

# **MINUTES OF MEETING Full Council HELD ON Monday, 22nd November, 2021, 7.30pm to 10.05pm**

## **PRESENT:**

**Councillors: Adam Jogee (Mayor), Charles Adje, Peray Ahmet, Dhiren Basu, Patrick Berryman, John Bevan, Barbara Blake, Zena Brabazon, Gideon Bull, Dana Carlin, Luke Cawley-Harrison, Seema Chandwani, Sakina Chenot, Pippa Connor, Eldridge Culverwell, Nick da Costa, Lucia das Neves, Julie Davies, Paul Dennison, Isidoros Diakides, Josh Dixon, Erdal Dogan, Scott Emery, Ruth Gordon, Makbule Gunes, Mike Hakata, Bob Hare, Kirsten Hearn, Justin Hinchcliffe, Emine Ibrahim, Peter Mitchell, Liz Morris, Khaled Moyeed, Julia Ogiehor, Tammy Palmer, Sheila Peacock, Reg Rice, Viv Ross, Alessandra Rossetti, Yvonne Say, Anne Stennett, Noah Tucker, Elin Weston, Matt White and Sarah Williams**

## **32. FILMING AT MEETINGS**

The Mayor welcomed attendees to the November meeting of Full Council at Tottenham Green Leisure Centre. He continued to set out the protocol for filming at meetings and provided information on the Covid safety measures in place. This was noted by attendees.

## **33. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The Chief Executive advised that the following Councillors had given apologies:

Cllr Adamou

Cllr Amin

Cllr Chiriyankandath

Cllr Demir

Cllr Barnes

Cllr M Blake

Cllr Stone

Cllr James

Cllr Carroll

**34. TO ASK THE MAYOR TO CONSIDER THE ADMISSION OF ANY LATE ITEMS OF BUSINESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 100B OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

The Chief Executive asked the Mayor to agree the admission of the following late items of business that could not be available earlier and needed to be dealt with at the meeting:

- Item 7 – Change in Committee Membership - The reason for lateness was to allow finalisation of the report and consultation.
- Item - 11 - The Report from Corporate Committee on Treasury Management midyear update - The reason for lateness was due to the Corporate Committee meeting taking place after the publication of Council papers.
- Item 14 - Questions and Written Answers - The reason for lateness was that notice of questions is not requested until 8 clear days before the meeting, following which the matters raised must be researched and replies prepared to be given at the meeting.
- Item 15 – Motions - Noted that the amendments to motions were not requested until 10am on the day of the Council meeting and there had been amendments to Motion C and Motion D which has been published and distributed as a supplementary pack.

The Mayor accepted these as late items of business.

**35. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Diakides and Cllr Hakata both declared personal and prejudicial interests in deputation 4 and Item 15 [Motion D]. This was by virtue of their membership of the North London Waste Authority and voting capacity.

Cllr das Neves declared a non – prejudicial interest by virtue of residing in one of the proposed low traffic neighbourhoods scheme areas proposed in the borough.

**36. TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 19TH OF JULY 2021**

**RESOLVED**

To agree the minutes of the meeting held on the 19 July 2021 as a true record.

**37. TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE MAYOR MAY LAY BEFORE THE COUNCIL**

The Mayor had emailed an update on his Mayoral engagements and activities.

The Mayor was saddened to hear of the passing of former Mayor, Sheik Thompson. He was a well-known figure and would be missed by his family and friends. The Mayor extended the Council's condolences to his wife and son.

The Mayor, like all colleagues in the chamber was horrified by the senseless murder of the MP, David Amess, whilst carrying out his daily role as an MP and extended the Council's condolences to the Amess family.

The Mayor was aiming to visit 30 businesses in the next 30 days, across the borough to raise money for his charities, whilst also supporting the many businesses that fuelled the borough's economy.

The Mayor had visited several schools in October to celebrate Black History month.

The Mayor had visited the refurbished Hornsey Library and Muswell Hill Library.

The Mayor encouraged all colleagues, who had yet to have their booster vaccine, to get this and for any colleagues who had yet to have their second vaccine to also get this. It was important to support the vaccination effort in the borough and set the example to constituents yet to have their vaccines.

