

MINUTES

London Legacy Development Corporation

Meeting title: Park Panel September 2023

Meeting date: Monday 18th September 2023

Time: 6pm

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

Present – representatives from the following organisations:

- Stratford Original BID
- Iron Works Residents Association
- Hackney Wick Community Development Trust (CDT)
- HWFI CIG
- Fish Island Village RA
- Otter Close RA
- East Village Trust
- Elevate Youth Board
- Chobham Manor Residents Association
- Omega Works

LLDC

Mark Camley (MC)

Jacquie Holland (JH)

Ned Adams-Felton (NA)

Madeleine Bromley (MB)

External

James Kaguima (Elevate)

Alex Russel (HWFI CDT)

Apologies:

- Farringford Road RA
- Chandos East
- Manor Gardening Society and Pudding Mill
- Glasshouse Gardens
- Park Champions
- The Yard Theatre (Hub 67 + The Hall)
- Trowbridge Seniors Club

1. Introductions

- 1.1. Mark Camley welcomed everyone to the Park Panel meeting and LLDC's offices. There were no comments on the minutes from the meeting on 10th July, if no comments are received by the end of the week then the minutes will be taken as agreed and the final version will be posted on the Park website. *Final July minutes attached and uploaded online.*

2. Roach Point Bridge

- 2.1. Presentation from Ned Adams-Felton on the Roach Point Bridge move. *Presentation attached with minutes.*
- 2.2. The Roach Point Bridge currently crosses the Hertford Union Canal connecting the north canal path in Hackney Wick with Roach Road in Fish Island.
- 2.3. Planning permission has been received for a new bridge that will be an improvement to the crossing including:
 - 2.3.1. Double existing width
 - 2.3.2. Better and safer lit route
 - 2.3.3. The route will eventually run through the Taylor Wimpey site to the north to Hackney Wick Station, providing a more direct route.
- 2.4. Construction work will begin in February 2024 and the bridge will be closed for a year. The proposed diversion is over Monier Road bridge along the canal and White Post Lane, which adds two minutes to the current journey.
 - 2.4.1. There have been letter drops and consultation events informing local residents of the planning process so far. There will be a newsletter, further letter drops and a notice board to keep residents informed.
 - 2.4.2. The new bridge being installed uses the bridge deck that used to be the Monier bridge and has since been in storage. The bridge will be moved to O'Shea's site in Hackney Wick on October 14/15..

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

- 2.5. Q- Will the bridge still go under the Omega Works overhang?
 - 2.5.1. A- No, the bridge will be to the west of the overhang and a gradual slope will lead down to where the entrance to where Lantana now stands.
- 2.6. Q- Are there any other bridges in this area?
 - 2.6.1. A- This is the only bridge along that area. The other closest bridges are Wansbeck Road and Wick Lane over the Hertford Canal and Monier Road Bridge and White Post Lane Bridge across the River Lee.
- 2.7. Q-What kind of noise can we expect? Will the timeframe for closure stay within the proposed year?
 - 2.7.1. A- Currently working through the construction management plan with the contractor. Part of planning conditions from approved scheme make sure this is considered and there is as little disruption as possible. The year estimate for building is generous and development timeframes should stick well within this.

