

ROEHAMPTON PARTNERSHIP

Notes of a meeting of the Roehampton Partnership

held at Whitelands College (Ruskin Room), University of Roehampton

Holybourne Avenue, SW15, on Tuesday, 28th June 2016

PRESENT

Councillor Ellis (Chairman)	Cabinet Member (Housing) WBC
Mr. R. Rowlanson	Roehampton Business (Co-operative))
Ms G. Pandya	Roehampton Business (Focal Point Opticians)
Mr. M. Newey	Roehampton Club
Mr. J. Horrocks	Roehampton Forum
Mr. C. Einloth	(Roehampton Resident)
Mr. D. Lunt	Roehampton Resident
Miss S. Price	Roehampton Resident
Dr. G. Alwani-Starr	University of Roehampton
Ms S. Kelly	University of Roehampton Student Union
Councillor P. Carpenter	Wandsworth Borough Council
Councillor S. Sutters	Wandsworth Borough Council

OBSERVERS

There were 6 members of the public in attendance.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. G. Cox	Economic Development Office - WBC
Mr. D. Edwards	Housing - WBC
Ms J. Newton	Economic Development Office - WBC
Mr. N. Smales	Economic Development Officer - WBC
Mr. J. Wilshere	Communications Manager - WBC
Ms O. Okere	Committee Secretary - WBC

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

On item 1, apologies were received from Rev. J. McKinney (Deputy Chair - Holy Trinity Church); Miss P. Harris (Roehampton Trust); Fr. D. Gummatt (St. Joseph's Church); Councillor J. Ambache (Wandsworth Borough Council); Councillor S. McKinney (Wandsworth Borough Council); and Dr. P. Ilves (Wandsworth Clinical Commissioning Group).

2. 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.

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

On item 3, it was:

Agreed – That the notes of the previous meeting held on 15th March 2016 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

4. MATTERS ARISING

On item 4, the following matters were raised:

Publication of Partnership Papers: Mr. Lunt (Roehampton Resident) reported that he had not, as agreed, received the link to the online Roehampton page on the Council's website. In response, Mr. Cox said he would do so after the meeting.

Crossing at ASDA: Miss Price (Roehampton Resident) informed the Partnership that Transport for London's (TfL) response on the matter is that it cannot justify putting in a pedestrian crossing at the ASDA roundabout. Miss Price said a response has been sent to TfL that it had failed to take into account the number of near misses when it comes to children running to catch a bus etc. simply because these are not formally recorded. The Partnership will be kept informed when a response is received from TfL.

Roehampton Festival: Mr. Horrocks (Roehampton Forum) reminded the Partnership that the Roehampton Festival would take place over two days on 2nd and 3rd July 2016. The weekend starts on Saturday with the Kings and Queens event which provides free food and musical entertainment for older residents. The main event will be held on the Sunday.

Ibstock Place School: Mr. Horrocks sought an update on concerns previously raised that Ibstock Place School might be in breach of the planning condition in not allowing public access to the school. Mr. Smales said he had raised the matter with planning officers but as the agreement is between the planning department and the School it is up to the planners to enforce the matter.

The Cornerstone: Mr. Horrocks asked if the next Roehampton Ward Councillors meeting, scheduled for 12th September 2016, could be held at the Cornerstone. In response, Mr. Smales said this would happen if the Cornerstone was ready and available on that date.

Alton Activity Centre: In response to an update sought about what activities would take place at the Centre over the summer school holidays, Mr. Cox said he would contact Mr. Martland (Early Years and Intervention Support Manager - WBC) to obtain that information.

5. REVIEW OF THE ROEHAMPTON PARTNERSHIP CONSTITUTION

On item 5, Mr. Smales spoke on the revised Constitution which was sent out electronically to members before the meeting. There are no major changes proposed although some amendments have been made to make the Constitution more strategic. For example, the membership number to increase from 18 to 19 to include a member of the police Safer Neighbourhood Team; and for the Chairman of the Partnership to be a Cabinet member from the Council. This will ensure that there is a direct link between the Partnership and the Council given the significant amount of investment which the Council is putting into the Roehampton regeneration project. If the Partnership was minded to agree the proposed amendments then it will be presented at the next meeting of the Finance and Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee for approval.

Mr. Horrocks raised concerns about insufficient time between receipt of the email and the meeting date to read through the proposed amendments. As such, he asked that the decision be deferred to enable all members be able to give proper feedback on the proposed amendments. Following discussion, it was agreed that members should send their feedback to Mr. Smales before the next Partnership in September.