The Mayor spoke about his meeting of Giovanni Rose on his visits to schools. Giovanni was a top 15 winner of the Foyle Young Poets of the Year Award 2021. Giovanni had surpassed 6000 entrants to win one of the biggest poetry competition in the world. The Mayor wanted the Council to acknowledge Giovanni's efforts and accomplishment. He called on Giovanni, who was in attendance, to recite poem called 'Welcome to Tottenham'.

After the reading of the Poem, the Mayor led the meeting in round of applause and looked forward to hearing about Giovanni's further successes.

Cllr Diakides spoke in memory of Sheik Thompson as a comrade and friend who was a distinguished musician. He had promoted young musicians throughout his years as a Councillor and as a former Mayor of the Council.

The Mayor led the meeting in a 1 minute's silence in memory of MP David Amess and former Mayor, Sheik Thompson.

### **38. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

The report set out an appointment to the Pensions Committee and Board, in accordance with the Labour group wishes.

Cllr Rice the Chief Whip moved that that the recommendations in the report be agreed.

#### **RESOLVED**

That Councillor Carlin be appointed to the Pensions Committee and Board.

### **39. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER AND HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES**

The Monitoring Officer had no matters to report on.

#### **40. TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

The Chief Whip moved the report and recommendations and it was:

##### **RESOLVED**

1. To approve the extension of Jennifer Mann's membership of the Hornsey Parochial Charities from December 2021 to December 2024.
2. To approve the extension of Greg Gordon's membership of the Hornsey Parochial Charities from March 2022 to March 2023.

#### **41. ADOPTION OF REVISED STATEMENT OF GAMBLING POLICY UNDER THE GAMBLING ACT 2005**

Councillor Bevan, Cabinet Member for Planning, Licensing and Housing Services moved the report and recommendations and it was:

##### **RESOLVED**

1. To approve and adopt the Statement of Gambling Policy at Appendix 1.
2. To note the supplementary document containing the local area profile information at Appendix 2;

##### **Reasons for decision**

The Council is obliged to review and adopt a Statement of Licensing Policy for Gambling every three years. The current policy is due to expire in January 2022. Therefore, a new policy must be adopted.

##### **Alternative options considered**

No alternatives were considered. It is a legislative requirement that the policy be reviewed at least every three years, and that a public consultation is carried out. Failure to review and adopt the Statement of Gambling Policy would result in the Council failing to comply with legislation.

#### **42. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING BODIES**

Treasury Management Update Mid-Year Report 2021/22.

The Chair of Corporate Committee moved the report and recommendations and it was:

##### **RESOLVED**

1. To note the Treasury Management activity undertaken during the first half of the financial year to 30 September 2021 and the performance achieved which is attached as Appendix 1 to the report.
2. To note that all treasury activities were undertaken in line with the approved Treasury Management Strategy.

#### **43. HARINGEY DEBATE - THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR HIGH STREETS; SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESSES AND THE LOCAL ECONOMY**

Councillor Dennison introduced the Liberal Democrat debate on the importance of supporting businesses and the local economy.

Cllr Dennison was pleased to be opening the debate on a topic that was personal to him. Cllr Dennison spoke about starting his own first business in 2012, and his understanding of how difficult it can be to open a business on the high street and how important micro businesses were to the economy. This was in particular to the Haringey economy, which was dominated by micro businesses.

It was noted that according to ONS figures, 94% of Haringey businesses had less than 10 employees. These were family run, shops, small office-based businesses and innovative manufacturing digital creative businesses that were appearing in industrial estates in the borough.

Cllr Dennison presented the following:

- The contribution of businesses to the Council's budget and questioned the mechanism in place to put this funding back into communities. In his view, the current Council policies did little to incentivise business landlords to improve their properties.
- The importance of businesses in relation to jobs, and creating and having an economy that attracts people to live in and travel to the borough.
- The impact of the pandemic on high streets and questioned the strategy, efforts, and priority of the administration to supporting businesses. He questioned the data held by the Council on trading businesses and the know-how and desire of the administration to support businesses.
- In his view, priority was given to developers needs and there was a lack of funding and support for apprenticeships and raised concern from the warehouse districts that developers would be favoured in future years above creative businesses for use of land.
- Supporting businesses to grow and how this required a vision for every business area in the borough and questioned the suitability of current plans, which in his view failed to factor in each business area's distinctive needs, and required a different approach.
- questioned the priorities of the current Labour administration and the proposed spend on the new Civic Centre when this significant sum of money could be spent on the borough's high streets to help create new jobs, enable businesses to grow, move services locally so they could adapt to local areas better and make town centres in the borough better areas to visit.

