

MINUTES

London Legacy Development Corporation

Meeting title: Park Panel July 2023

Meeting date: Monday 10th July 2023

Time: 6pm

Venue: LLDC Offices- Level 10, 5 Endeavour Square, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, E20 1JN

Present – representatives from the following organisations:

- Chandos East
- Park Champions
- Iron Works Residents Association
- Hackney Wick Community Development Trust (CDT)
- HWFI CIG
- Fish Island Village
- Farringford Road RA
- Manor Gardening Society and Pudding Mill

LLDC

Peter Tudor (PT)

Jacquie Holland (JH)

Catherine Smyth (CS)

Katie Harris (KH)

Monique Van Den Hurk (MVDH)

External

Catherine Greig (CG) Make-Good

Tristan Stout (TS) - Ballymoore

Apologies:

- Otter Close RA
- East Village Trust
- Glasshouse Gardens
- Omega Works
- Elevate Youth Board
- The Yard Theatre (Hub 67 + The Hall)
- Chobham Manor Residents Association

1. Introductions

- 1.1. Peter Tudor welcomed everyone to the Park Panel meeting and LLDC's offices. The minutes of the meeting of 15th May were approved with some amends and will be posted on the Park website. Action to send presentations from previous meeting. *Final minutes attached and uploaded online.*

2. LLDC Community Review Panel

- 2.1. Presentation from Catherine Smyth on the Community Review Panel (CRP).
Presentation attached with minutes.
 - 2.1.1. The LLDC have created the CRP. Additional mechanism for early engagement on development proposals (at pre-planning stage). Getting views from local people.
 - 2.1.2. The process has been discussed with borough colleagues as planning powers will be transferred back, end of November 2024.
 - 2.1.3. CRP has a different, but equally important role to the quality review panel, in the planning process; by providing local insight, knowledge, lived experience and views on schemes.
 - 2.1.4. David Ubaka is chair with 20 years experience in managing and designing regeneration in the built environment and from Leytonstone.
 - 2.1.5. The panel was recruited locally and LLDC officers provided training on to give a basic understanding of planning matters.
 - 2.1.6. Diverse range of people from across the 4 host boroughs make up the panel.

Main Points of Discussion – (Q) Question & Comments (C)

- 2.2. Q- How much influence do the panel have in changing planning applications.
 - 2.2.1. A- CS- By consulting as early as possible the aim is for the architect/developer/pre-applicantsto take all feedback on board and respond to all CRP comments as they progress the scheme. We are clear what we would like feedback on but also CRP can raise anything additional the panel would like addressing. The developer team will be expected to set out how they have responded to CRP comments in their application submission. CRP reports are appended to officer reports to our Planning Decisions Committee when the case is being reported for decision. Comments need to be within the sphere of planning/relate to planning policies.
 - 2.2.2. C- comment from developer recently going through that process and said it was the best process they'd been through.
- 2.3. Q- Are you recruiting?
- 2.4. A- We have a full panel and still have many people attending each session. Considering recruiting again but need to take into consideration being here for a year and half more so need to plan for the right time. It's important to have as much impact as possible.
- 2.5. **Next Steps**
 - 2.5.1. Happy to come back at any point and update. Will update as we go.
 - 2.5.2. Request from panel to have a CRP rep join a future Park Panel meeting.

