

Minutes of SCA Community Forum - 28/7/22

Present:

Amar Gudhail	Manor Way Allotments
Sukh Sandher	Southall Day Centre
Promila Bhatia	Nav Jeevan
Mani Dhanda	Southall Transition / Feeding Ealing
Minni Dogra	Local Resident
Jasdeep Rehal	Lancaster Estate Residents Association
S. Bhachu	Mahila Sabha
A. Mohamed	Samafal Community Association
Cllr John Martin	LBE
Cllr Surinder Jassal	LBE
Angela Dodwell	Ealing Community Network
Esra Abd Elrahman	LBE
Janpal Basran	Southall Community Alliance

1) Apologies

J. Sanghera, J. Jerald, E. Gloyn, H. Bains, D. Grewal, N. Moraga, Cllr J. Anand, T.P. Singh, Cllr S. Khan, S. Fernandes, R. Jain

2) Minutes of Community Forum on 26/5/22 and Matters Arising

The minutes were approved as accurate, with no matters arising.

3) Local Plan – Esra Abd Elrahman, Ealing Council

EAE who is a Senior Engagement Officer at Ealing Council shared a presentation:

- The New Local Plan was the council's key spatial planning document and will be used to shape how land is used and how places across the borough may change over the next 15 years once the plan is finally adopted (proposed adopted dates: 2024-2039).
- The New Local Plan will set out the number of homes and jobs to meet the needs of new and existing residents and other infrastructure to support growth
- This New Local Plan will replace the existing 2013 Local Plan
- Regulation 18 consultation will explore a number of different policy options, ideas and sites for specific projects with all key stakeholders, the consultation will be more open to develop and narrow down policies.
- At Regulation 19 specific policies and recommendations for an area are presented to key stakeholders, this phase is more focused and technical.
- The Shaping Ealing consultation had identified that having a good range of affordable homes was the main resident concern. The issue of least concern was 'good public transport'.

Key issues / questions arising in discussion:

- Any discussions or consultations need to explain to residents which provisions of the Local Plan they could influence and which were non-negotiable
- Plan would include actions to mitigate climate change
- The Regulation 18 plans were being finalised by the planning team and would involve six weeks of events, both in person and on line
- The Shaping Ealing consultation had received 10,661 responses, with approximately 10% from Southall.
- Southall feedback highlighted digital exclusion and that people felt unable to engage
- The survey results would soon be published before the Regulation 18 consultation
- There had been multiple reviews of the existing Local Plan, although details were not currently available
- Although Shaping Southall had been accessible in community languages there were not any printouts, only online
- People did not know how to use QR codes for online consultation
- Confusing number of plans ie Local Plan, London Plan and National Framework.
- Residents would also have to understand the new Reset Southall strategy
- Deep and positive engagement was required in Southall
- Voluntary sector had not been approached regarding the development of plans and needed ethical consultation at different Ealing locations
- Travel plans included emphasis upon cycling and walking people but people were reluctant to walk and the elderly and disabled could not easily access cycling
- Need housing related information, particularly what house building targets were
- LBE should carry out an assessment of the increased house building in Southall which amounted to over development

Action: JB to invite Mandar Puranik to a future meeting

Cllr Martin advised that the new administration had new and fresh ideas and asked attendees to stop, think and have a conversation with them about the future.

4) Young Adult Centre (YAC) update - Minni Dogra

MD provided an update about the YAC campaign.

The current Council proposal was to demolish the YAC, Southall's only youth centre and replace it with 60 flats. Earlier in the year there had been consultations regarding the Council's Youth Plan but nothing specifically with the community at large about the future of the building.

A campaign had been started to Save the YAC, with campaign meetings every Wednesday, at the Town Hall. The land around the site had a restriction derived

from the Education Act 1944, so that permission was required for change of use.

Local residents and organisations were very unhappy about the proposals And although the issue had regularly been raised at Dormers Wells Ward Forum meetings, councillors had always stated that decisions had not been made about the building.

A protest event had been arranged next Tuesday outside Ealing Town Hall.

A meeting was sought with Cllr Mason, Southall councillors and the MP about the YAC.

Cllr Martin asked whether a briefing could be prepared for local councillors explaining what the building could achieve by remaining open and what it would require to be kept open.

5) AOB

None