In conclusion, to his presentation, Councillor Dennison had no doubt that the business community would continue to evolve and thrive, in these uncertain times and he felt that this was despite the administration rather than a true partnership.

The Mayor welcomed guest speaker, Mark Afford (Chair of Crouch End Neighbourhood Forum) who was speaking online:

Mr Afford highlighted the following issues:

- The role that businesses play in the identity of an area, instigating a level of pride in the area, for both new and long-standing communities and helping them bond.
- Engaging Council resources to support businesses and ultimately optimise the rates that can be accrued.
- Important to continually appraise high streets in the borough as these were often closer in profile than currently considered.
- Change in shopping habits and the reasons to visit the high street have altered.
- In last three years, there had been 58 business closures in Crouch End and 40 new openings. This was a huge turnover, but also showed the entrepreneurial attitude remained, as new business were willing to open on the high street and take on this challenge.
- Suggested that the local economy should take centre stage in high streets and place the visitor at the central focus of thinking
- Considering the interventions that will increase footfall. This could mean making the experience more pleasant i.e. expanding pavements, creating public spaces, and making more environmental improvements.
- There was currently nowhere to sit outside in Crouch End, and the Council could look at traffic calming measures, and address the character of the local streets, many of which were in conservation areas.
- There could be an Article 4 direction protection against unwarranted residential conversions.
- The Council could support vitality, encourage advantage entrepreneurship, provide new forums of tenure i.e. pop ups.
- Council could identify spatial payment companies, which were important in the Covid pandemic when awaiting rule changes.

Lewis Freeman, Owner of Dunns Bakery in Crouch End, a further external speaker, continued to highlight the socio-economic factors, important for high streets. He spoke about The Crouch End Festival team that had been holding events throughout the year and had spent a lot of time maintaining and supporting Crouch End area as a whole. There was a sub section of shopkeepers and restaurateurs with a passionate experience about their trade and this was a key team of people whose views and judgement must be trusted in consultations by the Council.

The Mayor opened the debate and the following was noted

Cllr Gordon, Cabinet Member for House Building, Place - Making and Development, agreed that small and medium sized business were at the heart of the Haringey economy. She described the diverse range of businesses in the borough and recognised that during the pandemic, many businesses had suffered and the Council had developed a strategy on economy recovery. Arising from this strategy there would be policies and then actions on the ground which would be taken forward. She set out the four strands of the strategy, which included, training, economic recovery and renewal for all businesses. The final strand had focus on recovery of all high street businesses in town centres and high streets.

Cllr Gordon outlined the initiatives that had supported town centres over the summer and would continue over the winter. A strategic working group was bringing together the trader's organisations in the borough to work in a strategic way, including partners to support activities. The Cabinet Member encouraged business to visit the Council website, which had lots of information on Covid related support and issues related to Brexit. The Council would continue to be as supportive as possible to business with funding and investment.

Cllr Cawley- Harrison spoke about his experience of engaging with the Council on high street innovation and getting the Council to provide practical support to business in the covid pandemic. He found that there were too many reasons provided for not being able to do something and felt that strategically the Council was behind other boroughs. He referred to the lack of mention and priority given to businesses by the administration and reiterated need to invest funding in high streets and business rather than the Civic Centre project. He felt that that there should be funding to introduce a vibrant mix to the high streets as outlined by the external speakers. He described that in the spring the Council had committed to a review of outside eateries. This was at a time when outdoor eating was being allowed under covid rules but currently there was no outcome of the review.

Cllr Ahmet, Leader of the Council, spoke about reviving high streets and how this was more important than ever, despite an increasingly digital world. She described businesses as the social and economic fabric of communities and underlined that the Council was doing all it could to secure a better future for high streets and business. The Cabinet worked closely with trader groups in the borough and considered the place making issues that affect the high streets and were talking to people directly.

The Leader of the Council outlined the community wealth approach, which redirects wealth back into the local community and into the hands of local people. She referred to the high streets action plan, which detailed support to businesses for recovery, online business directory that displayed over 160 SMEs with a second online shopping facility launching in 2022.

