

LONDON BOROUGH OF MERTON ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION DEPARTMENT	
	<u>NOTES OF MEETING</u>
	Date: 11th December, 2013
	Subject: Wimbledon Community Forum
	Date 11th December, 2013 Time: 19.15
Action Needed By:	
	<p>1. <u>Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>1.1 Cllr. Nelless welcomed all to the meeting.</p> <p>1.2 Apologies received from Wimbledon Police.</p>
	<p>2. <u>Minutes of last meeting/Update</u></p> <p>2.1 The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.</p> <p>2.2 Updates were provided via Soapbox.</p>
	<p>3. <u>Policing update</u></p> <p>3.1 The Police were unable to be represented at this meeting. Police update will be rolled over to the 21st March, 2014 meeting.</p>
	<p>4. <u>Wimbledon Community Association</u></p> <p>4.1 David Hall gave a brief presentation regarding the history of the St. George's Road Community Centre and the future for community provision within Wimbledon Town Centre. Slides covering this presentation will be available on the Community Forum web pages in due course. David is working closely with the YMCA regarding future potential development options.</p>
	<p>5. <u>Ask the Leader</u></p> <p>5.1 The Leader spoke about the direction of travel for the Council and highlighted a number of areas around Shared Services, town centre regeneration, the partnership approach that Merton adopts, for example, working with Merton Voluntary Services Council. The overarching vision is one of a caring, sharing, partnering and ambitious borough.</p>

<p>CS/SSW</p>	<p>5.2 A number of questions were put to the Leader regarding street sweeping, particularly regarding the frequency of street sweeping following refuse collection. This was noted to be particularly problematic around the Broadway, Pelham and Sheldon Road areas. Officers agreed to take this back to the relevant departments for a further action/update.</p>
<p>CS/SSW</p>	<p>5.3 A question was put to the Leader about the refuse bin adjacent to the bus-stop in Alexandra Road. The bin is continuously overflowing and not emptied properly. Officers to assess and report back.</p>
<p>JH/RL</p>	<p>5.4 Concerns were expressed about the poor quality of the information material available on line in respect of Mini Hollands. John Hill promised to report this back to IT Services and also Richard Lancaster who is the project co-ordinator.</p> <p>5.5 Following a question from Councillor Neil Mills, the Leader confirmed that the Council is going to develop the Wimbledon Community Association site as a car park. John Hill also confirmed that planning permission for the car park had recently been granted.</p>
	<p>6. <u>Flood Risk Management</u></p> <p>6.1 Mario Lecordier outlined the consultation process on flood risk management. The consultation runs until the 31st January, 2014. Ultimately the aim being to ensure a good flood risk strategy is put in place. Further update will be provided at the March meeting of the Community Forum.</p>
	<p>7. <u>Soapbox</u></p> <p>7.1 A number of issues were raised and are set out below:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coaches cutting through the residential side streets and parking in them during Theatre performances. • Queen’s Road towards Centre Court, the filter light is not working properly. • Councillor Grocott raised the issue of rat runs in Kingston Road. • Concerns regarding the traffic lights outside TK Maxx, could CCTV cameras be used. • Hartfield Road - traffic lights outside the White Hart. Councillor Simpson asked what is being done about this? • Does the borough have liaison meetings with TfL. <p>All updates in response to these queries will be provided at the March meeting, or sooner.</p>

JH/AJ	<p>8. <u>Planning Update</u></p> <p>8.1 John Hill updated on a number of issues:</p> <p>YMCA. There is no planning application submitted and no further pre-application requests.</p> <p>Wimbledon Football Club, Plough Lane. A pre-application enquiry has been received for a detailed development of an 18,000 seat sports stadium, 600 units of residential accommodation as well as a mix of community and commercial facilities.</p> <p>28-30 Palmerston Road. Some concern that the site is unsafe. John Hill promised that Building Control officers would carry out a site visit with a view to assessing whether or not it constitutes a dangerous structure.</p> <p>Change of Use offices to residential : Clarification was sought in respect of the Council's ability to limit changes of use from offices to residential. John Hill confirmed that the Council had been unsuccessful in applying to Central Government seeking the establishment of areas within the borough that would be exempt from these changes.</p> <p><i>Post meeting note on Permitted Development rights:</i> On 4 December 2013, the council published an Article 4 direction to remove permitted development rights to change from offices (Use Class B1a) residential use (Use Class C3). The council considers that this Article 4 Direction is essential in order to protect local amenity and ensure proper planning in the area, in particular the council's ability to prevent loss of uses which contribute to the wider strategic aims for the area.</p> <p>Once the direction comes into force, permitted development rights for these types of development area withdrawn and planning permission will therefore be required for change of use from B1(a) offices to C3 residential uses.</p> <p>You can make representations concerning the Article 4 Direction for</p>

six weeks, **from 04 December 2013 to 15 January 2014.**

Representations can be made by email to: ldf@merton.gov.uk or by post to: Future Merton, London Borough of Merton, Civic Centre, Morden, SM4 5DX.

Parking Services. Free parking is now available in all town centre car parks, with the exception of Coombe Lane, for the weekend periods from the 30th November through to and including Christmas day.

Environmental Health. The Noisy Party Patrol service will now be expanded so that from the 1st January, 2014, it will include Friday nights as well as Saturday nights for the next 6 months.