



To all Members of the Place Committee (Councillors Sandra Bynoe (Chair), Gill Fitzhugh (Vice-chair), Roger Diamond, Emma Sweeney, John McArdle and Stella Wilson) with copies to all other Councillors for information

You are hereby summoned to attend a **Meeting** of the **Place Committee** to be held at **St Jude's Hall, 71 Ilbert Street, W10 4QH** on 12th July 2023

Shuwanna Aaron, Director

05 July 2023

AGENDA

PL 01 23/24	Apologies for absence – to receive and approve any apologies for absence from councillors.
PL 02 23/24	Declarations of interest – to note any Declarations of Interest or Dispensations granted in respect of any item on the Agenda.
PL 03 23/24	Minutes of the previous meetings – to consider for approval the minutes of the Place Committee Meetings held on 21 September 2022 for confirmation and signing as a correct record.
PL 04 23/24	Public session – to receive any questions, representations or petitions from members of the Public. <i>(Members of the Public may speak for up to 3 minutes at the discretion of the Chair).</i>
PL 05 23/24	Financial Report – to receive a report of current financial position.
PL 06 23/24	Reports regarding Contractors – to receive updates regarding contractors.
PL 07 23/24	Planning Working Group – to receive a report from the Planning Working Group.
PL 08 23/24	Working Groups – to receive verbal reports from the Air, Environment and Climate Emergency Working Group, Public and Community Arts Working Group.
PL 09 23/24	Air Quality Monitoring Report – to receive a report on the most recent figures of the Air Quality Monitoring.
PL 10 23/24	Chair's Report – to receive a verbal report from the Chair.
PL 11 23/24	Officers' Report – to receive a verbal report from the Officers.

QUEEN'S PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Place Committee Meeting held at St Jude's Community Hall, 71 Illbert St
On **Wednesday 8 February 2023** commencing at 18:00

Present: Councillors John McArdle (Chair), Samantha Alleyne, Roger Diamond, Gill Fitzhugh, Ryan Dalton.

Also present: Shuwanna Aaron (Director), Elysse Graves (Community Developments Officer), Ray Lancashire, Taitu Mckenzie and one member of the public.

PL 34 22/23 Apologies for absence – Councillor Sandra Bynoe (Vice Chair) would like to issue apology of absence.

PL 35 22/23 Declarations of interest – Councillor John McArdle declares a conflict of interest as the returning finance officer.

PL 36 22/23 Minutes of the previous meetings – Minutes for the previous meeting are approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

PL 37 22/23 Public session – A member of the public has mentioned that the minutes for the committee meetings were difficult to find online.

The Proper Officer confirmed that the Council's new website is in the process of being designed and will make finding meeting papers more straightforward.

PL 38 22/23 Financial Report – Finance report was circulated as part of the meeting's papers and accepted as read. The RFO talked through some key areas of the report to be noted, specifically that project income had fallen short of what was budgeted.

RESOLVED THAT the report be NOTED.

PL 39 22/23 Reports from contractors – The proper officer noted that Canine Culture will not renew its contract after it ends on March 31st due to retirement of the lead coordinator. A tender will be made for a new contractor of the Dog Strategy. It was also noted that Hammersmith Community Gardens reported:

- 115 hours from volunteers during weekly sessions
- Evidence that foxes are feeding in the rose garden which they have contacted Westminster City Council to look into prevention methods.
- Positive results of the sliding scale of donations for wreath making at Winter Festival
- Progress on the presentation of the Queen's Park in Bloom winning street plaque (2022)
- Continued work with Friends of Queen's Park

The proper Officer will be meeting with HCGA to discuss the plans going forward for Queen's Park in Bloom and support for other community gardening projects.

RESOLVED THAT – the report be NOTED

PL 40 22/23 Planning Working Group – Chair of the Working Group noted there were problems in December with the City Council's system so QPCC was not notified of planning applications. This has been fixed with a new Planning@queensparkcommunitycouncil.gov.uk inbox has been created to streamline all planning communications. The guidance on planning in the conservation area is due to be updated

RESOLVED THAT – the report be NOTED.

PL 41 22/23 Working Groups – The Coordinator of the Air Quality Working Group reported that the last set of monitoring tubes were taken and will be sent off for analysis.

A member of the public questioned how the data was being used communicated more widely and was informed that data has been provided to the City Council in the past but is primarily used internally. A member of the public suggested that the name of the Climate and Emergency Working group be changed to Climate and Ecological Working Emergency Group to allow the working group to include more areas of concern and encourage action and responsiveness from residents.

RESOLVED THAT – the report be NOTED.

PL 42 22/23 Chair's Report – The Chair of the Committee highlighted that Westminster City Council are consulting on splitting the Dog Run within the Queen's Park Gardens and will be hosting a meeting to discuss plans with residents. The City Council is working alongside Battersea Dog Centre and will create a space sensory stimulation for Dogs if the consultation is successful.