The Leader continued to speak about the role of the neighbourhood infrastructure, creating liveable neighbourhoods, housebuilding programme, project to reimagine high streets, improving transport links to town centres, driving foot traffic, and discouraging car use. She asked the opposition to join the administration in opposing any government cuts to TFL, as this would have knock on effects on the access to the high street. In conclusion, the borough's high streets required strategic multi-level

intervention and active participation of residents to ensure there was development of high streets with and for the community.

Cllr Morris spoke about the government's new permitted development rights, which would have a detrimental impact on the high street and commercial centres. It was noted that businesses in the new class C category could be converted for residential use without planning permission. This included shops, restaurants offices, and professional services. There had been opposition to this change from the Forum and Partnerships of the Property Federation and key business associations, as this would exacerbate the decline of high streets. This change would further lead to developers purchasing low value businesses to take forward conversions putting housing in an uncontrolled and unplanned manner on high streets, in turn, threatening business growth and long-term viability of high streets.

Cllr Morris highlighted the issues raised in a report commissioned by the Town and Country Planning Association, which considered that a high number of business premises would be lost to residential developments. She advised that 14 other London Councils had already applied to block these new rights but Haringey had yet to do this. She called for the Council to block these new developer rights and demonstrate that they support and champion business.

Cllr Dogan thanked every shop owner and shop worker, and small business owner for their support to the community. He expressed that the Council had many projects in response to the effects of the pandemic. The Council had paid out many government funded grants since the start of the pandemic. The Economic Development team had completed the following programme: launched direct mail boxes for over 1500 businesses across the borough, a programme of payment plans to help businesses in the aftermath of the lock down, a free business programme for small businesses and 400 businesses will be supported to recover from the impact of Covid. This programme would also help small businesses expand and create more jobs. He concluded by highlighting that small business where the backbone of the local economy and the Council was grateful for their contributions.

Cllr Hare spoke about his experience on the Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Panel and had listened to historic and ongoing issues in relation to attitudes and sense of responsibility to businesses in regeneration areas. He spoke with the Peacock Industrial Estate businesses who had supported option one of the master plan for Tottenham High Road, which retained the business estate and not taken forward. Cllr Hare continued to outline the commitments in the HRW business charter and how these had not been met. He concluded that the Council should look for suitable premises for these businesses in the borough.

Cllr Say spoke as a Bounds Green Ward Councillor and the success of the Myddelton Road high street, which was a result of collaboration between the local community, businesses and local authority. The pandemic had had an impact on businesses and the Council needed to pay attention to the needs of the businesses and build back better. The mix of different communities was inspiring and showed what could be achieved by listening and working together as a Council on schemes.

Cllr Bull, responded to the views expressed by Cllr Hare on the Peacock estate, challenged the views of Cllr Cawley - Harrison on the engagement with businesses, spoke of officer's significant help, and support to businesses. He agreed with Cllr Say on the success of Myddelton Road High Street.

Cllr Carlin spoke about how small business had transformed the high street and the lives of citizens. She spoke about the rejuvenation of Hornsey High Street with bakeries, shops selling fresh produce, teahouses and dry cleaners. She spoke about how the pandemic showed the community the value of these small shops and residents were continuing to support local businesses.

Cllr das Neves responded to the debate, acknowledging residents renewed relationship with the high street during the pandemic. She spoke about: redoubling efforts to support businesses in the recovery of Covid, discouraging the conversion of commercial property on the high street into poor quality accommodation, considering people that live above shops and ensuring property owners meet their responsibilities. She noted that businesses had risen to the challenge of the pandemic and should continue to be supported.

Cllr das Neves spoke about: encouraging walking to the high street as key to their success, the need to continue campaigns that attract people to the high street and encouraging the community continue to support the high street.

Cllr Barbara Blake was invited by the Mayor to speak and she spoke about the previous national activities of the opposition party and strongly challenged speeches on the assertion that the Council supported developers and referred to the activities of the national party under the coalition government.

The Leader of the Opposition interjected to ask if this was relevant to the debate.

Cllr Hinchcliffe started to make a point of order that was rejected by the Mayor.

Cllr Barbara Blake continued to refer to the Opposition party's previous role in introducing universal credit.

The Opposition Chief Whip raised a further point of order, on the content of the speech. This was not accepted by the Mayor.