3. Elevate Youth Board Update

- 3.1. Update from James Kaguima chair of the Elevate Youth Board.
- 3.2. Elevate has recently been re-branded through a co-design process to resonate more with local young people.
- 3.3. Currently planning an annual youth conference in March which attracts 200-300 young people from the four surrounding boroughs called Future Me, Future Youth.
- 3.4. A new cohort of young people have joined the Elevate board and roles have been set. This includes electing James as the new Chair.
- 3.5. *Today is James' last Park Panel as this year's round of reps will be joining at the next one. Their names are Jade and Bav.*
- 3.6. Main points of discussion:
 - 3.6.1. Elevate run and support a number of projects, including a safety workshop in collaboration with People's Pavilion with community organisation, Skaped. The aim is to make east London safer for young people. It was a creative workshop to be more engaging for young people. Elevate have also been feeding into the women and girls safety work on the Park.
 - 3.6.2. Elevate focus on issues facing the Park, but also look wider to East London and beyond.
 - 3.6.3. The youth event draws people in from the wider boroughs and has an east London focus.
 - 3.6.4. Elevate is connected to East Bank partners and other opportunities and venues on park such as the Good Growth Hub.
 - 3.6.5. The Good Growth Hub is an employability hub for young people in the creative industries as well as Badu Café at Hackney Bridge and the Badu Gantry space at Here East run by Badu Sports who are a local youth CIC. East Bank partners also all plan to have 'community rooms' which aim to have a youth focus.
 - 3.6.6. Elevate generally feed into existing consultations and projects around the Park and have done a large amount of work consulting in Chobham Manor.
 - 3.6.7. Elevate is currently funded by LLDC, and Elevate are currently working on a sustainability plan to cover costs of the programme in future.
 - 3.6.8. Elevate are working on having a website and social media presence. In the meantime, more information about Elevate can be found on the QEOP website [here](#).

4. Future Park Panel Chair

- 4.1. LLDC are looking toward the future of LLDC and the Park Panel. The Panel has broadly been in the same format for eight years. We are currently doing some thinking now as to whether it should be led by LLDC or community led from the Panel with the support and presence of LLDC.
- 4.2. An example of where LLDC have stepped back is with the E20 residents' forum, which the LLDC started and has now been handed over the London Borough of Newham (LBN).

- 4.2.1. LLDC would still be in position to run the Panel as Chair and Secretariat. Even if LLDC don't chair it would still like to be a part of the meetings and would have capacity to feed in and provide secretariat role.
- 4.2.2. LBN has less interest in this forum than the Resident Forum, as they are not involved in the day to day operation and programmes on the Park.
- 4.2.3. Under the Localism Act 2011, the Mayor of London is required to review the continuing existence of Mayoral Development Corporations (MDC) from time to time and the LLDC is included in this. As part of coming to 10 years since the Olympics, a review was undertaken and the future of the LLDC was agreed – it will remain an MDC and still sit under the Mayor with revised functions. This will include planning powers transferring back to the boroughs, and the LLDC boundary will reduce. So we are looking at the shape of the organisation. Change in some parts will be greater than others, but elements of LLDC's current remit will continue such as overseeing the long term management of the Park; realising the ongoing delivery of inclusive economy aims; and delivery of ongoing housing development responsibilities. The LLDC CEO, Lyn Garner will step down and there will be a new CEO. Many of the organisational changes will happen the end of 2024 and April 2025. As we move towards this time we are assessing and planning how our programmes should change, what should stay in place and where our resource should go. More are on the reduced area can be found [here](#).
- 4.2.4. The Park will be largely funded from the Fixed Estate Charge (FEC). There is a recommendation that LLDC write to the boroughs and ask leaders of boroughs to also make a contribution. These letters are drafted and ready to go out to boroughs following the boundary consultation. The LLDC need to report quarterly to its Investment Committee on responding to the 9 recommendations in the FEC review. Next report coming up next month. There is also an annual report for FEC.
- 4.2.5. CMRA have asked to have a separate conversation around this.
 - 4.2.5.1. Chobham Manor and East Wick Phase 1 residents currently pay FEC.
- 4.3. Panel members suggested that LLDC are very transparent and they should stay chairing.

5. HWFI CDT Loop Update

- 5.1. Update from Alex Russel on the Hackney Wick and Fish Island Community Development Trust (HWFI CDT). *Presentation Shared with minutes.*
- 5.2. HWFI have developed a project called reroute to tackle issues of climate change through working at grassroots level with local businesses, groups and residents.
- 5.3. They are a small organisation, relying on people collaborating to pull out trials from local communities and scale the challenges.
- 5.4. Currently focusing on waste.
- 5.5. 3 projects:
 - 5.5.1. The Loop- circular economy hub
 - 5.5.2. Textile Reuse Hub and sustainable young makers- Circular textiles development skills
 - 5.5.3. Future food system- energy from food waste

