

FORUM POLICIES SUB COMMITTEES MEETING: THURSDAY 12 SEPTEMBER AT 8 PM
Held at the home of Tina Marton, 15 Hollycroft Avenue

Present:

Cllr. Gio Spinella, Rupert Terry (Chair), Penny Davis (Vice Chair), Hazel Finn, Bill Granger, Rob Hagemans, Nancy Mayo, Emily Brettle, Val Russell.

Observers: Beryl Tollady, Ian Tollady, Siobhan Ezra, Tina Marton, Susan Grossman.

1. Apologies

Cllr. Siobhan Baillie, Linda Chung, Mojgan Green, John Fox, John Malet-Bates, Nina Jaglom, Raffaella Morini.

2. Minutes of 11 August 2016

These were approved.

3. Review of latest Policies drafts

The meeting did not consider the draft Policies which had been printed and circulated, nor the proposed comments and additions. A further meeting is to be arranged.

Basements

Although consents have been granted for 80 basement excavations in Redfrog, between 2010 - June 2016, it has proved difficult to demonstrate evidence of damage caused. Susan is aware of damage to properties in Ferncroft Avenue and will contact Penny.

Party Wall surveyors could perhaps be contacted and an appeal for information included in the I Love Hampstead newsletter.

CIL

Penny suggested CIL money might be utilised for traffic calming measures. However, CIL expenditure plans are currently being finalised by Camden.

Air Pollution

Ian asked for a policy on air pollution to take account of the noise and air pollution caused by leaf blowers and for their use to be restricted to certain hours.

Susan suggested that WHO air pollution limits be used in place of EU limits.

Finchley Road Enhancement

Ian expressed concern over the prospect of the precedent which will be set, if the Tower Service Station development is approved. Redfrog Association has already submitted an objection to LB Barnet. Objections are to be received by 29 September.

It was observed that the bar for development along Finchley Road is set at too low a level. Finchley Road must be improved as an environment for walking and as a “place to be”.

Emily considered the restoration of historic street furniture to be inappropriate for Finchley Road conservation area.

BGI

It was requested that the natural pond planned for the Mount Anvil SINC be expressly included within the Local Green Space designation.

Aspirational Development Sites

Susan considered that descriptions of the ownership of 1 Platts Lane should be moderated.

It was noted that an application is already in progress for 27A Froggnal Lane. The Forum’s aspirational site is adjacent to this.

ST

Having spent many years battling the school run, Siobhan noted that TFL’s STARS school travel accreditation system is ineffective and that the only effective way to enforce the school run is through police and traffic wardens. Further information is to be emailed.

It was suggested that school run traffic be addressed in a more positive tone.

Idling engines should be prohibited. Carriageways could be narrowed through kerb build-outs / pavement widening, in preference to speed bumps and cushions.

Gio observed that, as at 1 August 2016, Camden has a CIL allocation of £237,000 for the Fitzjohns and Froggnal ward.

Arkwright Mansions

It was advised that a listing should be sought from Historic England on account of the historical community value of Arkwright Mansions. Bill offered to prepare a file for submission to Historic England.

Introduction

Nancy noted that an Introduction to the Policies is still to be drafted. The Policies will be arranged in alphabetical order.

New Forum Committee member

Susan G expressed interest in joining the Forum Committee and was co-opted.

Follow-Up Meeting of Policies Sub Committees

This was arranged for Monday 26 September, but has subsequently been deferred.