



Mill Hill Neighbourhood Forum – Committee Meeting 11 March 2019

Minutes

Present – John Gillett (Chair), Susan Connolly, Peter Neal, Paul Edwards, Val Duschinsky, Lachyya Gurung, Cheryl Farrow, Stuart Kershaw, Clive Blass, Limor Nouriel. (Alan Connolly – Guest- Husband of Susan)

Apologies received – Bonnie Overlander, Sian John, Golnar Bokaei, Marc Bergen, Gordon Banks, Jonathon Cumming, Elliot Simberg,

Welcome – John welcomed everyone to the meeting.

AGENDA:

- Introductions/ Apologies
- Pentavia Retail Park - Presentation by Meadow Residential of latest scheme changes
- Sweet Tree Farm
- Re-alignment of Boundaries
- Our NDP - Policy Review
- The Committee
- AOB

Pentavia Retail Park; Meadow Residential presented yet another scheme that intends to raise the height of most of the blocks (not above the tallest at 16 storeys) to accommodate 41% “Affordable” homes and a total now of 844 flats, only 397 Car Park Spaces, but 1600+ cycle spaces. While we were polite, we made it abundantly clear that just as previous proposals were opposed this revised proposed development (which only made matters worse) would also not be acceptable, based on height, mass, lack of parking and non-alignment with local planning guidance. The date for Public Hearing was given to be 24th May.

SweetTree Farm: Having failed to gain permission for retrospective planning application, enforcement by the Council is expected to happen by May. However, a further planning application is now under consideration to extend the use of the site as a Care Farm. This is receiving support from those who welcome the facilities offered, it is very unpopular on planning grounds with local residents who claim the Green Belt land has already been decimated and needs to be returned to its original state to preserve trees and habitats. We are deeply concerned about the long-term plans for further development of the site.

Our NDP. We reviewed the Vision, Core Values, and the objectives to meet the vision. Some further suggestions for revisions had now been incorporated and this exercise was deemed to be complete.

Boundary Changes- Proposed: While not official in our remit the Chairman has made observations on the proposals:

- 1) The Boundary to the West of the Broadway should not take the line of the M1 but Bunns Lane, Langley Park, Newcombe Park and the first part of Watling Avenue to Eversfield Road should be in Mill Hill ward. It would be crazy to have two sides of the station, notably with plans to redevelop it in two different wards.
- 2) The proposed borders with the new wards of “Edgwarebury & Highwood Hill”, and “Totteridge & Woodside” dissect Mill Hill/NW7 and not in a good way. If accepted the Neighbourhood Forum will be required to engage with 5 different sets of Ward Councillors and 2 MPs. Will residents of NW7 still have affinity with Mill Hill?

The Committee: We **still** need a new Secretary and Deputy Chairman. No further contact received regarding the “Challenge”! We agreed on the need to renew our Neighbourhood Forum & Area designation in writing to the Council. A Public Meeting is being planned for May. Room hire is proving to be difficult. The go-no-go decision rests on the progress towards submitting our Regulation 14 NDP Draft to the Council after which time we can communicate its content publicly.

Some work has been done to improve the look and feel of our website. Loading documents into the portal is lagging behind based on other pressures, mainly to develop the plan with limited resources.

AOB: We discussed the following topics:

- St Vincent’s School - Landfill! **Awaiting Appeal Decision**
- Parking Review- Poets Corner - to start SOON
- Mill Hill Broadway Station - Feasibility Study -
 - STEP-FREE-ACCESS latest
- Mill Hill Golf Club - **Feasibility Study regarding move over A1**
- Jeannette's at Belmont Farm - **Will go to Appeal.**