

LONDON BOROUGH OF MERTON	
	<u>NOTES OF MEETING</u>
	Wimbledon Community Forum
	5 December 2012 7.15 pm
Action Needed By:	Present: Councillor Henry Nelles, John Hill, Head of Public Protection & Development.
JH to advise Planning Officers.	<p>1. John Hill and Councillor Nelles provided the update in respect of actions from the September meeting of the Forum.</p> <p>A question was raised regarding consultation and ownership of the War Memorial. John Hill confirmed that should a planning application be required for any future works or a listed building consent application, a full consultation would be undertaken. He also promised to feedback to Councillor Diane Neil-Mills in respect of the ownership of the War Memorial itself. Councillors asked that the consultation on any future application to be extended to cover Veterans Groups, the British Legion etc.</p>
Cllr. Nelles/JH to arrange invitation	<p>2. <u>Police Update</u></p> <p>2.1 Inspector Wilson confirm that Sergeant Murphy is now in post and starts duties on the 21st January, 2013.</p> <p>2.2 Dispersal Zone – All paper work done. Needs authorisation at LMAPS meeting.</p> <p>2.3 Hillside and Trinity Wards – Two squats recently closed. One in Alexandra Road, one in Worple Road.</p> <p>2.4 Trading Standards Operation – Joint operation with Trading Standards officers. Over 150 mobile phones seized. Very successful operation.</p> <p>2.7 20 mile an hour zone – In Hartfield Road, Sir Cyril Black Way</p> <p>2.8 A question was then asked about the future of Wimbledon Police Station. Some members of the audience thought that this was currently up for sale. Inspector Wilson confirmed that in respect of disposal of Metropolitan Police property, everything was on the table for consideration, but there were no specific plans for Wimbledon Station, particularly as this is a custody station.</p> <p>Councillor Nelles suggested that it would be appropriate for either Inspector Wilson or one of his colleagues to give a more detailed presentation in respect of police plans for disposal of their properties. It was requested that this be arranged for next meeting of the Forum.</p>

<p>Cllr.Nelless/ JH</p>	<p>3. <u>Schools Expansion Programme</u></p> <p>3.1 Tom Proctor gave a detailed presentation of the Council's Schools Expansion programme. There were some questions regarding Dundonald School planning application. John Hill confirmed that this was not to be considered at the 13th December meeting of the Council's Planning Applications Committee, but would most likely be determined at either the January or February meeting of the same. There were no actual questions put to Tom Proctor regarding the Expansion Programme itself.</p> <p>3.2 There were a number of questions from the audience about the behaviour of school children within Wimbledon town centre. These were addressed by Inspector Wilson.</p> <p>3.3 Councillor Edge queried the information given by Tom Proctor and alleged that this was at odds with advice he had been given by the Director of Environment and Regeneration. Councillor Edge believed that it was not the Council's intention to have a new secondary school, but this conflicted with what Tom Proctor had actually presented. The Chair and John Hill agreed that they would follow this up with relevant officers.</p>
<p>Cllr. Nelless/ JH</p>	<p>4. <u>Soapbox</u></p> <p>4.1 An issue was raised regarding a public meeting on the 11th December to discuss the spending of the Council's regeneration money acquired from the GLA fund. Both the Chair and John Hill were unaware of this meeting, or the contents of the letter that had been circulated to residents. Both agreed to pursue this and report back.</p> <p>4.2 A question was raised regarding a loft extension that had recently been completed. Was this an example of the Government's proposals to expand permitted development rights? John Hill confirmed that this was not the case and that permitted development rights had already existed for sometime in respect of loft conversions, but also confirmed that the Council had now prepared their draft response to the Government's PD Expansion programme. The report had already been to Scrutiny and is due to be tabled at the Council's Planning Applications Committee meeting on the 13 December 2012.</p> <p>4.3 A question was raised regarding the future of the Plough Lane Greyhound Stadium. John Hill confirmed that there was no planning application submitted at this stage and no proposals regarding this site would be submitted for consideration at any future Planning Applications Committee. He also confirmed that should any planning application be received then all residents, and Community Groups would be subject to detailed consultation.</p>

	<p>5. <u>Community Plan</u></p> <p>5.1 Andrew Wakefield gave a presentation on the Community Plan.</p>
	<p>6. <u>Planning and Parking Update</u></p> <p>6.1 John Hill gave a brief update on current planning applications, as well as reminding the audience that consultation in respect of the Government's proposals to expanded Permitted Development Rights cases is 24th December, 2012, so there was still time to submit representations.</p> <p>6.2 Free parking in the Council's car parks is now available every weekend in the run up to Christmas, including Monday, 24th December, Christmas Eve.</p>
	<p>Date of next meeting: Wednesday 20 March, 7.15pm Venue: Wimbledon Methodist Church, Griffiths Road, Wimbledon, SW19 1SP</p>