



# **WEST HAMPSTEAD NDF**

## Neighbourhood Development Forum

*Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 17th October 2013 at West Hampstead Library*

**Present:** James Earl (Chair), Mark Hutton, Janet Crawford, M Lyons, Richard Loftus, Carlton Johnson, Cllr Keith Moffitt, Matt Roe, Stephen Frazer, Branko Viric, James Little, Phil Turner, Alan Watson, Sue Richards, Jack Knadjian, Marco Mongiello, Cllr Gillian Risso-Gill, Heather Downham, Peter Abrahams, Ian Cohen & Claus Thierbach.

### **1. Welcome & apologies:**

Apologies for absence were received from: Mark Stonebanks, Nick Jackson, Sue Measures, Linda Sluys, Virginia Berridge, Cllr Flick Rea, Nick Russell, Stewart Drummond, Dean Langston, Michael Poulard, David Yass, Cllr John Bryant, Margaret Willmer, Clare Craig & Joan Moffatt.

### **2. Minutes of the last meeting – 23rd September:**

West Hampstead Square - there's no sign of a reprieve for the trees. Ballymore still haven't responded to calls for a consultative group with local residents.

159 Iverson Road (Iverson Tyres site) - no planning application submitted yet.

### **3. Additional support:**

Positions remain open for help with secretarial/admin work; as well as a referendum officer.

### **4. All household leaflet & delivery:**

All streets should now have been delivered or allocated - if there are any areas that have been left out, please let us know. Thanks very much to everyone who's helped with this.

### **5. Site issues:**

- Gondar Gardens - there was an exhibition on Tuesday. A third scheme is proposed, similar to the second.
- Broadhurst Gardens - there was an exhibition on Wednesday about redeveloping 153-163. The site is in the South Hampstead Conservation Area. There was a question about the level of affordable housing.
- Liddell Road - there was a wide ranging discussion about the school proposal. The general feeling of the meeting was that people want more information and a range of options to consider. While accepting the need for new primary school places in the area, there's concern about the loss of the light industrial units and associated employment; the potential problems of a co-sited school; and the impact of other developments in the Maygrove/Iverson area. The NDF will submit comments. Information about the plans, including the Council's recently published Q&A, can be seen on their website: [www.camden.gov.uk/kingsgate](http://www.camden.gov.uk/kingsgate)

### **6. Workshop:**

There were two sessions on Saturday 28th September. Discussions focussed on the policies in the 6th draft of the Plan, which most people seem happy with. The main response was for a separate policy on design. This will be included in the next draft, along with slight changes to the existing policies.

### **7. 6th draft of the Plan:**

There was a further conversation about the 6th draft. A number of changes/alterations were suggested; these will be incorporated into the next draft. Comments on the 6th draft can be submitted until Thursday 31st October. Comments so far are very positive, so it's likely that the next draft will be the final draft. All being well, this will be published in December/January.

### **8. Plans for the rest of the year:**

The November meeting will focus on the Growth Area and what our policies should be for this area. Also a digital mapping project, which the NDF will be working on with a social enterprise company called Commonplace.

The December meeting will discuss the final draft.

A public meeting is due to take place in January to discuss and publicise the final draft.

### **9. AOB:**

The developer of the student development on Blackburn Road circulated information about the occupants of the building, which is now fully occupied:

- Male 38%, Female 62%.
- Main studying locations: Westminster, University College, Central School of Speech & Drama, Middlesex & King's College.
- 40% of students are postgraduates.
- 42% are from the UK, 58% from overseas (49 different nationalities).
- 10% of students have bicycles.

### **10. Dates of future NDF meetings:**

- **Monday 18th November** - 7.30pm West Hampstead Library
- **Tuesday 10th December** - 7.30pm West Hampstead Library
- (date tbc) **January** - Public meeting to discuss the final draft