3. Sustainable Active Transport

- 3.1. Presentation from Monique Van Den Hurk on the Park Sustainable Active Transport Strategy. *Presentation attached with minutes.*
- 3.2. Main discussion points **Comments (C) & Questions (Q):**
 - 3.2.1. Is Waterdon Road funded or part funded?
 - 3.2.1.1. A- Part funded. Trying to do it all simultaneously to minimise inconvenience.
 - 3.2.2. What is the Monier Road Bridge timeline?
 - 3.2.2.1. A- Will be handed over in August, then work commences to connect Basset Lane to the bridge for opening in the autumn.
 - 3.2.3. Q- How will Fish Island accommodate new bus route? Could some of the roads be one way?
 - 3.2.3.1. A- PT- TFL have already mapped out route but we can check this internally and feedback.
 - 3.2.4. Q- How were the different walking cycling routes selected? There is quite a lot of need around HWFI area and there didn't seem that much identified in that area. Is there scope to look at that area too? Muff architects HW wayfinding and spaces. Is this joined up with LLDC?
 - 3.2.4.1. A- MVDH- LLDC is connected into MUF architect conversations. More difficult to do that in HW due to narrower streets. The LLDC did a report a couple of years ago which identified which projects had the most need. This was identified looking at land ownership and land boundaries as well as many other factors. LLDC also chair the Sustainable Active Travel Group that meets every two months. The group sees projects and comment in detail as they are being designed. The group is made up of transport representatives from Local Authorities, 4 borough cycling campaign groups, Sustrans, TFL and benefits from a lot of local feedback.
 - 3.2.5. Q- How can fast electric bikes zooming through the park be separated from the pedestrians in the Park?
 - 3.2.5.1. A- This is an ongoing challenge that LLDC continue to review. The Park was largely designed as a shared space to encourage use of TFL cycling routes. Some areas now have more significant cycle use than previously, and ebikes have created an additional layer of complexity. LLDC is reviewing with TFL.
 - 3.2.6. Q- Greenway is poorly marked. No delineation of where the public can walk and cycle. Needs to be more delineation of areas where people can go fast. Delineation or waymarking on the road.
 - 3.2.6.1. A- The Greenway is not managed by LLDC and is owned by Thames Water.
 - 3.2.7. Q- How do you check that cycle lane surfaces are fit for purpose?
 - 3.2.7.1. A- cycle infrastructure is very new. Guidance only brought in in 2020. Having to change that attitude of designers and engineers. There needs to be training. Active travel England has been newly created and

has just been added into planning applications. Trying to bring the bar up and change mentality.

4. Stratford Waterfront Residential Consultation

- 4.1. Workshop led by Catherine from Make-Good. *Presentation attached with minutes.*

Main Points for Discussion- Comments (C) & Questions (Q)

- 4.2. Q- Will there be a proposed Grey water system similar to other parts of The Park?
- 4.2.1. A- Yes, water recycling for irrigation is being considered in designs. Hadley are signed up to the LLDC 1.5 degree sustainability documentation, the first development tackling it in the LLDC area. Working through; embodied carbon and decarbonisation, green and brown roofs on all roofs, maximised solar. As well as much permeable paving and balancing attenuation of water at the same time getting water off site ASAP while working within CRT requirements.
- 4.3. C- More play areas would be really desired. In FI this was not considered and it draws antisocial behaviour.
- 4.4. C- Suggestion to work with pave gem on pavements that generate electricity. Independent retailers rather than corporates.
- 4.5. C- Circular economy plays into sustainability questions that have been asked. CDT is doing work with local communities and working with Shift inclusive innovation district. Question of how there could be a community element to the commercial ground floor units. CDT worked on a report on commercial spaces with LLDC. Will share.
- 4.6. Bridgewater triangle development will be coming forward in the coming months and we will update when we have more information on timelines.
- 4.7. Please share consultation with networks;
<https://www.stratfordnewneighbourhoods.com/>

5. Park Update

- 5.1. The updated forthcoming events list for the Park and Park update was circulated and is *attached with the minutes.*
- 5.2. Key Park works in forthcoming period:
- 5.2.1. East Bank starting to open up from the autumn; UAL opens in September, Sadler's Wells in the winter and V&A East Museum, BBC and the V&A East Storehouse (at Here East) open in 2025. UCL East academic building opens this autumn.