- 5.6. Currently recruiting for [Programme Manager](#). Closing date 29th September.
- 5.7. Will have a call out for people and groups interested in contribution and collaborating to the Loop in October and are having early conversations now.
- 5.8. Q- When are you hoping to launch the loop and have it operational? Is it temporary in this location?
 - 5.8.1. A- Ideally would find a permanent home for the Loop but need to prove the concept works for this. The Wallis Rd hub is a temporary facility for a year or so. If UCL can back this pilot with some space it will be on the Park for 10 years. Also speaking to other developers and landowners to find a permanent home. Currently in negotiation of signing contracts but hoping to be in the Wallis Rd site by the end of the year.
- 5.9. Q- How can we reach you for the textile reuse hub and sustainability programme? What can we do if we want to get involved?
 - 5.9.1. A- promoted 20 different youth focused organisations over the summer and had 10 applications and hoping to announce in the next month once contracts finalised.
 - 5.9.2. Q- Will there be a second round or one off?
 - 5.9.3. A- For now a one off. Currently working on sustainably funded plan to continue programme.
- 5.10. Q- What's your funding model? How are you publicising because this is the first time hearing of this.
 - 5.10.1. A- Funded by GLA, LLDC and Shift primarily. Aim to get space then to have a funding model that would be sustainable. Really small organisation and very stretched. Advertise locally through publications and local networks. Did youth event with Rise Up East. Would love to be able to be more visible and hopefully will have more resource with a physical space. Would welcome any suggestions for how we could improve communications.
- 5.11. C- Suggestion to connect to Sandy Black from LCF. Action to connect.
- 5.12. Q- What's the practicality of food waste?
 - 5.12.1. A- The CDT will begin working with SILO, zero waste restaurant in Hackney Wick for the Loop project as they know how to manage food. We bring in experts with the skills to do the job. SILO will take food waste from the restaurants rather than individuals.

6. Park Update

- 6.1. The Park update was circulated and is *attached with the minutes*.
- 6.2. Public realm works in front of East Bank are now complete.
 - 6.2.1. Stratford Waterfront Management Company has been set up to manage East Bank. It is made up of representatives from each of the partners, the retail company (LLDC owned) and the LLDC. Each body will join the company as they take on their leases.
- 6.3. UCL East had opening today (Monday 19th September). UAL Students will be starting arrive week commencing the 25th September.
- 6.4. Post meeting updates:

- 6.4.1. *The 339 Bus route will run across Monier Road Bridge. Details can be found [here](#).*
- 6.4.2. *The school street scheme document produced by LB Hackney states that 'provision will be made for Blue Badge holders who require access to an address within the zone as visitors, to be added to the list of approved vehicles if they contact the Council to request this. However, Blue Badge holders who have not registered in advance have not been automatically able to enter during the times of operation. Officer site visits report there being no disabled parking spaces within the School Street zone.' The walking routes have level and well-surfaced footways, and dropped kerbs for those with mobility issues. More details in document attached with minutes.*

- 6.5. **LLDC Events** Updated forthcoming events list for the Park circulated ahead of the meeting and *attached*.
- 6.6. **Your Neighbourhood Talks (YNT)** will take place at the Building Craft College on the Carpenters Estate on the 27th of September. Wednesday evening from 6-8.30pm. There will be a showcase on CIL Neighbourhood Priority Fund projects. You can find out more information and sign up [here](#).

7. AOB

- 7.1. The Skate Park on Pool Street is a meanwhile use site and is managed by and on UCL land.
- 7.2. Q- It would be good to see plan of park developments in 5 years time. *Shared with minutes.*
- 7.3. Equans has been bought out by a series of companies. There will still be the same people on the ground for now. Further information will be provided in the new year.
- 7.4. C- It would be good to bring Ofgem in for management of this.

