

Chatsworth Road Neighbourhood Planning Forum

Developing Policies and Proposals for the Neighbourhood Plan

Minutes of a meeting held on 11th December 2013, 7pm at Chats Palace Brooksby's Walk E5

Members present at the meeting:

Aldenton	Jonathan
Blake	Monica
Brown	Matthew
Clifford	John
De Santos	Robbie
Drinkwater	Gillian
Eckmann	Andreas
Greenwood	Molly
Greenwood	Rose
Hart	Lorraine
Heggesen	Nicola
Izhar	Siraz
Kinneir	Lara
Mills	Euan
Morris	Helen
Norman	John
Patchell	Damien
Rathbone	Ian
Segers	Jim
Smyth	Gilbert
Walsh	Annemarie
Young	Peter

Observers: Neil Curtis who lives outside the area

“Minnie Mouse” (Lola) and one other who would not give their name who did not wish to join the Forum but wanted to observe the meeting.

Apologies: Joanna Wilson

1. Welcome and Update

Euan Mills, Chair of the Forum welcomed everyone and reminded them of the role of a Neighbourhood Plan and the role of the Forum in producing it.

He explained that there had been a long gap since initial community events were held in the spring where ideas were gathered about what should go in the plan.

2. The Purpose and Format of the Meeting

The purpose of the meeting was to look at what the Management Committee had produced as draft policies, based on what people had said at those meetings which had been captured as

The room was organised around the five themes of the plan – Getting Around, Housing, Amenities, Shopping and Jobs. In addition 31 sites had been identified as underused or vacant in the area and there were photos of each of these sites so that their use could be discussed.

There was a map of the agreed neighbourhood area on each table, a copy of the five aspirations that had been agreed for the plan for the neighbourhood area (a sense of community, diversity of people, accessible, independent and sustainable) and a copy of the draft policies for each theme. People were asked to look at the policies and proposals and say what they thought of them. Then everyone would come together to discuss what had been said on each table.

3. Whole Group Discussion

After working in the themed groups each table summarised their view on the proposals and policies:

Getting Around – All policies for cycling and pedestrians were **agreed** except the proposal for bollards to prevent pavement parking on Chatsworth Rd.

The two policies related to car transport to re-open roads (Daubeney, Glyn, Saratoga and Millfields) and to reintroduce two way working for car and cycles on Glenarm, Blurton and Dunlace roads were **not agreed**, but it was agreed that there should be more discussion with Hackney Council to look at impacts.

The proposal to close Chatsworth Road on a Sunday was **agreed**.

It was **agreed** that the policy related to improving the pedestrian experience on Brooksby's walk should be amended to insert "by improving the wall on the Hospital side and improving the lighting" after pedestrian experience.

Additional suggestions were also made for further investigation in the small and large group discussion:

Make Daubeney Road open to buses only

Add the Mildenhall/Millfields Junction and Chatsworth Road/Leabridge Road junction to those that need improvement

Traffic calming proposals for all roads – not just humps but chicanes, tables and rain gardens.

Check that cycle parking was well used before final proposals developed

Amenities all policies proposed were **agreed**

Additional suggestions were also made for further investigation in the small and large group discussion:

Check Community Asset provisions of the Localism Act in relation to community buildings/spaces.

Housing all policies were agreed except that concern that 3 bed units are not affordable so having this as a requirement in conversions may work against affordability policy.

Additional suggestions were also made for further investigation in the small and large group discussion:

Consider extending affordability policy to conversions

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Include high energy standards for new development and conversions and check parker morris standards against London Plan standards

Needs guidance on basement conversion standards.

Shopping policies were supported except it was proposed that they are split to those that cover the whole of the neighbourhood area and those that control the local centre on Chatsworth Road.

Whole area – protect shop floor space, preserve number of units and control size of units

Local Centre – set quotas for specific uses, allow conversions within quota.

Additional suggestions were also made for further investigation:

Extend the designation of the local centre parade as set out in the Hackney plan.

Check Community Rights provisions in the Localism act in relation to shops.

Jobs all policies were **agreed** except that more detail on what Policies would apply in a business zone were needed – drawing on other examples.

Additional suggestions were also made for further investigation:

Add the infestation station on Millfields

Designate site 28 car park and land behind chats palaces as arts studio/workspace

Add in something about range of workspaces – small medium and large

Consider how apprenticeships to existing businesses could be added.

Vacant and Underused sites – other than those made against each theme, no other suggestions had been made about the sites. Need specific uses proposed for discussion.

4. Next Steps

Euan Mills thanked all members for attending. Everyone would get to see the record of the meeting via the web site and invited to discuss policies in more detail. The next step would be to discuss some of the policies with the Council.