



## Mill Hill Neighbourhood Forum – Committee Meeting, 27 November 2017

### Minutes

**Present** – John Gillett (Chair), Sian John, Caroline Oliver, Paul Edwards, Cheryl Farrow, Bonnie Overlander, Gordon Banks, Zoe Samuelson, Val Duschinsky, Mike Barker (minutes).

**Apologies** – Christina Wong, Peter Neil, Susan Connolly, Saz Walker, Richard Logue, Sami Greenbury, Suzanne Brett, Roger Tichborne.

**Minutes of October meeting** – approved

**New Pentavia Retail Park proposals** – The committee discussed the new proposals which were likely to be submitted as a formal planning application before the end of the year:

- An increase in the number of flats to over 700
- A redesign including a 16 storey tower at the south end of the site
- Fewer car parking spaces
- No car access to Bunn's lane.

The Committee noted the emerging London plan may have implications of the Pentavia proposals. It was agreed the Forum would object to the development as it had to the previous proposals. It was agreed that the Forum's submission should place greater emphasis on environmental concerns and also compare the proposals with changes in Graham Park/Colindale and the rejection of a similar large-scale scheme at the North London Business Park.

**IBSA and Watchtower sites** – JG reported that the IBSA site had been sold and was likely to be a mixed development of residential properties with some business space. Discussions on the Watchtower site continued with the potential for the site to be used for a secondary school, retirement home and some residential development.

**Milespit Hill Cemetery** – JG reported that the site could now be bought by the Council. If this occurred that might open up possibilities of improved public access with the potential to create new pedestrian and cycle routes from the Ridgeway through to Mill Hill Broadway, something that was an objective of the emerging neighbourhood plan.

**Neighbourhood Plan** – JG/MB summarised the workshop held on 4<sup>th</sup> November. It had been a very good session with the emergence and agreement of an overriding theme/vision, that of making Mill Hill the "greenest urban village" in London. The objective was to have a further draft of the Plan ready for the new year. It was also agreed that we should look at the draft Plan in the context of the open spaces report being prepared by Jon Sheaf for LBB, especially the costings of proposals, when ready.

**Step Free Access at Mill Hill Broadway Station** – JG said a feasibility study was being prepared by Network Rail and it was hoped it would be published February/March 2018.

**Xmas Market** – JG hoped to see everyone at the forthcoming Xmas market which included using the pocket park, with Saracens switching on the Christmas lights and lots of music provided with help from Roger Tichborne and the Mill Hill Music Studios. The Mill Hill School drum band would also be doing a demonstration. It was mentioned that perhaps in 2018 we should try holding a future market on Saturday/Sunday rather than Friday/Saturday to see if this increased footfall.

Mike Barker – 22 January 2018