A- We will check and come back. *Post meeting update:

- 7.4.1. We will check and come back. *Post meeting update: Equans have agreed to sell their UK Energy (heating and cooling) division - known as "Equans Urban Energy" - to a consortium of Swiss Life Asset Managers and Schroders Greencoat, and, although both parties have agreed on the sale, the completion of the transaction is subject to relevant approvals. The new owners have made a statement recently confirming that they "remain committed to Urban Energy's net zero ambitions and plan to make investments in the coming years to support the continued decarbonisation and growth of both existing and new heat networks." In regards to Ofgem's future role as the Regulators for the District Heating Network sector, this is still being developed by the Government and we will know very soon what powers they will take and when as this will happen in a staggered manner. Further information can be found [here](#).
- 7.5. Q- Pudding Mill Lane (PML) update? Is it still the same scheme as a few years ago?
 - 7.5.1. A- Still working on Procurement for PML. Should have more information by November. It is still a mix of residential and commercial uses. There is a question around which direction the site is developed . ie East to west or west to east and whether ABBA arena will continue to run once work commences. We will feed back more info on this.

- 7.6. Q- Bow Goods Yards Planning number?
- 7.6.1. A- Will feed back this. Bow Goods Yards are also consulting in person at YNT next week on 27thSeptember. *Post meeting update- *The Bow Goods Yard Planning application is planned for Spring 2024. In the meantime, more information can be found [here](#).*
- 7.7. Q- Will there be a smaller scale Great Get Together this year?
- 7.7.1. A- We are planning for an event of the same size next year but currently trying to find funding from local Partners.
- 7.8. Q- Would really like Hopkins Field to remain dogs off lead but needs to be signed off by Hackney.
- 7.8.1. A- Thread from Peter Tudor will be sent to JH and will be picked up internally.
- 7.9. Q- What is the Park policy on dogs?
- 7.9.1. A- Dogs on lead except Hopkins Field, under the boroughs regulations for each part of the Park.
- 7.10. Q- Request from EVT for S106 for community centre. *Will send this on separately.*
- 7.11. Q- Snoozebox very busy and noisy and a lot of litter on weekends.
- 7.11.1. A- We have managed to remove 'after party' sign at the property. Newham managing noise complaints. LLDC are feeding in where they can.
- 7.12. Q- City Mill River is full of weed and litter. It seems the canal was not cleaned over summer.
- 7.12.1. A- Will follow this up. * Post meeting update- *City Mill River is cleaned regularly by Idverde, the Parks landscape maintenance contractor. Due to this part of the river not being tidal, weed and litter washes straight back to this area as soon as the lock upstream is activated. The LLDC are currently in meetings with both Idverde and the CRT, who manage the lock further up, to try to resolve this issue.*
- 7.13. Q- DLR making double thud noise as it crosses the bridge over the canal by Otter Close, from around 5am every morning.
- 7.13.1. A- LLDC unable to influence this. Suggestion to write to TFL and DLR.

Actions

Meeting item	Action	Lead	Update
Minutes	July Minutes sign off- send on any comments by end of week	ALL	<i>Attached with minutes</i>
Roach Point Bridge	Share Presentation	JH	<i>Attached with minutes</i>
HWFI CDT Update	Share Presentation	JH	<i>Attached with minutes</i>
HWFI CDT Update	Connect for LCF contact	JH	<i>Done</i>
Park Updates	Share updates document	JH	<i>Attached with minutes</i>
Park Updates	Monier Road Bridge bus route	JH	<i>Noted above as post meeting update</i>
Park Updates	Mossbourne School Street Blue Badge query	JH	<i>Noted above as post meeting update</i>

AOB	Follow up conversation with CMRA re FEC	MC	
AOB	Projected Park map with developments	JH	<i>Attached with minutes</i>
AOB	Ofgem Query	JH	<i>Noted above as post meeting update</i>
AOB	Bow Yards Planning number	JH	<i>Noted above as post meeting update</i>
AOB	Dog Park Follow up	JH	<i>Noted above</i>
AOB	EVT S106 Request	JH	<i>Noted above as post meeting update</i>
AOB	City Mill River query	JH	<i>Noted above as post meeting update</i>

Next meetings dates

13th November 2023

8th January 2024