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MINUTES OF THE WELSH HARP JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE Wednesday 19 November 2014 at 7.00 pm

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Members:-

Sury Khatri (Chairman)
Harbi Farah (Vice-Chairman)

John Hart
Dr Devra Kay
Parez Ahmed

Also in attendance:-

Edward Gilbert – Governance Officer
Leslie Williams – Brent Sports and Parks Service
Adam Salmon – Brent Housing Needs Service
Tracy Sawyer – Barnet Greenspaces
Thomas Wyld – Principal Planner
Terry Garner – Principal Planner
Nathan Smith – Barratt Homes

Organisation

Representative

Training Ship Broadsword	Brian Turner
Welsh Harp Residents' Association	Derrick Chung
Welsh Harp Conservation Group	Roy Beddard
Welsh Harp Sailing Association	John Shepherd
London Wildlife Trust	Clive Cohen, Dianne Murphy
Woolmead Residents' Association	Geof Johnson
West Hendon Allotment Society	Liz Hall
Phoenix Canoe Club	Phil Atkinson

1. MINUTES (Agenda Item 1):

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 July be approved subject to the following amendments:

- Under item 4, 'Broadside' is amended to 'Broadsword'
- Under item 4 the name of attendee 'Mrs Murphy' is amended to 'Brian Turner'
- Under item 7 the sentence 'with the location' is amended to 'within the location'
- Under item 7 the sentence 'including the impact this may have' is amended to 'including the impacts this may have on the Welsh Harp'

2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS (Agenda Item 2):

Apologies for absence were received from:

Councillor Adam Langleben (LB Barnet)
Councillor George Crane (LB Brent)
Councillor Roxanne Mashari (LB Brent)

Mr Neale Hider – Environment Agency
Mr Harry Mackie – Welsh Harp Environment Education Centre
Mr Julie Johnson – Woolmead Residents' Association
Ms Judy Shepherd – West Hendon Community Forum

3. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS (Agenda Item 3):

There were none.

4. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER (IF ANY) (Agenda Item 4):

There was none.

5. PRESENTATION FROM BARRATT HOMES REGARDING UPDATES TO THE WEST HENDON REGENERATION DEVELOPMENT (Agenda Item 5):

Nathan Smith from Barratt Homes updated the Committee since last reported in March 2014 to the West Hendon Regeneration Development. Points made were:

- Bringing forward the project and Barnet Council was considering their proposals under reserved matters application
- Compulsory Purchase Order in order to progress Phase 3 of the development. Barratt, Metropolitan Housing & Barnet Council in contact with residents re Partnership Board. Public Enquiry on 20 January 2015 and will last 8 days.
- Noise Monitoring around SSSI area has been going on all year round and is to conclude in December 2014 and a report will be prepared in January 2015 and will be shared with the Committee

The Committee raised concerns regarding the recruitment of a SSSI Warden for the Welsh Harp Reservoir.

RESOLVED: -

- That the Committee request that Barratt Homes be invited to the next meeting and update the Committee regarding ecological issues relating to the West Hendon Regeneration Development.
- That the Committee request Barratt Homes provide with site plans and Noise report for the proposed footbridge as part of the regeneration scheme.
- That the Committee request Thomas Wyld to provide an interim report on noise monitoring at the Welsh Harp and is circulated to the Committee.

6. PRESENTATION FROM BRENT CROSS SHOPPING CENTRE TO UPDATE THE COMMITTEE ON THE BRENT CROSS CRICKLEWOOD DEVELOPMENT (Agenda Item 6):

As Brent Cross representative was unable to attend, Thomas Wyld, Principal Planning Officer, provided an update on the Brent Cross Cricklewood development.

Phase 1a North includes the variation of the central section of the river Brent Diversion works. In this section the new route of the river Brent has now been revised towards the A406 to run around the southern part of the Brent Cross East Zone. The repositioned River Brent is now located within a linear park in the southern part of Brent Cross East benefitting from its position on the southern side from increased sunlight and incorporating a pedestrian and cycle route along its length.

The park will provide pedestrian connections between Brent Cross East and West and will be accessible from the Living Bridge and the southern development. The banks of the river will be planted with native wetland species and where appropriate will form natural habitat. This will create a green foreground to the Brent Cross East buildings and a naturalised river corridor environment. To protect the river corridor from the noise of the A406 an acoustic barrier (subject to detailed design) may be located between Prince Charles Drive that will be along the southern side of the River and the A406.

RESOLVED: -

- That the Committee request that Thomas Wyld, Principal Planning Officer, update the Committee – at its next meeting – on information relating to the reservoir being sampled regularly throughout the year and the impact of the works on the SSSI areas as part of the development.

7. LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT - WELSH HARP MANAGEMENT PLAN (Agenda Item 7):

Leslie Williams, the London Borough of Brent's Council Strategy and Service Development Officer, presented the London Borough of Brent's Welsh Harp Management Plan.

Adam Salmon – from the London Borough of Brent – provided an update to the Committee on rough sleepers around the Reservoir.

RESOLVED: -

- That the Committee note the report.

8. LONDON BOROUGH OF BARNET - RESERVOIR MANAGEMENT PLAN (Agenda Item 8):

Tracy Sawyer, the London Borough of Barnet's Parks and Open Spaces Officer, introduced the report.

A review of rough sleepers around the reservoir was presented, which included possible options that may be pursued in order to address this issue.

The Welsh Harp Tree Management Plan was also presented.

RESOLVED: -

- That the Committee note the report and its appendices.
- That the Committee request Tracy Sawyer to establish who owns the billboards around the Welsh Harp Reservoir and reports back at the next meeting of the Committee.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (Agenda Item 9):

- A question was raised by Derrick Cheung as to whether the approved West Hendon regeneration scheme exceeded the recommended density within the London Plan (H/01054/13). This had been raised at a previous meeting of the Committee on 15th November 2012, where an affirmative response was given. Thomas Wyld stated that the density of the proposed development (H/01054/13) was 210u/ha, whereas the London Plan recommended a total of 170u/ha. The proposed scheme therefore was in excess of the London Plan recommendation by 23.5%
 - **RESOLVED:** That the relevant information be circulated to the Committee regarding the question previously raised.
- Clarification was sought over the Hendon Partnership Board's organisational focus and remit.
 - Derrick Cheung provided clarity to the committee.
- The Committee raised concern in regard to the absence of the Canal and River Trust at recent meetings of the Committee.
 - **RESOLVED:** That Governance Service would ascertain reasons.

10. ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT (Agenda Item 10):

There were none.

The meeting finished at 9.14 pm