

10 Jan 2021

Dear NDF member,

First of all we wish you a much Happier New Year, and hope that in the next few months it will be possible for us to start meeting in person again. Bearing in mind that there is a lot of uncertainty about when that will be, we are considering holding our next public meeting and AGM via Zoom.

The joint meeting we held with WHAT via Zoom on the government's proposals for radical reforms to the planning system proved to be very successful, and you can read the NDF's response to that consultation, which that meeting helped to inform, by clicking [here](#).

We would particularly like to get your input on two local issues. These are the future of the **O2 Centre** and the future of the much-loved **Alliance pub on Mill Lane**.

O2 Centre

The future of the O2 Centre car park has long been a topic of discussion, and one which we have discussed at several of our public meetings.

Last September, the owners of the O2 Centre, Landsec, launched an online survey on the future of the O2, using Commonplace and promoting the survey heavily on Facebook and through other channels.

Landsec have now launched a further consultation also via Commonplace, but with one big change. They say "we are considering a more comprehensive approach to the transformation of the area. This includes one major change in our thinking – the replacement of the O2 centre in due course". Looking at the response to the consultation so far, we can see that opinions are divided. We would like to hear your views, which you can let us have by replying to this email.

There is also still time to respond to Landsec's Commonplace survey, which is running till the end of January, at o2vision.commonplace.is. Landsec are promoting this website and survey by sending out over 16,600 flyers and 6,100 newsletters, as well as through social media adverts and in the local papers.

One of our major concerns about this consultation is that it gives no information about the planned height of the buildings, which is an important aspect of our West Hampstead Neighbourhood Plan.

The Alliance

Thank you to all of you who have responded to our survey about The Alliance, which is an important part of our application for the renewal of The Alliance's status as an Asset of Community Value (ACV). If you haven't already filled in the survey, it is still open, and your comments will still count. You can find it [here](#).

Meanwhile, Camden Council has been consulting on a planning application over the Christmas period, which is never a great time to get responses. You can see the planning application [here](#) and there is still time to respond to Camden's consultation by the closing date of comments of 16 January 2021.

We know from responses to the AVC survey just how much the Alliance is valued by the local community, and will be making representations in response to Camden's consultation expressing our concerns about how the changes proposed could affect the pub's viability and use as a venue by the West Hampstead community.

We look forward to hearing from you about both these issues.

Best wishes,

Keith Moffitt and Nick Jackson

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