Mr. Lunt sought clarification on whether the public being allowed to speak at the meeting would form part of the revised constitution. The Chairman said, in response, that this was something which he introduced and that it should be left to each individual Chair how they would like to deal with that matter.

Mr. Lunt asked that the Constitution should ask for members of the public to leave the room if Partnership members have to take a vote. This, he said, was due to the fact that a member of the public had publicly named him and other members of the Partnership in the Roehampton Voice on how they voted on a matter at the Partnership meeting in March. Mr. Lunt said that he found this to be intimidating and it could deter members voting freely on matters before them. The Chairman asked that the matter be considered when next a vote is taken by the Partnership.

6. SOCIAL REGENERATION IN ROEHAMPTON

On item 6, Mr Cox informed the Partnership that neither Mr. Gibson (Public Health – WBC) nor Councillor Ambache, who are preparing a report on this item, were present at the meeting. As such, he asked that the item be deferred to the next meeting in September.

On a separate but related matter, Mr. Horrocks sought clarification on how to access the Care4me directory on social care. He was informed that this was not a Council website but that of the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG); and to type in 'Care4me' which will take him to the link.

7. ALTON AREA REGENERATION

On item 7, Mr. Cox, Regeneration Project Manager, gave an update on the procurement process to date.

The process is currently at the 'sifting brief' stage with 15 organisations sent a sifting brief and nine responded by the deadline on 6th April. The responses

received have been evaluated and four organisations chosen to go to the final stage. These, have in turn, been provided with an invitation to tender document which contained financial and qualitative questions. The deadline for receipt of responses is 24th August 2016 after which the Council will make a decision on the preferred bidder. The decision will be made over autumn with the aim being to take the decision to the January 2017 Housing and Regeneration Overview and Scrutiny Committee for approval.

Dr. Alwani-Starr (University of Roehampton) asked whether the recent Referendum decision for Britain to leave the European Union would have an impact on the procurement process. In response, Mr. Cox said it was too early to say what impact, if any, there will be.

In response to concerns raised about the risk to the Council Mr. Cox confirmed that the lenders document is very lengthy and detailed and will cost each potential bidder over £500,000 to put in a bid. As such, he was confident that the organisations bidding were genuine and not out to pose a risk to the Council.

Mr. Horrocks asked what indication, if any, had been received as to how the organisations bidding for the contract would phase the development. Mr. Cox said, in response, that this information would only be known when the responses have been evaluated. Mr. Smales added that as part of the evaluation the bidders will be tested on their phasing and financial proposals.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Under this item, the Chairman gave members of the public an opportunity to raise any issues that they might have.

Ms Miriam Howitt, a local resident for over 50 years and a retired architect spoke on the regeneration proposals. She raised concerns about the regeneration plans which fails to take into consideration the lack of parking facilities for businesses when the demolition of designated buildings commences; the destruction of a number of trees due to the bulk of the proposed buildings; nuisance to residents from all the dust and the health implications for those with breathing difficulties; the increase in noise level; and the increase in traffic on the roads. Ms Howitt added that there was insufficient infrastructure planned for the number of additional homes being proposed and that the development was out of proportion to the current scale.

In response, Councillor Sutters assured Mrs. Howitt that all concerns she raised were matters which would be dealt with by a robust constructive management plan under conditions implemented when a planning application for the regeneration proposal is considered for approval.

Another local resident sought clarification on whether there were going to be more buildings than that proposed under the Masterplan. In response, Mr. Smales confirmed that there were no changes to the number of accommodation only a consideration on whether the proposed student accommodation should revert to residential accommodation. Mr. Smales reminded the Partnership that there is currently no planning application in place so the development proposals are based on the Masterplan which is only in outline form and supplemented by the SPD. It is only when a development partner is selected that work would start on the detailed plan to submit a planning application which should be available after April 2017.

On any other business from members of the Partnership, the following matters were raised:-

(i) Councillor Carpenter informed the Partnership that local residents have raised queries about the removal of litter bins by the bus stops along Putney Heath. In response, Mr. Edwards (Area Housing Manager) said that he was aware of the missing bins and the matter was being looked into by Ms Sharon Wright (Waste and Street Cleansing Contracts Manager).

(ii) Mr. Lunt asked that the Partnership invite TfL and an officer from the Council's transport team to the September meeting for an update about the crossing at the ASDA roundabout and the future bus route for buses 265 and 72.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM

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

Standing items

- Roehampton regeneration
- Social Regeneration

Other items

- Potential users of new buildings – The Base
- Draft Revised Constitution
- Highways and TfL

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

On item 9, the date of the next meeting for Wednesday, 21st September 2016 was noted.

The meeting ended at 8.53p.m.