

ROEHAMPTON PARTNERSHIP

Notes of a meeting of the Roehampton Partnership held at
Queen Mary's Hospital, Barnes Room, Roehampton Lane, Roehampton SW15
on Wednesday, 23rd September 2015

PRESENT

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| Councillor Ellis (Chairman) | Cabinet Member (Housing) WBC |
| Rev. J. McKinney (Deputy) | Holy Trinity Church |
| Mr. A. Woldu | Café Joy |
| Mr. J. Horrocks | Roehampton Forum |
| Mr. C. Einloth | Roehampton Resident |
| Mr. D. Lunt | Roehampton Resident |
| Miss S. Price | Roehampton Resident |
| Fr. D. Gummett | St. Joseph's Church |
| Dr. G. Alwani-Starr | University of Roehampton |
| Ms S. Kelly | University of Roehampton Student Union |
| Councillor P. Carpenter | Wandsworth Borough Council |
| Councillor S. McKinney | Wandsworth Borough Council |
| Dr. P. Ilves | Wandsworth Clinical Commissioning Group |

OBSERVERS

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| Mr. R. Bishop | Roehampton Resident |
| Mr. J. Cairns | Roehampton Resident |
| Ms N. Carazo | Roehampton Resident |
| Ms. R. Jones | Roehampton Resident |
| Mr. P. Parr | Roehampton Resident |
| Mr. M. Tiller | Roehampton Resident |

IN ATTENDANCE

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| Mr. D. Edwards | Housing - WBC |
| Mr. L. Gibson | Public Health - WBC |
| Mr. N. Smales | Economic Development Officer - WBC |
| Mr. G. Cox | Economic Development Office - WBC |
| Ms J. Newton | Economic Development Office - WBC |
| Ms O. Okere | Committee Secretary - WBC |

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

On item 1, apologies were received from Mr. V. Ganeshacomar (Co-operative Food); Councillors Ambache and Mrs. Sutters (Wandsworth Borough Council); and Mr. M. Newey (Roehampton Club).

2. COUNCILLOR AMBACHE

The Chairman informed the Partnership that Councillor Ambache had tendered his apologies as his mother recently died. It was agreed that the Partnership send its condolences to Councillor Ambache at this time.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

On item 2, the Chairman having asked, there were no declarations made of a disclosable pecuniary interest and/or other personal relevant interests.

However, Rev. McKinney (Deputy Chair) declared an interest insofar as his Church has a financial interest in the sale of its parish hall (the Cornerstone) to the Council. Dr. Ilves also declared an interest insofar as his GP practice falls within the Alton area earmarked for the regeneration.

4. NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (PAPER "A")

On item 3, it was

Agreed – That the notes of the previous meeting held on 25th June 2015 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

5. MATTERS ARISING

On item 4, the following matters were raised:

Pedestrian Crossing at ASDA Roundabout: The Chairman reported that, having contacted Transport for London (TfL), the response is that it is considering various options on how best to resolve the problem encountered by road users the ASDA roundabout. A decision will be made in the autumn. In response, Miss Price (Roehampton Resident) said that the real issue was not about road users but about the safety of pedestrians especially school children on the busy roundabout especially on Black Friday. It would probably best if someone from TfL could come down to patrol the area and it was agreed that Miss Price and Mr Edwards (Housing – WBC) have a discussion on the matter after the meeting.

Roehampton Spills - Janine Newton (Regeneration Project Officer) gave an update and informed the Partnership that the Roehampton Spills is on target to support three cultural events in the community this year. The first was in May, the Lounge; the second in August was the Feel Good Festival and the final one will be the Lantern Parade in December. Spills will also be supporting an event called Creative Encounters which will take place on 1st October 2015 at the base. The aim is that new ideas will be formed for further projects on the estate and plans can be made for future artistic collaborations. A new partnership between a local business owner who is the proprietor of the Jerk Shack and a local artist, director of Roehampton R.O.C.K.S, is seeking to address the lack of creative activity in the area for adults. The Spills is currently awaiting the outcome for a £10,000 grant application to be able to continue its work.

