

# Minutes of Mill Hill Neighbourhood Forum Meeting 200217

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**Present:** John Gillett (JG), Susan Connolly, Ali Sayed, Andrea Eaton-Pickering, Robert Gower, Rob Orton, Paul Edwards, Cheryl Farrow, Sian John, Gordon Banks, Philip Morris, Sasha Gordon, Suzanne Brett, Mike Barker (minutes)

**Apologies:** Val Duschinsky, Richard Logue, Sami Greenbury, Caroline Oliver, Tom Davey, Christina Wong, Oli Moradov, Peter Neal, Bonnie Overlander, Zoe Samuelson

**Minutes of the last meeting** held 17 January 2017 – agreed

## **Updates on planning applications:**

**Saracens West Stand.** Gordon said that Saracens continued to work with the Council on the planning application. This was due to be reviewed at the Planning Committee on 26<sup>th</sup> April. The quarter final of the European Cup on 2<sup>nd</sup> April would allow an evaluation of the impact of a 15k spectator match. The MHNF had drafted a response to the planning application which was broadly supportive. Committee members could comment before the response was finalised and submitted to the Council.

**St Vincent's Farm Cottage** – An application had been submitted to rebuild the current stables which were used to house Belmont Farm workers. The current buildings were in a state of disrepair and the new building would provide modern facilities for the farm workers. The committee supported the application and MHNF would write a supportive letter to the owner, Andrew Reid.

**86-88 Bunns Lane** The application was to knock down 2 semi-detached houses and build a block of 9 flats. After discussion, the committee agreed that MHNF should object given the mass of the new build and its impact on the street scene, traffic and parking.

**Hasmonean School.** The application was due to be considered at the Planning Committee on Wednesday 22 February. The officers report recommended refusal, though it was noted that the Councillors could ignore that advice.

**NIMR** – the application was also going to the Planning Committee on 22<sup>nd</sup> February. The officers report recommended approval of the application. It was noted that the conservation officer's recommendations, to review and improve the design in the context of the buildings and character of the conservation area, had been ignored when the final officers report was published.

## **Mill Hill Broadway developments:**

It was hoped that many of the current vacant shops would soon be occupied:

- Lloyds Bank site – possibly a restaurant
- Day of the Raj site - should open as a Hudson's restaurant
- Statons estate agents would be opening soon where Colemans had been
- Zafira could become a hairdresser salon
- The HSBC site was of interest to Superdrug
- The Half Full site was opening as a Japanese restaurant
- La Mode was re-opening as a creperie



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- Domenico's was opening as a fish restaurant
- Half of the current "First Choice" shop might become a Starbucks or possibly be taken over by Holland and Barrett.

As well as the various changes to shops it was also hoped that the long awaited new rubbish collection regime on the Broadway would be introduced soon. A council officer would be talking to all the shopkeepers and explaining the changes.

It was also hoped that the new Town Square (pocket park) would be built during the summer. It was agreed that we should name the Town Square and perhaps hold a local competition to find the best name.

**Neighbourhood Plan** - The draft NDP would be ready for the committee to review in about 6 weeks. It would then be discussed with the Council.

**Date of next meeting:** 7.30pm on 20th March at the Adam and Eve.

Meetings from April onwards would be held at Mill Hill Library

