

West Kentish Town Estate renewal steering group

23 June 2020 6.00-7.00pm
(Held remotely)

Attendance

Chair: Cllr Alison Kelly

Camden Officers: Rosemarie Jenkins (RJ) – Haverstock Team Leader; Angela James Strategic Development Lead; Frank Bainbridge – Senior Development Manager; Rebecca Ellis – Consultation and Engagement Officer; Yasmin Chowdhury and Jamal Miah – Community Liaison Advisors.

Residents: [REDACTED]

Neighbours: [REDACTED]

1. Welcome and introductions,

- New Camden officers (Angela and Frank)
- New members, neighbours

2. Update since last meeting - Rosemarie

- Result of ballot in March, This is one of the highest votes by residents living in council housing being in favour of the re-development of their estate. 84% of residents (287) turned out to vote. The question on the ballot paper was: "Are you in favour of the proposal for the redevelopment of West Kentish Town Estate?" A comparably sized estate in Ealing saw a 57% turnout.
- 44% of these votes were cast online – importance of internet in our lives.
- Impact of Covid: financial expenditure of Council in protecting and providing for residents; disproportionately affected people from BAME communities. The council's own housing review revealed that Bangladeshi and Somali communities, many in large families, are living in overcrowded environments, often with young children (siblings sharing rooms) living in cramped conditions with those most susceptible to the virus (their elderly grandparents), meaning it is passed much more speedily. Impact on children's education and rise in domestic violence.

3. Community Liaison Advisors' IT surveys – Yasmin & Jamal

- See Appendix A for presentation on results of survey: residents willing and able to join online meetings; concerns and topics of interest that respondents expressed.

4. Online sessions – Angela & Beka

- See Appendix B for presentation on proposed topics for upcoming online sessions, for Steering Group and Estate-wide residents.
- We are keen to hear from anyone who has a suggestion for a session.

- At the next Steering Group Frank will be giving an update on the work he has been doing appointing a team of masterplanners for the estate and the next steps in the process.
- RJ noted that whilst PRP have previously worked on the strategic concept, process & timing, the new masterplanning team will be starting the estate design with a blank sheet. A strategic brief, including Camden's Climate Action Plan, will form part of the selection process and residents from the Steering Group will be involved in influencing the selection of the team.

5. Date of next meeting: 22 July 2020 at 6pm

6. Q&A / A.O.B.

- Can presentations be circulated before the meeting and sent to those attendees who were dialling in and could not see the shared screen.
- WKTE has avoided Covid-19 in part due to the building design which doesn't have shared internal doors or lifts which heightens risks of contamination. Covid won't disappear, can these issues be considered in the design of the new buildings.
- The next session will focus on timeline and next steps which attendees wanted to hear about.
- Thanks to residents for turning out to vote and creating a mandate to carry on.
- Previous architect has done a lot of work on how the estate may look, will this prevent them from taking part? RJ: they will have to submit a tender like everyone else.
- What is the status of the Strategic Brief? RJ: An outline brief was approved by Cabinet in July'19; more work needs to be done, such as adhering to the 2021 Camden Action Climate Plan, incorporating the Area Vision, and recommendations of the Hackitt Review on Fire Safety. The Strategic Brief will be WKT focussed and come from Camden Officers and the Residents' Brief.
- Notes will be put on our webpages (names removed) unless we receive objections when circulated for sign-off from members.

7. Close