A Ward Councillor highlighted the Council's North Paddington Project which is set to see heavy investment in Queen's Park and neighbouring wards.

PL 43 22/23 Officers' Report – Officers report was circulated in the meeting's papers and accepted as read. The proper Officer outlined key areas of the report including the City Council's trial of dog waste bins on various Streets across Queen's Park, delays to Play streets designations on Ashmore Road and ongoing disrepair in Lancefield Gardens which has been communicated to the City Council.

Meeting closed at 19:17

Signed by.....

Date.....

Councillor John McArdle (Chair of Place Committee)
22/23

Minute Ref: PL 24 –33



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Place Committee November 2022
PL34-PL43 22/23

Report To:	Queen's Park Community Council		
Title:	Finance Report for June 2023		
Purpose:	For Information		
Author:	Cllr John McArdle, Responsible Financial Officer		
Date of Meeting	Place 12 July 2023	Agenda Item	PL05 – 23/24

1 Summary

This report summarises the current financial position at the end of June 2023.'

2 Recommendations

That the contents be noted.

3 Background

- 3.1 A Finance Report is presented to each meeting of the Council, including committee meetings. Until now these have set out the key issues to be noted, together with the regularity context and with detailed figures as an appendix.
- 3.2 This approach is being revised and only the core content will be presented, with the detailed figures circulated separately and published on the Council's website. This is to reduce the number of pages to be read in each meeting pack.

4 Current Financial Position

- 4.1 We are now one quarter into 2023/24 and finances are generally in line with the revised budget. All figures have been reconciled to the bank account and the VAT return has been submitted.
- 4.2 The current forecast is for income of £227,522 which is an increase of 1% on the budget of £226,106 demonstrating that the increased focus on revenue generation is starting to bear fruit. The precept due from the City Council was paid in early June, although we are having difficulty in obtaining the CIL payments and may have to escalate this.
- 4.3 On current projections expenditure will be £201,633 which is only 92% of the approved budget of £218,956. If this course is held it will leave some funding available for additional activity although the position will be clearer on completion of the second quarter as the summer is traditionally a busy time.

Report To:	Place Committee		
Title:	Report regarding contractors		
Purpose:	To Discuss		
Author:	Shuwanna Aaron		
Date of Meeting	12/07/2023	Agenda Item	PL 06 23/24

1. Summary

This report outlines the current status of the Council's two contractors whose activities fall under the remit of the Place Committee and recommends that the Committee discusses the future of these areas of work.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. That the Committee discusses the areas of work of HCGA and Canine Culture and makes suggestions on the future of these contracts and areas of work which the forward planning working group will discuss in an upcoming meeting - and for which recommendation will be made to the Council meeting in October.

3. Background

- 3.1. Queen's Park Community Council first contracted HCGA in 2016 to enhance of the Rose Garden in the Queen's Park Gardens – an area of the Gardens which was previously unmaintained and overgrown. The Community Gardener leading this project, Ulla Johnson has recently retired from HCGA and will be replaced by a new Community Gardener yet to be determined.
- 3.2. The HCGA contract with QPCC is due to be renewed at the end of July 2023.
- 3.3. At the May Meeting of the Council it was suggested that the Council revisit the terms of and need for the HCGA contract and potential alternatives for community gardening.
- 3.4. The Community Council has previously contracted Canine Culture to facilitate the Dog Strategy.
- 3.5. The contract with Canine Culture ended in March 2023 and has not been renewed as the provider has retired.
- 3.6. At the Meeting of the Full Council in May 2023, given that no contract was live, and with wider consideration of budget and impact the Council voted to cut the Dog Strategy budget to £500.
- 3.7. At the Council Meeting in January 2022 the Council instructed the proper officer to carry out market testing on both contracts – this testing has yet to begin.

Report To:	Queen's Park Community Council – Place Committee		
Title:	Planning Working Group Report		
Purpose:	For Information		
Author:	Councillor John McArdle – Planning Working Group Coordinator		
Date of Meeting	12 July 2023	Agenda Item	PL07 – 23/24

1 Summary

This report provides an update on the activity of the Planning Working Group.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the report be noted.

3 Background

- 3.1 The Council is a statutory consultee on all planning applications submitted within Queen's Park, and delegates the task of commenting to the Planning Working Group.
- 3.2 The comments are publicly available on the planning database maintained by the City Council and are not repeated here to cut down on the number of pages presented to meetings of this Committee. Arrangements are being made to publish a list of those consulted on to the planning page on the Council's website and this should be in place shortly.
- 3.3 Since the start of 2023 the Council has been consulted on 27 applications.

4 Other Planning Matters

- 4.1 The Council has responded to a government consultation on short lets supporting tighter regulation as this will help maintain the supply of family homes and also protect residents from the adverse impacts of a proliferation of 'holiday homes'.
- 4.2 The Council has written to Project Flourish, the developers of the Sainsbury's site in North Kensington, asking that the impacts on Queen's Park be recognised and requesting copies of the impact assessments. It is not known whether QPCC will be consulted on this development as it lies outside our area but we do not have the resources to undertake detailed assessments or to undertake publicity campaigns on behalf of any stakeholder.

