

MINUTES

London Legacy Development Corporation

Meeting title: Park Panel May 2023

Meeting date: Monday 15th May 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
- Elevate Youth Board
- Iron Works Residents Association
- East Wick
- Manor Gardening Society at Pudding Mill
- Stratford Original BID

LLDC

Peter Tudor (PT)

Jacque Holland (JH)

Nathan Homer (NH)

Esther Everett (EE)

External

Alan Skewis (Stadium)

Tommo (Barge East)

Robert Bland (Barge East)

Apologies:

- Trowbridge Senior Citizens Club
- Otter Close RA
- East Village Trust
- Glasshouse Gardens
- Omega Works
- Hackney Wick Community Development Trust (CDT)
- The Yard Theatre (Hub 67 + The Hall)
- Creative Wick

1. Introductions

- 1.1. Peter Tudor welcomed everyone to the Park Panel meeting and LLDC's offices. The minutes of the meeting of 13th March were approved and will be posted on the Park

website. Some further thoughts on the IQL North Presentation are listed below in AOB. *Final minutes attached and uploaded online.*

2. LLDC South Park Spaces

2.1. Presentation from Nathan Homer and Esther Everett on proposed South Park spaces on the Park. *Presentation attached with minutes.*

2.1.1. The LLDC is exploring repurposing the spaces in the South Park to enhance facilities and visitor experience.

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

2.2. School children

2.2.1. Suggestion to explore how to build on the experiences of school children visiting the Park so they return with their parents..

2.2.2. General interest in a base for school children to leave bags and belongings as this topic has been popular with consultation so far.

2.3. Suggestion to look at the Science Museum as an example which has many facilities for visiting children and young people. **Signage and Wayfinding**

2.3.1. A popular topic in the research so far.

2.3.2. There are maps and signposting on the Park but they are static and provide no updates about the latest news and events for people in the Park.

2.3.3. The LLDC is looking to link North and South Park through wayfinding and making users' experience as seamless as possible.

2.3.4. Park has already done amazing work and is very popular. Would be good to see how wayfinding in Stratford Centre feeds into the Park. This is also being considered in the Stratford Station redevelopment.

2.4. Funding

2.4.1. Q- Who is funding this and what will cost be of maintaining spaces? Residents might want clarity on how this relates the Fixed Estate Charge (FEC)There could be some local concerns on these proposals in relation to FEC.

A- Aim is not to spend high level of LLDC capital on this. The idea is to spend low level to make more effective spaces and potentially partner with investors on the Park. Any changes will need to be cost effective and enable the Park to run more effectively overall. It is a corporate objective for the Park to be financially sustainable.

2.4.2. C- If this is going to lead to a greater commercialisation on the Park, may raise the question of reduction in FEC contributions in the future.

2.5. Purpose

2.5.1. Q- what's driving this agenda? Is it fundraising? What problem is this trying to solve?

2.5.2. Q- Is there no way existing buildings around the Park can't be repurposed rather than adding structures or changing parts of the Park?

A- This is about enhancing what's already existing on the Park and adapting what we have already. It is not about building many new buildings on the Park. There will be further work assessing the assets we

have on the Park. We are definitely hearing that the Park is great and we are working to enhance that.

2.6. **Engagement**

2.6.1. C- FEC payers should be seen as investors on the Park. How will they be feeding into this strategically?

2.6.2. LLDC is engaging with a range of groups to get as much feedback as possible on the proposals, including East Bank partners, Elevate, etc. This is the first phase of engagement.

2.7. **North Park**

2.7.1. Overwhelming feedback that the North Park is working and to leave it as it is. The only request has been better signage, which the LLDC is working on. This is why this work is focused on South Park.

2.7.2. C- FEC payer priority is for North Park want to be seen as less commercial area of the Park and always remain green as is.

2.7.3. C- There is much interest in considering how we might also bring to life the fact the Park was the Olympic host venue (including maybe a further set of Olympic rings) to the South of the Park where they can be more easily found.

2.8. **Usage**

2.8.1. C- Would be good to support community led initiatives to attract more people to come to the Park, eg multi-use spaces that the community with no cost/charges. This will also bring another layer of creativity.

2.8.2. C- Will get better local use of the Park by having more permanent facilities on the Park rather than individual event based infrastructure. Eg: Car boot fair that happens regularly week after week or plant market that returns all the time. Would be good to create spaces where people can come on a regular basis to hold regular events to build community.

2.9. **Next Steps**

2.9.1. Looking to be testing this further during the year and will return to Park Panel before the year end and feedback on project status.

2.9.2. Will have an indication then of how comments have and will be fed in and timelines.

3. **London Stadium Solar Panels**

3.1. Presentation from Alan Skewis from London Stadium on the new solar panel installation plans and general Stadium Sustainability Strategy. *Presentation attached with minutes.*

3.2. Main points:

3.2.1. Solar Panels on stadium roof as part of wider Stadium and Mayoral sustainability strategy.

3.2.2. This sits specifically under objective 2 of the Stadium Sustainability Strategy- Onsite renewal energy generation.

3.2.3. **Timeline:**

- 3.2.3.1. Application to Mayor for GLA funding over summer.
- 3.2.3.2. Tender and appoint October/November 2023
- 3.2.3.3. Start building from January/February 2024
- 3.2.4. Having discussion with planners and will submit for planning when final design has been approved in next few months.

