



## Mill Hill Neighbourhood Forum – Committee Meeting

23 October 2017

### Minutes

**Present** – John Gillett (Chair), Susan Connolly, Cheryl Farrow, Saz Walker, Paul Edwards, Clive Blass, Jonathan Cumming, Richard Logue, Sami Greenbury, Caroline Oliver, Suzanne Brett, Roger Tichborne, Mike Barker (minutes).

**Apologies** – Christina Wong, Philip Morris, Sian John, Peter Neil, Tom Davey, Bonnie Overlander, Val Duschinsky.

**Minutes of September meeting** – approved

**NIMR hearing** – JG summarised the disappointing outcome of the Mayor’s hearing on 6<sup>th</sup> October. The Mayor’s focus was mainly on a significant increase in the number of affordable properties in the development.

Despite inputs from a number of bodies and individuals about the need for additional car parking given the location of the development and also the need to improve the aesthetic of the proposed blocks the Mayor made no changes to the current proposals.

The committee felt that the architecture proposed for the development was simply not right for a location like the Ridgway and we should write to the president of RIBA as an example of the need for the next London plan to recognise the heritage of outer London area and build new developments appropriately.

Otherwise it was possible, over the coming years, that more inner London style modernistic “one size fits all” blocks of flats would be built across outer London and could become the norm.

**Pocket Park** – The paving for the new “Town Square”, as it is now called, has been laid. JG was in discussion with LBB about the furniture/seating to be provided but it was hoped this would be done quickly and in place for the Xmas market at the beginning of December.

**Salcombe Gardens** - The improvements to the shop frontages had been started and should be finished in the next few weeks.

**Vandalism** – The spate of vandalism in the Broadway was a worrying sign. Given the delays in providing CCTV footage to the police we might need to consider the impact on the new Town Square.

**Pentavia** – JG had heard that a new application from the developer was to be submitted soon.

**Mill Hill Broadway Station development** – JG said that the feasibility study into step free access will be published eventually. JG also said LBB may start a feasibility study into the whole site, though it

was noted that the alternative to the proposals to use the station car park as a hotel was to put a large block of flats there.

**Second draft Neighbourhood Plan** – A workshop would be held on 4 November to discuss next steps.

**AOB.**

- The 2018 version of the Mill Hill Guide was being distributed.
- The monthly on-line edition of Mill Hill Today was available. JG asked for contributions from committee members.
- The annual fireworks display would be held at Allianz Park on 5<sup>th</sup> November
- The Broadway would host the French Market again on November 11/12.
- The Broadway would also host its second Xmas Market on December 1/2. Val Duschinsky, MHNF Committee member, Mill Hill Ward Councillor and Barnet's Deputy Mayor, would formally open the new Town Square at 1 p.m. on 2<sup>nd</sup> December.
- RL mentioned that the new Boundary Commission proposals on English parliamentary constituencies had put Mill Hill Ward back into Hendon constituency rather than the previous proposals which had moved the Ward to Chipping Barnet. However, in the current political climate, it was thought unlikely that any of the new the proposals would ever be agreed by Parliament.
- It was agreed to see whether we could arrange a Xmas mean for the committee, possibly at the "Brew and Mill".
- The next meeting would be held in the NW7Hub again on 27<sup>th</sup> November starting at 7.30.