NEWSLETTER 5 APRIL 2016

Dear NDF member,

Please see below for updates on our work and activities over the past month - as well as some upcoming local events:

1. Camden Council has agreed to the NDF's request to list **The Alliance** pub as an Asset of Community Value - you can see the detail of the decision <u>here</u>. There's more information about the campaign on the <u>website</u>.

Thanks for all the support and interest in our work on proposals for West Hampstead
Underground station - we hope to have some updated images soon. In the meantime, the
Mayor of London has given this response to a question about lifts at the station.

3. The latest from the Camden planners on **156 West End Lane** is: 'we are still working with the applicant to resolve a number of matters raised in response to the application'. We're expecting a re-consultation on amended plans - more details as and when we receive them.

4. There is a planning application for a set of mobile phone masts on the top of **Canterbury Mansions** on West End Lane - the details can be seen <u>here</u>. The NDF committee is concerned about the impact of these plans on the Conservation Area and neighbouring properties. We're encouraging NDF members to submit their comments to the Council by the deadline of *Friday 22nd April*.

5. NDF members attended the recent Development Management Forum to discuss a proposed development at **317 Finchley Road** (the old pub next to the Overground station). The proposal is for a development of 7-10 storeys with 24 units; it's unclear what the affordable housing provision will be; the developer is proposing moving Billy Fury Way to the north of the site (next to the station), although this would involved installing steps. A planning application is expected to be submitted soon.

6. The NDF was among local groups invited by our MP to attend a meeting with TfL to discuss the proposed **Cycle SuperHighway** from Swiss Cottage to Oxford Circus. There's a note of the meeting <u>here</u>.

7. Further to the above meeting, TfL has released the results of the **CS11 consultation**, which suggest strong support for the scheme - more information in this <u>article</u>.

 Please sign the <u>petition</u> to oppose the Council's plans to close the community centre at 96-98 Shoot-Up Hill and convert it to private housing. The NDF has strongly objected to the planning application - our response can be seen <u>here</u>.

9. An update on the Liddell Road development can be seen here.

10. West Hampstead Amenity & Transport (WHAT) have their AGM, followed by a public meeting about West End Lane, on *Wednesday 20th April* at 7.30pm at the Library - details on the <u>poster</u>.

11. The second consultation on the draft **Local Plan** (the main planning document for the borough - more details <u>here</u>) closed yesterday. The NDF's response can be seen <u>here</u>.

12. The government & GLA are consulting about **upwards extensions** in London - the details can be seen <u>here</u> and there's an online survey <u>here</u> (*responses by Friday 15th April*). The NDF will be objecting to the lack of any mention for neighbourhood plans and local decision making in these proposals - and raising concerns about the impact on conservation areas.

13. The latest email from our friends at **Create Streets** can be seen <u>here</u> - they have an interesting <u>article</u> about problems in the London planning system; and a link to an <u>article</u> analysing the mayoral candidate's housing policies.

14. The JW3 community centre is holding a hustings for our GLA candidates on *Monday11th April* at 7.30pm - for details and to register for tickets, see <u>here</u>.

15. Following the discussion about the **NDF constitution** at our last meeting, WHGARA has submitted an updated <u>document</u> about possible changes.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 10th May at 7.30pm at West Hampstead library.