Councillor McKinney said she had received an email from ROAM (Roehampton Outdoor Arts Movement) about total collaborative work between local residents, businesses and schools. John Horrocks (Roehampton Forum) said he

hoped that the Ibstock Place building will be considered for use as a venue for some of these collaborations of art instalments.

6. Roehampton Festival 2015

On item 5, Laurence Gibson (WBC-Public Health) fed back on the Festival which took place over two days on 22 and 23 August. The Queen's and King's parade was held on the Saturday and the Feel Good Festival on the Sunday and there was a good turn out for both events. Public Health saw 140 people at its MOT tent which was very encouraging. There is to be an upcoming article about the Festival in the Voice and with three and a half thousand views of the Festival on Twitter, Mr. Gibson said it would be good to capitalise on the popularity for the next Festival.

Mr. Gibson said it was important, going forward, that external investment be sought and for preparations for the Festival to begin earlier in the year so local schools and the University could be involved. John Horrocks added that at the post-festival meeting held everyone agreed that the Festival should be a regular event but it should happen earlier in the year such as in July so the local schools and the University could take part. Dr. Alwani-Starr said that as University students usually finish their exams in May consideration should be given to having the Festival at the end of May so they can fully participate before they all leave for home.

Rev. McKinney thanked Mr. Gibson and the local community for their work in organising a very successful Festival.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Gibson for his balanced report and it was agreed that work be undertaken on how the University of Roehampton and local schools will be involved in 2016 with consideration given to a possible change of date.

7. Social Regeneration in Roehampton

Mr. Gibson reported that a Health and Welfare Strategy is being developed with four strands to it namely; working in Roehampton and Battersea, urban design, healthy homes, and building community assets. There has been previous work on such a strategy but they were fairly short term. Therefore, the aim of the current social regeneration plan is take a longer term view with objectives set for over 3-5 years. Mr. Gibson said that he would welcome the Partnership's direct input on the strategy. However, a decision has not been reached on whether the report should be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board or to the Adult Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Councillor Carpenter added that social regeneration was as important as physical regeneration and he welcomed the opportunity that the partnership will be able to comment on the plan.

There followed discussion on the importance of ensuring that there is a pedestrian access from Roehampton into Richmond Park as this will aid with physical exercise which forms an aspect of the social regeneration. Mr Smales confirmed that access into park was an element of the regeneration scheme that is deliverable. Dr. Ilves added that Health practitioners also have a big part to play in the delivery of the health aspect of the plan as they are in the forefront of seeing the effects of poor social isolation.

8. Roehampton Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) &

Ms Newton spoke on the SPD and reminded the Partnership of the time lines for the regeneration programme.

Ms Newton briefed the Partnership on the progression of the Supplementary Planning Document adoption process including the consultation process and the resultant Statement of Consultation. Ms Newton reiterated that the SPD is a land use and planning document which formalises the masterplan's ideas within planning policy. The SPD covers eight key principles including housing, transport and connections and sustainability.

The consultation process had resulted in 38 responses to the SPD. There were 11 responses received from statutory organisations such as Transport for London, eight from community groups such as the Labour Party and 19 sent in by individuals. Ms Newton informed the Panel that the SPD had been reviewed and adapted where necessary. For instance, MP Justine Greening and The Putney Society commented on the need to provide family sized housing. The council has consequently inserted clearer references to family sized housing within the SPD. The Council uses the London Plan's definition of family housing in the Wandsworth Local Plan policy documents. The National Landlords Association (NLA) and local residents raised concerns that they thought that the regeneration would result in local residents having to move away from the Alton Estate. Ms Newton explained that the SPD reaffirms the point that all secure tenants will be offered a secure tenancy and all resident leaseholders and freeholders will have the opportunity to purchase a new home in the development.

