

**MINUTES OF THE TOTTENHAM AND SEVEN SISTERS AREA FORUM AND COMMITTEE  
MONDAY, 16 JANUARY 2012**

\* indicates those present

**Present:** Councillors Diakides\* (Chair), Basu\*, Goldberg\*, Kober, Reith\*, Rice, Stanton, Vanier, and Watson\*

<b>MINUTE NO.</b>	<b>SUBJECT/DECISION</b>	<b>ACTON BY</b>
OBCB21.	<p><b>APOLOGIES</b></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Kober and Vanier.</p> <p><b>NOTED</b></p>	
OBCB22.	<p><b>URGENT BUSINESS</b></p> <p>Nil.</p>	
OBCB23.	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b></p> <p>Nil.</p>	
OBCB24.	<p><b>MINUTES</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p>That the minutes of the Tottenham and Seven Sisters Area Committee held on 15 September 2011 be confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings, and signed by the Chair.</p>	
OBCB25.	<p><b>UPDATE ON TOTTENHAM AND SEVEN SISTERS AREA PLAN</b></p> <p>The Chair advised the meeting that an update had been circulated to the Committee and also tabled which outlined progress to date with the area plan. This gave a brief outline of the background to developing the area plan, and the process for contribution thus far in setting the main priority themes arising from the area profile for Tottenham and Seven Sisters.</p> <p>The Chair reminded the Committee of the forthcoming informal public/member priority setting and action plan workshop on 25 January 2012 from 6.30pm for 2 hours at the Bernie Grants Centre where it was hoped that residents, traders, and service providers would use the session to further refine the priorities to form an initial draft plan.</p> <p>In response to clarification from Councillor Watson, the meeting was advised that there was a draft outline being worked on for the workshop on 25 January which would be circulated prior to the meeting. Following on from the meeting on 25 January, officers would further work with members to finalise the first draft, in preparation for sign off at the Area Committee on 27 March 2012. Councillor Watson stressed that the time frame for producing the finalised area plan and sign off in March 2012 was fairly tight and that he hoped that further discussion and view of the</p>	

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proposed final plan would be possible before 27 March 2012.

Councillor Reith commented that there needed to be a geographical and ward by ward overview within the proposed plan as well as a general regeneration perspective.

The Chair then summarised and it was:

**RESOLVED**

- i. that the detailed update in respect of progress to date with the area plan, and the process for contribution thus far in setting the main priority themes arising from the area profile for Tottenham and Seven Sisters be noted;
- ii. that the concerns expressed that the time frame for producing the finalised area plan and sign off in March 2012 being fairly tight be noted and that further discussion and view of the proposed final plan would be necessary prior to final sign off by the area Committee on 27 March 2012;
- iii. that the geographical/ward perspective be emphasised within the area plan as well as the regeneration aspects.

**OBCB26. TOTTENHAM REGENERATION PROGRAMME UPDATE**

Ms Lippitt Project - Director for Tottenham advised the Committee that the purpose of the briefing was to update about the regeneration programme for Tottenham, including progress to date, feedback received from the public consultation and an update regarding funding for the programme.

In respect of the key issues to maintaining and bolstering community and business confidence, it was paramount to prompt relocation and return of those businesses which were severely damaged or destroyed in the riots, particularly as a number of these businesses were high street staples that drew in customers and footfall for the many independent businesses on the High Road.

In particular the team was working closely with Carpet Right to ensure that this key symbol of Tottenham's recovery was back on the High Road as soon as possible, with a pre-application discussion meeting with the landowners and a full planning application being submitted in February 2012, and subject to planning permission being granted, Carpet Right (and associated residential units above) would be open for business by the summer 2013.

Ms Lippitt advised that a number of discussions had happened with Aldi and to ensure that the store returned to the High Road as soon as possible, and Aldi had also submitted two planning applications for replacement developments of the ALDI superstore and Fitness First sites and these would be considered by Planning Committee in due course.

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Ms Lippitt reported that the Post Office had reopened at 476 High Road, and the new sign was awaited. In terms of the actual site (530-536 High Road) that was destroyed in the riots, discussions had commenced with the landowners over their intentions and a planning brief had been developed for the site with consultation commenced. With regard to Job Centre Plus – a small base has been provided in CHaNEL and currently most of the clients were travelling to Walthamstow. Officers were working with JCP to identify temporary premises in Tottenham though they would be back in their premises in March.

In respect of the Council offices at 639 High Road – options were being progressed which included developing the building into an employment and enterprise centre for Tottenham (with incubation space for new and growing businesses) as well as services to support skills and training for young people. Negotiations were also at an advanced stage with the GLA to have the Mayor's Team London programme based there to support the development of volunteering opportunities for the borough.

