

Mill Hill Neighbourhood Forum

25th September

Present – John Gillett, Susan Connolly, Bonnie Overlander, Rob Gowar, Rob's partner, Cheryl Farrow, Saz Walker, Paul Edwards, Clive Blass, Jonathan Cumming, Mike Barker, Richard Logue, Sami Greenbury, Zoe Samuelson, Val Duschinsky, Suzanne Brett,

Guests – John Farrell, University of Liverpool and Dominic Dear, former Barnet planner.

Apologies – Christina Wong, Philip Morris, Sian John, Peter Neil, Tom Davey

Minutes from last 2 meetings – approved

JG update – Mill Hill Guide ready to go to printers by Friday. Look to have copies distributed week of 9th October. Distribution company has changed and will only bill if all on distribution list receive copies.

Salcombe Gardens shop fronts are being installed this week. Paving cleaned & levelled, Bollards set up right cycle racks installed. Planning Application approved for signage.

Pocket Park civil works started today 25th September.

NIMR – JG going to public meeting on 6th October.

Hasmonean – discussions ongoing with Barnet Council on how they might revise the application.

Pentavia - no news so far

Millbrook Park lot 5 approved. Borders on the Linden Homes area. 41 residents complained, because they live in redbrick houses with pitched roofs, as the houses were of yellow brick with flat roofs. In addition, developer had swapped the allocation of affordable housing between lots P & Q, meaning that those who bought and selected their plot based on the outline planning permission will now have affordable homes opposite their houses.

JG and Mike will be talking about the work AECOM is doing for us. JG is now throwing the floor open to John Farrell, a PhD student from Liverpool University who is researching on Neighbourhood Forums. At this point Val Duschinsky arrived.

John Farrell introduced his PhD and discussed a survey that he would like the group to fill in.

The group took five minutes to fill out John's survey form.

Second draft Neighbourhood Plan – discussion on when and how to review the second draft of the Neighbourhood Plan. JG and MB meeting with Barnet Council next week to discuss comments with senior officers. JG suggested we should put the second draft of the plan online for comments. Susan Connolly pointed out that we should have a full discussion on the plan before that. MB pointed out that Peter Neal has provided detailed feedback also. JG suggested a workshop in October/November to review the draft and move it onto the second stage.

JG distributed the AECOM update for comments. AECOM propose that the Watchtower House building itself could be rebuilt as a school. There was discussion on what way the existing footpath could be re-routed. MB and RL discussed the possibility of a green route from the NIMR site to Mill Hill Broadway via Arrandene Open Space.

Further discussion on car parking on the Ridgeway for Mill Hill East commuters. Would a more frequent 240 bus help?

Courtlands Scheme - no provision made for secondary school expansion? Mill Hill Golf Club clubhouse to be moved across the road to be next to the golf course.

RL distributed the Chorlton business map.

Action to RL to submit an FOI request to Barnet Council on cost of Business Rates comparing Mill Hill with Golders Green for instance.

RL, JG and Clive Blass to attend the High Streets for all event at the LSE on Thursday evening.