The Statement of Consultation sets out the persons that the Council's planning authority consulted with when preparing the SPD with a summary of the main issues raised by those persons and how those issues raised have been addressed in the SPD.

The final SPD and all supporting documents were submitted to the Community Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee (CSOSC) on 22nd September 2015. The documents will be submitted to the Council's Executive on 8th October 2015. The adopted SPD, Statement of Consultation and other supporting documents will be made available online and at the Town Hall, Western Area Office and Roehampton library. Copies of the adoption statement will be sent to those who persons who have requested a copy.

9. Alton Area Regeneration

On item 8, Mr. Cox, Regeneration Project Manager, gave an update on the following:

(i) Procurement: Mr. Cox reminded the Partnership of the various options available to the Council and explained that the Council has decided that the preferred route to procure a developer partner for the Alton area regeneration scheme is through the London Development Panel. The Housing and Regeneration Overview and Scrutiny Committee approved this recommendation which will now go before the Executive to be adopted.

(ii) Listing of Allbrook House and Roehampton Library: A request has been made to Historic England asking for Allbrook House and Roehampton Library to be listed. This information was received by the Council in early July and a site visit was made by a representative from Historic England on 20th July. Following on, there was a consultation process that took place from 10-31 August. Historic England will now submit a report to the Secretary of State who will decide whether the properties are to be listed.

(iii) Housing Needs Survey: Ms Newton explained that the Survey will commence in the week beginning 19th October and include all of the households and property owners directly affected by the regeneration proposals. The aim of the Survey is for the regeneration team to be able to formulate a clear idea of the housing needs of each household living in a property proposed for demolition. The information garnered will enable the Council to address, in future, local housing needs and requirements with a particular focus on providing suitable housing for older, disabled and over crowded households.

Mr. Lunt (Roehampton Resident) asked that a letter, detailing what is happening to rent for those whose property will be demolished, be sent out to all affected residents within the Alton regeneration scheme. This is because Paper No. 15-314, which went to the recent meeting of the Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee, sets out clearly those tenants to be offered an alternative home on a social rent under the Winstanley and York regeneration and it states that the same will apply to the Alton regeneration scheme. In response, Mr. Cox said that a letter would be sent out to this effect.

It was also agreed that all information about the Alton regeneration be put in the December edition of the Voice.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM

On item 8, the following matters were raised for future agenda items:-

- Standing item – Roehampton regeneration
- Potential users of new buildings
- Primary care facilities
- Social regeneration

11. 2016 MEETING DATES

The meeting dates for 2016 were duly noted:

- Tuesday, 15 March
- Tuesday, 28 March
- Wednesday, 21 September
- Thursday, 8 December

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(i) Mr. Lunt reported on Paper No. 13-315 which was presented at the recent Housing and Regeneration OSC in September. He asked that details, in paragraph 12 of the report, of tenant rent reductions under the Welfare Reform and Work Bill be

put in the next edition of the Roehampton Voice. In response, Mr. Smales (Economic Development Officer) said that he would speak to colleagues from the Housing Department to ensure that this is done.

(ii) Ms Siobhan Kelly (University of Roehampton – Student Union) gave an update of work carried out in the local community by students from the University. These include, amongst other things, partnership working with Regenerate which has led to about £3,000 being raised for Regenerate; a social enterprise Hive Café held on the campus which is open to all and provides good sustainable food; a voluntary leadership programme where students mentor younger people in the community; and the branding for free for the Roehampton Voice.

The Chairman thanked Ms Kelly for the update and it was agreed that future updates will be welcomed.

(iii) Ms Nieves Carazo, a local resident, sought a response from the Chairman about an email her husband had sent prior to the meeting about poor attendance by members of the Partnership. The Chairman said, in response, that he had replied to the email that members are encouraged to attend but they are not always able to make every meeting.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

On item 12, the date of the next meeting for Tuesday, 1st December 2015 was noted.

The meeting ended at 8.20p.m.