Cllr Barbara Blake continued to speak about the Council's support to residents

The Mayor called on Councillor Paul Dennison to make his closing remarks on the debate.

Cllr Dennison responded to the debate noting:

- Value of businesses understood during pandemic, and questioning why not continually understood.
- There had been three scrutiny reviews since 2001 related to small businesses and no developments from these reviews.
- Learning from local business and innovate and facilitate new initiatives.
- Taking action and not wait to work in partnership.

- Apprenticeship levy - £1.6m given back to the government by the Council as have not used the levy and could have given £100k to small and medium-term bus for training purposes.

The Mayor thanked the external speakers and colleagues for participating in the debate.

#### **44. TO CONSIDER REQUESTS TO RECEIVE DEPUTATIONS AND/OR PETITIONS AND, IF APPROVED, TO RECEIVE THEM**

As part of this item, the Mayor had received four deputations which he had accepted due to the timing of the community matters they related to.

##### **Deputation 1**

The Mayor had received a petition and deputation from the Irish Centre calling for Council support to resume activities at the Irish Centre for the Irish community.

The Mayor, in accordance with CSO order 12.1, accepted the petition received on resuming activities at the Irish Centre in Tottenham.

The Mayor invited Seán O'Donovan to present his deputation/ petition on the Council support to the Irish Centre. He was joined by Mary Prendergast and Joy Sullivan and Irish pensioners who welcomed the opportunity to restart the conversation around the Irish community and cultural centre. In particular, there was welcome news that the Irish Centre would be re-opening and there had been previous valuable support provided by the centre to local people for many years.

Mr O'Donovan spoke about:

- Concerns regarding the aspects of the Irish Centre that may be lost when it re-opens.
- Pleased to have a recent meeting with the Leader.
- Tradition of being a vibrant inclusive centre for all communities.
- Understood that the liquidation of the Haringey Irish cultural and community centre organisation that the centre will work in a different way. It appeared that the trustees of the previous organisation did not reach out for help at critical moments and this was regrettable.
- Urged the Council that, as the centre re-opens, the historic cultural aspects were not lost, in particular the pensioners club, tea dances and lounge bar which held charity events and brought people together.
- No organisation bringing the Irish community together since the closure of the centre and this was much needed for the wellbeing and history. Also for welcoming new arrivals.
- New organisation being compiled called 'Haringey Irish Association' and this looked forward to working with and being an active member of the voluntary sector community.
- According to the 2011 census there were 6000 Irish citizens spread out in Tottenham, Hornsey and Wood Green. Also, taking into account second and third generations, the figure was likely to be over 21000.

- History of the Irish community in Haringey and working with other communities for social justice over many decades.
- The specific health needs of the Irish community and details could be provided outside of the meeting on this.

In conclusion, the deputation welcomed a widespread dialogue to discuss all aspects around the future of the Irish Centre and wanted to make the centre relevant , sustainable and inclusive.

There were questions to the deputation from : Cllr Ibrahim, Cllr Ogiehor, Cllr Williams, Cllr Peacock, Cllr Moyeed, Cllr Barbara Blake, Cllr Bull and the following information provided by the deputation.

- Striving for Irish Centre to be sustainable so not always going to the community for grants. There could be applications to the Irish government for funding to mitigate isolation , keen that unique aspects of the Irish community centre previous provision are not lost, i.e. luncheon club.
- The deputation statement had been written with emotion as attendees had felt ignored. However, the situation had moved on with a meeting with the Council and Council Leader and as set in the presentation working with other organisations and communities. The deputation did not want to pit one community against each other.
- The deputation did not want to see this Irish community centre lost as a cultural home. There were health issues of older members to tackle and the health outcomes were worse in the Irish community and became significant beyond age of 50 onwards. The new association wanted to work on the health needs of the Irish community and welcomed the opportunity to work with the organisations and charities that work with older people to potentially provide a renewed community hub for Irish people in Haringey.
- Agreed with a Councillor suggestion of the Council maintaining the building. The deputation recognised that the Council was doing more insourcing over the last few years and referred to the potential income from external sources such as Spurs for use of parking to support the costs of running the building.
- Deputation agreed that there were mistakes made with previous entity and the entity did not seek help at the appropriate moments.
- The 'Haringey Irish Association was established to hear the voice of Irish community and highlight key issues back to the Council . The Association would be talking to more people and hoping to do activities outside of the Centre. The running of the Irish Centre was open to discussion. There was funding available from the Irish government to access and support Irish communities.
- The deputation advised that when the Irish centre closed, the group had continued dialogue with users went out and spoke with previous users to help where needed.

