

Minutes of Mill Hill Neighbourhood Forum Meeting 190617

Present: John Gillett (JG), Rob Orton, Paul Edwards, Sami Greenbury, Sarah Walker, Caroline Oliver, Zoe Samuelson, Cheryl Farrow, Peter Neal, Susan Connolly, Clive Blass, Mike Barker (minutes)

Apologies, Richard Logue, Sian John, Suzanne Brett, Val Duschinsky, Christina Wong, Philip Morris, Bonnie Overlander

Minutes of the last meeting May 2017 – agreed.

Dominic Deere – JG welcomed everyone and said he had been contacted by Dominic who was a planning professional who was setting himself up as a consultant. It was hoped Dominic may be able to give us some advice on specific future planning applications.

Consultations – The Mayor had launched a couple of consultations: Keeping Waste in the right place and Air Quality Action Plan 2017-2021. It was noted that in the latter the Undercroft was not a target area. Barnet Council had responded to several other recent consultations; Mayor's City for all Londoners; Culture and the Night Time Economy; Affordable Housing & Viability. LBB had also responded to the Government white paper on the broken housing market

Hasmonean School - A decision from the Mayor was still awaited. Separately there was a TPO challenge launched on the number of trees to be removed.

Belmont Farm Nursery – The planning application had been agreed. There was concern that the change of use involved might have implications for possible future planning applications in the green belt.

Copthall Estate masterplan - Following LBB agreement of the Copthall Planning Brief a masterplan was to be developed for Copthall and the surrounding green spaces – Mill Hill Park, Arrandene etc. MB and SW would attend a workshop to be held at Allianz Park on June 28th.

Mill Hill Library/NW7 Hub – Agreement had been reached to take over the rest of the Library building on a commercial basis. This would be from July 1st and it was hoped to start actively “selling” the space and facilities from September.

Town Square – Following the intervention of Councillor Khatri the proposed town square would need to go back to the Hendon Area Committee for a further review at the end of July, a year after the original proposal had been agreed by the same Committee. It was noted that several MHNF committee members had written to Cllr Khatri about his intervention but none had received a reply.

Mill Hill Neighbourhood Plan – The current draft had been reviewed by several committee members. The comments and feedback would be used to update the draft after which it would be given to Barnet Council for an informal review. It was noted that some proposed sites needed further review and agreement.



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Parking across Mill Hill – JG had written to Barnet Council about taking a wider view of parking issues across the whole of Mill Hill. This was in the light of potential changes to Mill Hill Park car park, the potential for a CPZ in Poets Corner, and the “knock-on effects” elsewhere in Mill Hill. It was clear that parking was a major issue across the area and needed a “holistic” review to assess potential strategies. JG was in discussion with some parking consultants about potential help and would go to the Hendon Area Committee to see whether funding might be provided.

20mph zones – LBB had several proposals to introduce 20 mph zones in the area, notably along the Ridgway but also Hale Lane and near schools. The committee was concerned that the scale of the new zones and their 24-hour status would result in frustration to drivers outside of busy hours. It was agreed we should work with LBB to develop more flexible approaches such as time banding of 20 mph schemes.

Mill Hill Broadway Markets The “summer festival” had gone off well. The use of the town square area had again proved its value with many people coming to listen to the music and enjoying food and a drink. The manager of the M&S in the Broadway had said to JG that trade had been up during the festival days, an indication of greater footfall because of the festival.

The next markets would be on

15/16 September

10/11 November

1/2 December

Volunteers were needed to help manage the MHNF stall and help erect gazebos etc.

Date of next meeting: 21st August at 7.30 in Mill Hill Library

Mike Barker