Ms Lippitt referred to two 'have your say' public consultation type events in late November 2011 with table top discussions facilitated by Council Officers, and outlined the themes as detailed:

- Identifying people's concerns for Tottenham
- Identifying people's aspirations for Tottenham, both now and in the future
- Identifying actions that could turn the following priorities into reality
  - Safe, Secure and Confident Communities
  - Thriving Businesses and More Jobs
  - High Quality Housing
  - Excellent Public Space and Transport
  - Inward Investment in Tottenham

The key themes of concern were:

1. Lack of jobs and enterprise
2. Environmental and public realm issues
3. Young people – lack of opportunities and engagement
4. Image and perception of Tottenham
5. Quality of housing and related issues

The key themes for *aspirations* for Tottenham were:

1. Encouraging jobs and enterprise growth
2. Building on the vibrant arts and cultural offer
3. Building on the excellent community relations
4. Development of a positive image for Tottenham
5. Better utilisation of Tottenham's many assets
6. An attractive, vibrant and historic High Road

Ms Lippitt further advised that a more detailed report of the feedback received during the consultation events would be published on the website shortly. A more in depth public consultation would follow on the

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draft Regeneration Strategy for Tottenham from April 2012 onwards. The task of officers was to turn the concerns and aspirations into a regeneration strategy and delivery plan and that in terms of responses received there had been over 600. Concerning the meeting on 25 January to discuss the Area Plan officers would glean any further information from that meeting to add into the strategy.

Ms Lippitt then advised of the comprehensive investment bid to the GLA to fund key projects, schemes and initiatives as part of the regeneration programme for Tottenham. A package of over £40m of investment would be required to kick start the regeneration programme, and the GLA requested prioritisation of the projects within the initial investment request. The GLA were due to announce the funding package for Tottenham shortly. Ms Lippitt advised of an anticipated funding package of over £20m from the GLA but this was awaiting confirmation.

The Chair thanked Ms Lippitt for her concise update, and asked if there were any points of clarification from the Committee .

In response to clarification from Councillor Watson regarding the Outer London funding bid Ms Lippitt commented that it was unlikely that funding would be received but rather this bid would be encompassed by the funding request to the GLA.

Concerning clarifications from the Chair Ms Lippitt advised that once the level of funding was known then in depth consultation would commence for the projects e.g. Tottenham Green with a strategy and work programme established, and work commencing by July 2012. the Chair commented on the need for further walk abouts in the Wards and engaging with traders and small businesses.

The Chair then thanked Ms Lippitt for her concise updated.

**RESOLVED**

That the Tottenham Regeneration Programme Update as detailed be noted.

**OBCB27. TOTTENHAM TOWN HALL USE OF SECTION 106 CONTRIBUTIONS  
- UPDATE**

The Chair asked for a brief update.

Ms Lippitt - Project Director for Tottenham advised she would briefly update in the absence of Mr Dorfman. In terms of the proposed meeting with Ward Members to discuss this issue as actioned at the previous meeting, the meeting was yet to happen with ward Councillors in terms of the options for the Section 106 monies for Tottenham Town Hall. Ms Lippitt confirmed that officers would be contacting the Ward Councillors and arrange the meeting as a matter of urgency.

The Committee expressed their collective concerns that this meeting had not been confirmed as yet and had been outstanding for some 4 months

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	<p>now. It had been a key action at the previous meeting and had not been followed through and this was not acceptable.</p> <p>Ms Lippitt advised that she would convey the concerns expressed to the officers concerned.</p> <p>The Committee asked that a meeting date be confirmed by the end of January 2012 at the latest.</p> <p>The Chair summarised ad it was :</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p>That collective concerns that the Ward Councillor meeting to discuss the Section 106 monies for Tottenham Town hall had not been confirmed as yet and had been outstanding for some 4 months now be noted, and officers be advised accordingly, and that a meeting date be confirmed by officers with Ward Councillors by the end of January 2012 at the latest.</p>	
<p><b>OBCB28.</b></p>	<p><b>NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS</b></p> <p>Nil Items.</p>	
<p><b>OBCB29.</b></p>	<p><b>FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND DATES OF MEETINGS</b></p> <p>The Chair confirmed that the next meeting of the Committee and Forum would take place on 27 March 2012.</p> <p>The Committee collectively discussed matters for consideration and the following items were confirmed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Haringey Green Agenda 40/20 – Carbon Emissions</li> <li>• Regeneration of Tottenham – including a range of possible options i.e. Proposed ‘Arts’ School’ (as suggested by public attendee present)</li> <li>• Area Plan – finalising</li> <li>• Traffic and delays of TfL re the Gyratory System</li> </ul> <p>A member of the Public also raised the issue the poor ambulance service in the area and the reported 4 incidents of late arrival of ambulances – resulting in the alleged deaths of individuals. The Chair responded that this was a matter not within the Committee’s ambit but that officers would forward the complaint/concern to the appropriate person within the London ambulance service.</p> <p><b>NOTED</b></p>	

The meeting ended at 21.13hrs

COUNCILLOR ISIDOROS DIAKIDES

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