The Leader responded to the deputation, acknowledging the deep and rich history of the Irish community in Haringey and the role of the Irish community centre. There was re-assurance that the Council were able to continue to use the centre and the Leader had met with members of the Irish community, including Sean , Lourdes Keever and the new Haringey Irish Association and this was the start of further conversations.

The Leader of the Council provided the following update on the what was happening with the Centre:

- The Centre needed renovation refurbishment works and there was £150k allocated to enable the centre to bring communities back together with a revitalised space. There would be engagement with wide range of stakeholders ,including 'Haringey Irish Pensioner's Group.
- Some space to be allocated to the Grace organisation, an established local community group with black Caribbean origin moving from the High Road West vicinity, to provide older people's day opportunities form spring/ summer 2022. This will sit alongside other building users and promote collaboration between different organisations in the building.
- The Council will manage the spaces at the Centre and expected running costs were £100k per annum.
- The licensees of the centre, which include Irish in Britain , Irish Causeway Housing Association will continue to occupy the building which will be possible once the compliance works are complete.

The Leader thanked the deputation for coming to the meeting and hoped to continue conversations.

Mayor thanked the deputation.

## **Deputation 2**

The second deputation was in relation to the proposed LTN at Bounds Green Area C and raised concerns about the consultation process and put forward a request for more time for residents to scrutinise the consultation paper.

Mr Brice addressed the meeting on the particular LTN concerning Bounds Green Area C. He raised the following issues:

- The legal principles of consultation and referred to the emphasis on fair consultation. This applied when consulting on a the preferred option for Bound Green Area C which was the establishment of an LTN.
- Area C was 0.25m under the lowest area for justification of an LTN under TFL's strategic analysis.
- The need to take into account local knowledge and that residents did not need to live on the particular route to provide this.
- Recognised that there is an acute problems with traffic on Durnsford Road to Bounds Green Road but other than this the small network of roads , contended that there was minimal traffic during the day.

- Petition to Cabinet showed over 90% of residents opposing the scheme and residents had compiled a proposal which would effectively eliminate the traffic issues identified in the area.
- Referred to the consultation principle of fairness contrasted with the conflicting messages to residents. The online co -design meeting had not been accessible, and Sustrans not invited Bounds Green' Resident's Association to a meeting.
- Questioned the measurements for support to the scheme, referring to the criteria that was used to assess those in favour of the LTN and the criteria applied to the opposition of the proposals which seemed inconsistent.
- No clarification that the consultation was part of multi- stage process towards an experimental traffic order for a trial period. This could easily have been explained in a paragraph in the consultation documentation.
- The consultation document did not give residents the reasonable opportunity to comment on this discrepancy and or ask for further comments as it restricted answers to the options proposed or alternatives. Response to this issue from the Council was that it would classify the responses according to a series of data. This indicated that the compilation of the data will only pick up those responses in favour of the options or alternatives and disregard any further responses.
- The deputation and residents requested deferment of the December decision on the LTN to allow residents to study the consultation and traffic data as it was now understood that this would not be ready by December and questioned how a sound decision could be made by the Cabinet.

The Mayor invited questions to the deputation and in response to questions from Cllr Carlin and Mitchell, the following was noted as responses from the deputation:

- In the view of the deputation, there was a pre-determined decision and meetings with the MP indicated that a consultation process similar to a CPZ consultation would have been more appropriate. Reservations about the questions and the responses that they are seeking to achieve.
- The petition carried out by the residents of Bounds Green area C seemed to be much better carried out than that of the Council. The deputation further contended that there was omission of options in the consultation and this was misleading, and the interaction between the Council and Sustrans was not clear to residents.

The Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport and the Climate Emergency and Deputy Leader of the Council, thanked the deputation for putting forward their concerns which were noted and responded to the deputation as follows:

- With regards to the consultation process, the Council had had unprecedented engagement over the LTN schemes in relation to any other scheme. Consulted as extensively as possible , ahead of government issued guidance which also advised that the schemes were not referendums. The purpose of the

consultations was to gather as much evidence and information about how the streets operate and the traffic flows and the general traffic issues.