Comments (C) & Questions (Q)

- 3.2.5. C- The lighter solar membrane is about half the weight of regular solar panels- although solar panels are evolving rapidly.
- 3.2.6. Most of the funding will come through the GLA Green Finance Fund for reducing carbon emissions as well as the LLDC Carbon Offset Fund (which has funded other panels around the stadium). This is a London Stadium initiative not linked to West Ham FC.
- 3.2.7. Have modelled the energy creation and it seems the Stadium will use all energy generated. West ham do not pay for floodlights directly, energy is included within fixed rent as part of a 99 year agreement.
- 3.2.8. Currently no plans to buy storage batteries, but may review in future if generating more than using. Could be stored for use on even days or for grow lights.
- 3.2.9. Pitch grow lights run October to March when light is lower. Plan is to also replace grow lights with something more energy efficient at the end of their life.
- 3.2.10. Q- Any relation or synergies with Shift Innovation District.
A- No but open to collaborate. JH to share Shift details with Alan.

4. Barge East Vineyard and Garden Expansion

- 4.1. Presentation from Tommo from Barge East (BE). *Presentation attached with minutes.*
- 4.2. Main points:
 - 4.2.1. looking to expand and create a vineyard, on the land behind where Barge East currently is towards Bassett Lane, with an aim to be more sustainable and creating more local jobs.
 - 4.2.2. Will submit planning application in next month or two. Trying to incorporate as many comments and feedback in as possible.

Comments (C) & Questions (Q)

- 4.3. Q- How much will actually be vineyard and how much will be to just have more covers with seating?
 - 4.3.1. A- This is a commercial undertaking, we are putting up capital for this. It has been designed with aesthetics and care in mind and BE want vineyard to have more vines and be a nice spot to sit for all locals, not just customers.

4.3.2. Q- How will the amount of rubbish that Barge East creates be addressed? Have seen staff throwing plastic cups in the canal and amount of litter is saddening. Would be great for BE to take a bigger role and be more proactively responsible.

4.3.3. A- Every morning and evening after service we do litter picks all along the bank beyond site. Have increased electricity supply on site so will have reusable polycarbonate cups instead of one use. Hoping this will reduce litter. We are responsible business owners and try to take care of area as much as possible.

4.3.4. Q- Can you reassure us on signage to avoid commercialisation from big UK winery wanting footfall in London?

4.3.4.1. A- Actively and fiercely independent so won't be taking sponsorship from big commercial operators. Have already turned sponsors down.

4.3.5. Q- How will you support access of pedestrians and cyclists on the pedestrian ramp to the canal towpath?

4.3.5.1. A- Access will be maintained at all times.

4.3.6. Q- How long will you be on site?

4.3.6.1. A- Intention to be a part of the HWFI community forever. Business for the long term. Barge East is tied to a lease with LLDC which runs until end of 2026, but hope to be here for a lot longer than this.

4.3.7. **PT-** Thames Water main runs parallel with the canal so no permanent structures will ever get built in this area. Marshgate Terrace closes later this year, and Sweetwater homes will be built alongside in due course.

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; Carpenters Road and UAL in Waterfront site opens in September. Sadler's Wells in the winter and the V&A East Storehouse (at Here East) opens in 2024. 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 planter beds. Planters and trees are nearing completion around LAC. Most of this area should be resurfaced in the next 2-3 weeks. Bigger planters over railway will be installed and the area will be resurfaced through to August. Hoarding will be coming down by Sadler's Wells in the next couple of months.
- 5.2.3. History tree Endeavour Square - PT is meeting with the artists to discuss the next steps for replacing the tree and the ring.
- 5.2.4. Hostile Vehicle Mitigation (bollards) are being installed in locations in the south of the Park.
- 5.2.5. Resurfacing: Stour Bridge resurfacing is under way. London Stadium Bridges 1 and 5 will be resurfaced during the year.
- 5.2.6. Lighting and lamp posts have been replaced on Eastcross bridge.
- 5.2.7. South Park underpass behind UCL is expected to open by year end.

- 5.2.8. Q- What are the joined up cycle routes and way through the Park and around Copper Street particularly.
- 5.2.9. A- PT- colleague Monique chairs Sustainable Active Transport Group and is managing cycle strategy through the Park. Request for her to come to a future meeting. * Post meeting update- Monique will be attending July's meeting.
- 5.2.10. Here East hoarding at rear of V&A East Storehouse will come down in the summer and cycle lanes will be back in use.
- 5.2.11. Station entrance started works this morning on east side of the station near Carpenters Estate.

LLDC Events

- 5.2.12. Great Get Together will take place on 1st July

6. AOB

- 6.1. Wellbeing Walks- Park Champions are conducting wellbeing walks in the north of the park which are very different from their usual walks. These are social prescribing type walks with groups of 2-3 people (not for large groups). The focus is on enjoying the flora and fauna of the park.
- 6.2. UCL branding on Thornton Bridge: an objection was raised to this. PT confirmed that UCL have consent for this for the first year of the campus being open.
- 6.3. Bridgewater consultation event? This didn't end up happening as talks are on hold. JH will feed back when consultation goes back live and of any events.
- 6.4. IQL North Hadley Developments- Questions to be fed back to LLDC Panning on Hadley presentation from previous meeting. Is 50% affordable achievable and how do we hold them to this? How will it be achieved?
- 6.5. LLDC residents' newsletter: Action to share Park News digitally as some residents not received in the mail. [Residents Information | Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park](#)
- 6.6. Q- MSG Sphere update? A- No update from previous minutes.
- 6.7. Q- Request for information on when East Wick Phase II construction will commence.
- 6.7.1. A- Will feed back when there is more information.

Actions

Meeting item	Action	Lead	Update
LLDC South Park Animation	Share Presentation	JH	<i>Link attached with minutes</i>
London Stadium Solar Panels	Share Presentation	JH	<i>Link attached with minutes</i>
Barge East	Share Presentation	JH	<i>Link attached with minutes</i>
Park Updates	Share updates document	JH	<i>Attached with minutes</i>
AOB			

Next meetings dates

10th July 2023-
18th September 2023
13th November 2023