCB9	<p>FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS</p> <p>The committee discussed the planned new format for the Tottenham and Seven Sisters Area Forum meetings, put into practice at this evening's earlier meeting. The new format aimed to enable active participation in the topics being discussed by residents, traders, councillors and officers attending the meeting. People attending the forum meeting had been sat on tables with officers and councillors instead of sitting in rows. The tables contained visuals such as maps showing the areas being discussed and there were also briefing notes about the topics of discussion.</p> <p>Following brief introductions to the topics, group discussions ensued with a further short opportunity given to tables to raise any outstanding concerns. At this meeting representative from Balfour Beatty and TFL had also sat on the tables with residents and had been involved, first hand, in discussions about the Gyratory.</p> <p>The overall view was that the evening's forum meeting had been a success as it had allowed residents greater participation in the meeting, with ward councillors facilitating their discussion. There was agreement that the Chair should continue with this format and also keep to specific themes of discussion at forum meetings. The Cabinet Member for Communities would advocate this approach at other Area Forum meetings when meeting with the other Area Forum Chairs.</p> <p>The next meeting would focus on the environment with topics of discussion around this. Following the success of having visual maps at the forum meeting, it was suggested that there were maps available listing the roll out areas for fortnightly collections.</p> <p>It was also agreed that a feedback sheet should be distributed at meetings to allow residents to comment of the format and their experience of the meeting. It was noted that a similar evaluation sheet had been used at the recent West Green and Bruce Grove Area Forum and this example could be sent to the Chair to consider for use at the next meeting in September.</p> <p>The Chair asked for suggestions on venues for future meetings. The local college (CHENEL, Tottenham High Road Campus) was suggested as a venue that could be checked for availability.</p>	Clerk
OBCB10	<p>DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS</p> <p>The date of the next meeting was 04 September 2012.</p>	

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Cllr Lorna Reith

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