



26-02-18

Present Richard Logue, Roger Tichbourne, Val Duschinsky, Susan Connolly, Zoe Samuelson, John Gillett, Caroline Oliver, Suzanne Brett, Cheryl Farrow.

Apologies: Mike Barker, Sian John, Jonathan Cummings, Christina Wong, Oli Moradov, Peter Neal

Pentavia

630 objections, 3 supporters, there is time until the end of March for email comments.

Is London Living Rent a factor?

The Mayor has come up with the concept of "London Living Rent"; the GLA are not apparently impressed with the proposed rent charges. There will be a limit of £60k per annum for which to qualify for this rent. Within the new London Plan the GLA are trying to get away from the concept of density limits within specific PTAL requirements.

MHNF have engaged Joe Henry, former head of Barnet Planning to give us advice on how to comment on the proposal when it comes to committee. JHG believes that the developers are far more interested in the GLA rather than Barnet when it comes to the final decision. RJL asked if JHG thought the Mayor would run a similar hearing for the Pentavia site? JHG thought that it would be quite likely in these circumstances that the Mayor would call in the scheme and have a similar hearing, with perhaps an identical outcome!

Rog T suggested that we look at how the Mayor decided the outcome on NIMR and see if we can get the output from that.

Hasmonean

Richard Cornelius stated at the Saracens Freedom Ceremony that he hoped the Hasmonean Boys School would be moving to the Cophall Site shortly.

London Plan

Comments need to be in by Friday 2nd March! JHG working on this. JHG noted that councils can put in a section 4 directive that buildings or sites cannot be re-zoned for residential. Rog T suggested that we should invite Andrew Dismore to a MHNF meeting to hear our collective concerns on the London Plan. Zoe Samuelson suggested we should invite GLA representatives to discuss our concerns on the London Plan. JHG expressed concerns that the Bunns Lane car park could be redeveloped for social housing under the Plan.

JHG showed the draft response to the London Plan from LBB, expressing concerns on restriction of car parking on new developments, particularly in the northern part of the borough. Need to

prioritise orbital transport links, both train and bus. LBB have made a strong objection to the mass conversion of suburban homes into flats. Val Duschinsky stated that Barnet council have actually passed a motion deploring such development and that this would ultimately drive council policy.

Mill Hill NDP

Mill Hill Industrial Area (Bunns Lane and Flower Lane) – should be “area of job creation” according to Rog T. We have in our site a Car Repairer, Panel beaters, Car Wash, the Recording Studio, we even have a lady who imports African hair products. We have builders, contractors. We have people who have machines like Air Hockey. At our site we support 300 jobs. At the studio we employ 12 people directly, but we have up to 30 other people who use the site as well.

Cheryl spoke about the discussions on “densification” in the draft London Plan. One idea discussed was the possibility of adding stories to existing buildings. The existing parade of shops between Boots and Station Road could be earmarked for redevelopment. JHG singled out the Five Ways Corner shops as a site that could be redeveloped.

Town Square/Pocket Park

Seating and planters are on the way. Rog T suggested that the wall by Howard Brothers could be improved by plants and a trellis. Apparently Cannons have been binning fish entrails etc.

Tree planting

Rog T suggested that streets like Brookfield Avenue could do with tree planting. JHG showed a proposal to paint a mural on the gable wall at Howard Brothers. The view around the table was that a trellis and shrubs would be a more practical solution.

Markets

- Spring Market 4th -5th May
- Summer Festival 29th-30th June
- Autumn Market 21st-22nd September
- French Market 2nd-3rd November
- Winter Festival 30th & 1st December
- Produce Markets (10 stalls) last Saturday each month
- Themed Street Food Events with buskers, school bands etc.

JHG asked for ideas, Rog T suggested that JHG get in touch with CAMRA to see if they can help in organising a local beer festival.

Next committee meetings: 26th March, 23rd April

– public meeting with AGM on 16th and 17th May

Litter picking this Saturday – 3rd March 11am Daws Lane Car Park-Mill Hill Park.