

Hadley Wood Neighbourhood Planning Forum

Minutes of meeting held on 25 October 2017 at St Pauls Church

1. Seventeen members attended, plus Jon Herbert of Troy Planning. Apologies were received from five members (see list at end of minutes).
2. It was confirmed that Troy Planning have been appointed to write our neighbourhood plan, using the pre-circulated brief as background information. It was again emphasised that Forum members will be able to comment on and propose changes to the draft plan, before it is submitted to Enfield Council for review.
3. A number of proposed changes to the draft Vision and Objectives have been received. Francesca has revised and improved the paragraph on transport. An amended copy is attached to these minutes.
4. Jon briefed the Forum on the initial assessment undertaken by Troy Planning, and provided feedback on his meeting that afternoon with Enfield Council (Gerry Ansell).
 - a. Completion of the 'Character Area Assessments' is a key exercise that needs completing to underpin our Planning Policies. An application has been submitted by the Forum to AECOM for technical support to carry out this task; we have every indication that this will be approved, and hope to hear by Friday 27 Oct.
 - b. We may wish to strengthen the protection of our open spaces through designation as a Local Green Space.
 - c. Key issues discussed with the Council included;
 - i. The status of the Enfield Plan (consultation target May 2018)
 - ii. New London housing targets for Enfield (due Nov 2017) and any impact on Hadley Wood.
 - iii. The CIL governance process (to be reviewed by Enfield Council in Jan 2018).
 - iv. Current Enfield Council spending priorities for Hadley Wood; e.g. street lighting, pavements, tree planting, etc.
 - v. Green belt boundary (and any proposed changes).
 - vi. Brown field land designation in Hadley Wood (if any).
 - vii. Current open space designations.
 - viii. Flooding and drainage.
 - ix. Protection of the retail aspects of the shopping parade (but no easy options).
 - x. Duty to support (the Neighbourhood Planning Forum).Jon will continue to monitor these items.
5. Potential CIL projects were discussed. An updated list is attached to the minutes for review; the forum was advised that the more specific we can be, the greater the likelihood that Enfield would approve the projects. Please can all members;
 - a. Review the list for completeness.
 - b. Add specific details to strengthen the 'business case'.
 - c. Identify their own top 3 projects from the list, so we can produce an initial prioritisation for discussion.
6. A number of key planning policy issues were discussed in more detail;
 - a. Flooding, waterlogging, and flood risk.
 - i. We need to review existing Enfield Planning Policies, including sustainable urban drainage,
 - ii. document and learn from recent experience (Parkgate, Lancaster Avenue, Monken Mead Brook),
 - iii. meet the Enfield Flood Management Officer, and
 - iv. consider how to complete a Strategic Review.

Nick Cockburn has agreed to lead a project on this issue.

- b. Parking (off-street). Recent development has had inadequate off-street parking, but may be compliant with Enfield Planning policies, which defer to Mayor of London Policy. This unhelpfully states; *'All developments in areas of good public transport accessibility (in all parts of London) should aim for significantly less than 1 space per unit'*. We should review our local proposed policy with respect to less than good public transport accessibility!
- c. Enforcing considerate construction practice.
- d. How to strengthen policies that preserve the character of Hadley Wood, including building on the experience of the Conservation area and a recent planning appeal refusal.

Jon will lead us through the maze of planning policy options as we develop our plan!

- 7. **Nominations were requested to join the committee and/or lead workstreams. For example;**
 - a. **Communication and Community Engagement will be a key activity over the next year, as we develop the plan and go out to consultation. Maintaining our membership list and email contacts, engaging with our community outside the forum, updating the website, displaying consultation material (at the station, in the HWA, etc), would all benefit from some focussed effort.**
 - b. **Developing CIL project proposals, such as enhancing the shopping parade; all require a little more thought.**
 - c. **Help with tasks as 'simple' as arranging future meetings, booking the hall, obtaining keys, setting out furniture, would be so useful.**
- 8. The next meeting (including a very brief AGM) will be held in January 2018. The date is currently dependent on the completion of Character Assessments and Draft Policies, so we need to be flexible dependent on progress.

Attendees

Rika Fox, Rod Armstrong, John Utley, Kate Ferguson, John Henley, Nick Cockburn, Julie Nedza, Lakis Pavlou, Christine Jenkins, John Hall, John Leatherdale, Tony Floyd, Robert Wilson, Gill Henley, Esther Kurland, David Harbott.

Apologies

Francesca Caine, Philip Caine, Rupert Mackay, Priscilla Wise, Michael Wise.

Attached

Amended Vision and Objectives

Potential CIL projects (for review and prioritisation).