- There were a series of engagements. At stage one, there were several hundred issues mentioned regarding Bounds Green Area C and at stage 2 there had been a workshop for residents to engage. Then in stage 3 there had been a public consultation stage where there were 1500 responses.
- Throughout the consultation process, there was feedback considered and refinement of plans to help develop the emerging proposals which would go to December Cabinet for decision. The report would be accompanied by a comprehensive consultation report which would help inform the decision.
- The decision making at Cabinet in December was not the end of the of the process, as this was an experimental policy and the Council will continue to consider and assess the impact of LTNs, engaging with the community and adjusting the size of the LTNs accordingly.
- The key issue was that motor traffic was the third largest source of carbon emissions in the borough. The urgency around climate change action plan was understood locally and around the world. There was a health emergency with people suffering from respiratory disease , obesity , depression and mental health issues and there was a need to do something about this.
- The Deputy Leader called the deputation to acknowledge that there is an issue with traffic in the Bounds Green area which there was a need to resolve.
- Stage 4 of the process will be based on the Cabinet decision and there will be a further phase of consultation, considering extensive data before making a final decision on the scheme.

### **Deputation 3**

The third deputation was from Living Streets group who were in support of the LTN's in Bounds Green, St Ann's and Bruce Grove.

The Mayor called on Mr James Aufenast, accompanied by Salli Booth and Mohamed Eljaouhari, with Leonardo Guy joining online to make their representations.

Cllr Chenot declared a personal and non prejudicial interest as she lived in the Bounds Green LTN area.

Sally Booth spoke in support of the LTN trials in Bounds Green, and was Chair of The 14% campaign group which was for the voices of disabled people to be heard. She outlined the following:

- Objection to some of the anti LTN groups claiming to speak on behalf of the disabled people in the area and being against the LTN.
- Disabled people not being against LTN's and she represented Bounds Green residents wanting to try the LTN as there were a large number of speeding vehicles in the residential area. There was need to regularise and make the area safer for residents crossing the road, and allow children to play safely in their neighbourhood.

Leonardo Guy spoke in support of the Bruce Grove LTN and the everyday situations of cars speeding up residential roads and walking to school while feeling unsafe with this situation.

Mohamed Eljaouhari, spoke in support of the St Ann's CPZ and said there were 250 residents in support of the scheme. He spoke about the impact of traffic on everyday life when walking his children to school and crossing roads. It was not safe in the area with speeding traffic and a cyclist was recently hit by a car, near his home.

In particular St Ann's ward area was used as short cut by many cars. The proposed LTN would give the opportunity to residents to experience less cars, less pollution and provide the chance to tackle the climate emergency whilst helping the neighbourhood.

He felt that there was an opportunity to genuinely improve the wellbeing for residents by making a change and recognised that this would not happen overnight but was essential to start now and urged support for LTN's in Haringey.

There were questions to the deputation from Cllr Brabazon, Cllr Mitchell, Cllr das Neves, Cllr Adje, Cllr White and the following noted:

- The deputation had a good experience of working with the Council during the consultation process and the key issue was continuing that behaviour , interaction , responding to questions , monitoring and reporting back to the resident's on how the scheme was progressing, whilst reflecting and also improving the scheme as it progresses.
- The deputation spoke about his knowledge of other LTN's in London and had not seen the significant sea of traffic expected. Although, there were some exceptions with some specific roads not coping well but there were also some good examples with data in Hackney where the road traffic went down. The LTN's provided opportunity to reduce traffic.
- Hope to see improvement to local businesses, within the boundaries of the LTN, less through traffic and more cycle journeys could have good impact throughout the year and not just in the summer.
- Good to start with the areas with most traffic, schools and pollution.

Cllr Hakata, Deputy Leader, responded , thanking the deputation for supporting the programme and scheme. He welcomed Salli Booth's comments and noted that the Council takes seriously engaging with disabled people and their carers and had engaged with disability groups.

He welcomed the experience shared by Leonardo and the disproportionate impact of motor traffic on vulnerable road users.

It was important that the Council follow the Cycling Action plan and roll out 25 LTN's over the coming years. He hoped the first three would start this programme.

It was vital to start delivering on promises to local people for improvements to traffic reducing pollution and providing safer neighbourhoods.

