

REDINGTON FROGNAL
NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

Redington Frognal Neighbourhood Forum Committee Meeting held on
Wednesday 23 January 2019 at Camden Arts Centre at 7.30 pm

Present: Barbara Alden, Linda Chung, John Fox, Nancy Mayo, Val Russell,
Rupert Terry, Harlan Zimmerman

Agenda

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Emily, Dudley and Cllr. Parkinson.

2. Minutes of EGM and last Committee meeting of 26.9.18.

No corrections were noted and the minutes were adopted.

3. Feedback from Regulation 14 consultation and Forum Committee responses

The online Draft Policies Survey had been completed by 70 respondents, including Camden Arts Centre. Email submissions had been received from two residents / architects. A prize of a bottle of champagne had been offered to the 100th respondent, but this target was not met.

Stakeholder responses were received from Thames Water, Historic England, TfL, National Grid and Natural England.

Thames Water's response was supportive and related to draft policies BD and UWF. Historic England provided some drafting advice in respect of draft policies BD 2,3,5,6 and 7 and FR 1. TfL submitted comments in respect of FR and Appendix FR. National Grid and Natural England did not offer any comments. Support for the BGI policy had earlier been received from the Wildlife Gardening Forum.

Online respondents had been asked to score their agreement with the draft policies on a scale of 1 to 4, where 1 denotes disagree, 2 don't know, 3 agree and 4 agree strongly. Responses showed a very high level of support among residents for all policies as follows:

	weighted average score	<i>% agreeing or agreeing strongly</i>
BD	3.64	94.3%
BD 4 (design codes)	3.73	95.7%
BGI	3.79	97.2%
CF	3.56	91.6%
DS	3.43	91.3%
FR	3.96	98.6%
UWF	3.77	94.3%
Policies overall	3.74	97.1%

Respondents had also provided input for the various sites for which Local Green Space (LGS) designation is sought. However, the bar for achieving LGS designation is set very high and it was suggested that residents might add comments or email their appreciation of sites that they would like to see designated.

All comments received prior to the meeting had been summarised and circulated to the entire Executive Committee earlier in the week.

During the meeting, attendees reviewed the comments, and it was suggested that Nancy might prepare draft Forum responses to comments for consideration at the next meeting. The aim would be to incorporate as many of the comments as possible, in the spirit of compromise.

Examples of comments were the inclusion of UCS as a Community Facility because, for example, choir practices and public meetings are held there. On balance, it was felt that this would be insufficient for the [private] school to be considered as a community facility. UCS Active, however, is clearly a community facility.

Concerns had been raised over the 1 Platt's Lane aspirational development site and, with 22 bedsits already located there, it is possible that the site could be over-developed. Adoption of the Redington Frogal design codes, however, would avert the danger of over-development, although it is not possible to reduce the number of units to below 22 (in order to comply with the Camden Local Plan).

The wording of point iii of policy text box BD 5 Extension Development It was requested to be amended from "New extensions to residential buildings can be welcome....." to "New extensions to residential buildings can be acceptable....."

Comments had not been received from either Camden or the GLA and these arrived after the meeting, but in time for the 23 January deadline.

4. CIL projects update

Camden had provided an update to the status of RedFrog CIL projects, dated 14.1.19. Attendees expressed dismay that little progress had been made with many RedFrog projects. Residents had followed all the steps requested, undertaking surveys and arranging meetings. Yet, despite this, projects from 2017 are still awaiting implementation, with the result that residents have become disillusioned.

It was requested that a note be sent to Cllr. Parkinson, expressing disappointment.

5. RedFrog grant applications

RedFrog had submitted grant applications to the Mayor of London Greener City Fund and to the City Bridge Trust for awards of £20,000 and £15,000, respectively. Both applications have been successful, with the result that £35,000 will become available for the restoration of the pond at Branch Hill, which had been painted on many occasions by John Constable (who lived locally).

The pond is to be restored as a natural wildlife pond to benefit biodiversity. It will be surrounded by two rows of fencing to protect wildlife from dogs and foxes and ensure that there is no danger to children. The fencing will be concealed by planting, and the landscape will retain its natural appearance, with no signage on the Heath. It is likely to be an ephemeral pond, which may dry out by mid summer each year.

It is a project which the City of London Corporation has wished to undertake for many years and it will be led by the Superintendent of Hampstead Heath. It is also supported by Camden.

6. Camden and DEFRA consultations

A number of Camden and DEFRA consultations are of interest:

- DEFRA
 - Biodiversity Net Gain:
<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/land-use/net-gain/>
 - Protecting and Enhancing England's Trees and Woodlands
<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/forestry/protecting-trees-and-woodlands/>
- Camden
 - Clean Air Action Plan

<https://consultations.wearecamden.org/supporting-communities/clean-air-action-plan/>

- Control of Estate Agents Boards
<https://consultations.wearecamden.org/culture-environment/control-of-estate-agents-boards/>

7. AoB

The neighbourhood plan examiner will be appointed by Camden with the consent of the Forum, from a shortlist of three examiners. Formal appointment is made once the neighbourhood plan has been submitted for examination.