- 5.2.2. Stratford Walk- currently extensive work between London Aquatics Centre and Haugen is being undertaken to relandscape and build planted beds. Planters and trees are nearing completion around LAC. Santander bikes will be installed in a new location on the route in December. Planters by London Aquatics Centre are nearly finished and will open soon. Most of this area should be resurfaced in the next 2-3 weeks. Bigger planters over railway section will be installed and the area will be resurfaced through to Autumn. Hoarding will be coming down by Sadler's Wells in the next couple of months. Wind mitigations to be installed by lifts. Lift will be closed on 31st July to be replaced, and two additional lifts are included in the East Bank development.
- 5.2.3. There was a question about the Stadium lift down to the Community Track not operating. Post meeting update: the lift is only operational on Stadium event days. LLDC have asked LLDC to post a sign stating this.
- 5.2.4. Resurfacing: Stour Bridge resurfacing completed. London Stadium Bridges 1 and 3 will be resurfaced in the autumn.
- 5.2.5. South Park underpass behind UCL is expected to open by year end.
- 5.2.6. Here East hoarding at rear of V&A East Storehouse will come down in the summer and cycle lanes will be back in use.
- 5.2.7. Monier Road bridge will open to buses in the autumn.

LLDC Events

- 5.2.8. Schedule attached. Highlights include West Ham home season on 20 August, and UK Black Pride (post meeting note : now 19 August).
- 5.2.9. **Your Neighbourhood Talks** will take place at the Building Craft College on the Carpenters Estate on the 27th of September. Wednesday evening from 6-830pm. There will be a showcase on CIL Neighbourhood Priority Fund projects.
- 5.2.10. **Deadline for summer school applications closed 14 July.**

6. AOB

- 6.1. East Bank F&B units: request to promote to local businesses if not already underway. Craig Fisher Commercial and P3 are seeking tenants for the units.
- 6.2. Park News – new version of previous newsletter now in circulation, available at venues and the Information Point and through a mailing house delivered to specific areas around the Park. There as feedback that some residential areas had not received it, and this will be reviewed with LLDC Comms team.
- 6.3.
- 6.4. C- A concern was raised about music noise from Snoozebox on Saturday afternoons.
- 6.5. A- Snoozebox are licenced by LB Newham, and there are noise restriction conditions.
- 6.6. Q- request for Hadley Affordable housing figures. Ask for this as requirement from all developers presenting to the panel.
- 6.7. Post meeting update on Affordable housing: *Public sector owned land is required to deliver 50% Affordable Housing under the Mayor's Affordable Housing and Viability Supplemental Planning Guidance. This also allows a portfolio approach to delivering 50% across a number of combined sites. LLDC have agreed a portfolio approach across the following development sites – Stratford Waterfront, Bridgewater Triangle, Pudding Mill Lane and Rick Roberts Way. Of the 50% Affordable Housing, 30% will be Low Cost*

Rented Housing and the remainder Intermediate (either Shared Ownership or London Living Rent).

Further details can be found at the following link:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/programmes-strategies/planning/implementing-london-plan/london-plan-guidance-and-spgs/affordable-housing-and-viability-supplementary-planning-guidance-spg>

6.7.1.

6.8. Road and route closures on Stadium event days: concern was noted at the impact on casual visitors to the Park, including the closure of the gates at Westfield during Stadium egress. PT noted the licensing requirement to ensure that in excess of 50k-70k people can arrive and leave safely.

6.9. Map of cycle network was good. Would be good to have presentations in advance.

Actions

Meeting item	Action	Lead	Update
Minutes	Send presentations from previous minutes	JH	<i>attached with minutes</i>
LLDC Community Review Panel	Share Presentation	JH	<i>Link attached with minutes</i>
LLDC Community Review Panel	CRP member at future meeting	JH	<i>Will be attending September/Novembers meeting</i>
Sustainable Active Travel	Share Presentation	JH	<i>Link attached with minutes</i>
Stratford Waterfront Consultation	Share Presentation	JH	<i>Link attached with minutes</i>
Park Updates	Share updates document	JH	<i>Attached with minutes</i>
Presentations	Share presentations in advance of PP meetings	JH	
AOB			

Next meetings dates

18th September 2023

13th November 2023