*There was a pause for Cllr Diakides and Cllr Hakata as they left the room at 9.40pm*

#### **Deputation 4.**

The 4<sup>th</sup> deputation was from Tania Inowlocki and Dr Rembrandt Koppelaar who were asking for a pause of the procurement process and to commission an independent review of the North London Waste Authority's plans to build an energy-from-waste incinerator in Edmonton.

The deputation outlined that the North London Waste Authority would make a critical decision on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> of December to agree the contractor who will build an energy from waste incinerator in Edmonton.

The deputation called on the Cabinet Member councillors, representing Haringey, to not agree this contract until the Council had conducted due diligence on whether the Edmonton incinerator represented value for money and was compatible with the values of the Climate Emergency Action Plan.

The NLWA had contended that they had considered all the alternatives and the incinerator was the best option for treating waste. However, the deputation advised that the NLWA had not evaluated all the range of technologies available to support mixed recycling. This technology had already been developed and could be used to significantly reduce carbon emissions compared to the incineration of waste which will also have a significant cost.

The deputation outlined that the NLWA had contended that mixed residual waste recycling was underperforming and not reaching required targets, but they were referring to outdated older facilities. There had been developments over the last three years which provided mixed use residual sorting and recycling options. This type of facility was already available in Norway and provided a range of sorting of material such as plastic and paper to effectively provide a good 70% recycling output and 30 % textiles which could be used for fuel. This system was essential in getting plastics out of the system.

Cllr Ogiehor moved CSO14 (j) in order to move to the next business and moved CSO 14(c) also vary the agenda so that item Motion D is discussed before Motion C - Cllr Dixon seconded.

The Monitoring Officer advised that there would need to be a vote on the procedural motions put forward.

The Mayor also advised that there were two procedural motions being put and each would need to be voted on separately.

The first motion to move to the next item of business, CSO 14 (j) proposed by Cllr Ogiehor and seconded by Cllr Dixon. This was voted on with - 14 For and 26 Against and this procedural motion was LOST.

There was a further proposal from Cllr Ogiehor CSO 14(c) to vary the agenda and take item 15[ Motion D] before item 15[Motion C]. This was seconded by Cllr Dixon.

There was a vote with 14 in favour and 26 Against. This procedural motion was LOST.

The Mayor continued to call for questions to be put to the deputation.

In response to a question from Cllr Palmer, the deputation asked the Mayor to take questions offline and move to Motion D. In response the Mayor advised that the deputation were not able to request this.

Cllr Tucker asked the deputation if they were aware of the strength of feeling in the Labour movement in relation to pause and review. In response, the deputation advised they were aware of CLP support and Mayoral communications indicating support.

The Mayor advised that as it was now 10pm there was a need to consider CSO 8.1 that Council meetings should at end at 10pm but as Mayor he had the discretion to allow completion of the item in hand and asked the Leader of the Council to respond to the deputation.

It was noted the oral questions would be responded to in writing and the Motions would fall and could be resubmitted to the next meeting.

The Leader continued to respond to the deputation outlining, that the Council did understand the strength of feeling among residents on this local issue and would commit to working with other London Boroughs to set up a forum. This would work with local communities to discuss the future of waste disposal and focus on the concerns regarding the Edmonton facility and methods for increasing recycling rates.

It was important to understand the issues around the proposals for the new incinerator and note that here were experts on the issue of waste disposal in the meeting and joining online. She outlined that waste had to go somewhere and the existing incinerator had been serving north London for over 45 years and was 20 years out of date. There was a need to ensure that the best possible technology was in place to protect residents living close to a facility which was already out of date.

There was assurance provided that the latest technology would be used to ensure it was the cleanest incinerator in the world. It would include a selective catalytic reduction technology to reduce the levels of nitrogen oxide released.

The Leader concluded by advising that there were three main alternatives to an incinerator which were significantly worse for the environment. This was ocean dumping, landfill and exporting waste.

The Leader appreciated concerns and need to work with residents and activists to discuss concerns and work together on solutions.

The meeting closed at 10.05pm.

**45. TO ANSWER QUESTIONS, IF ANY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE NOS. 9 & 10**

As set out in item 44.

**46. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE NO. 13**

As set out in item 44.

CHAIR:

Signed by Chair .....

Date .....