Report To:	Place Committee		
Air Quality	Air Quality Monitoring Report		
Purpose:	To Note		
Author:	Shuwanna Aaron		
Date of Meeting	12/07/2023	Agenda Item	PL 09 23/24

1. Summary

This report outlines the results of the most recent air quality monitoring.

2. Recommendations

2.1. That the committee notes the report.

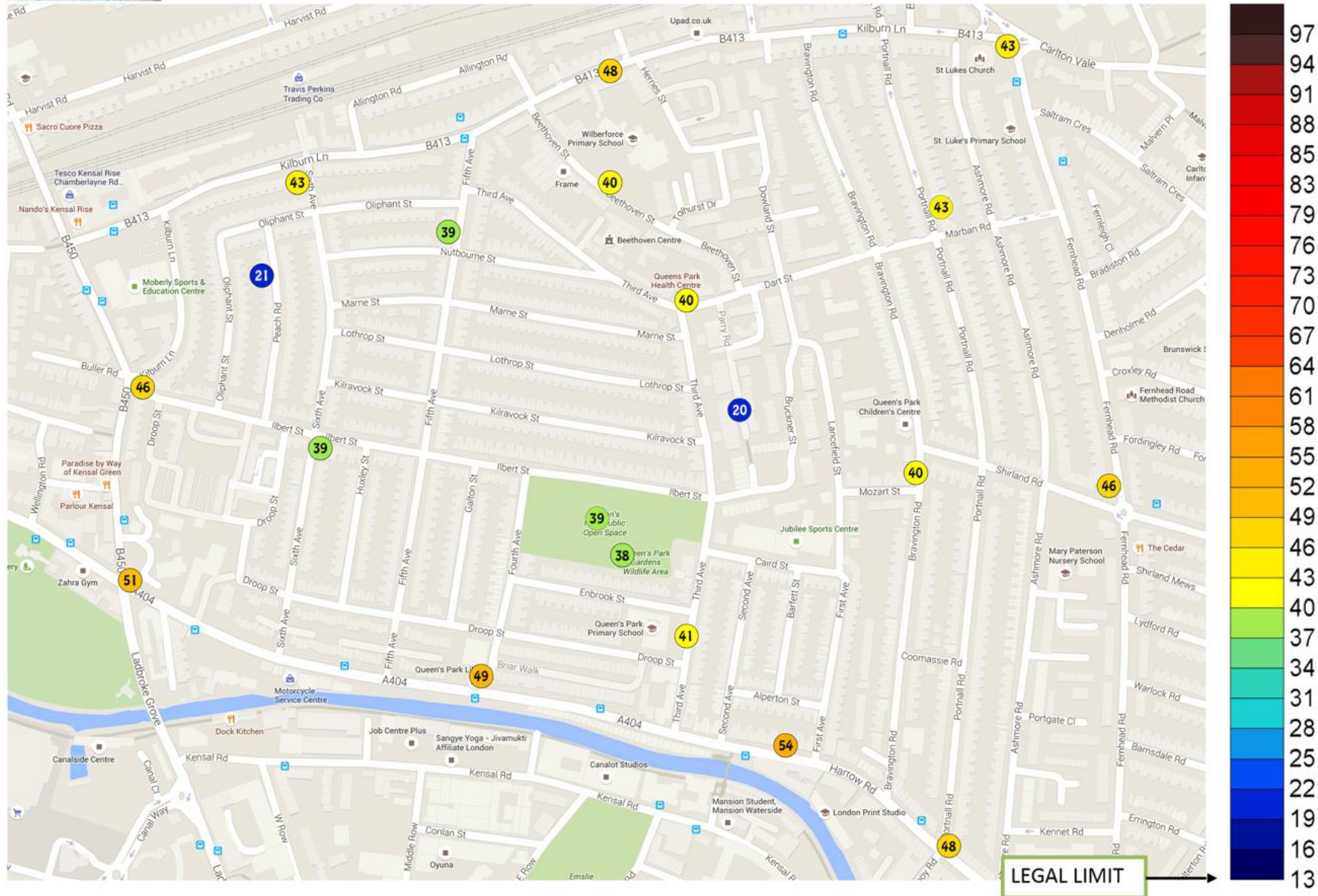
3. Background

- 3.1. During the month of January 2023, the Air Quality Working Group carried out the second of bi annual study measuring pollution levels at various points around the ward. The study revealed that levels of Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) concentration over the month were dramatically higher than in our previous study (June 2022). In large part this can be attributed to the increase in traffic due to the colder weather and the burning of natural gas in house-hold boilers.
- 3.2. The map Appendix A shows the location of each monitoring station in the Ward, the colour and number of each pin reflects the concentration of Nitrogen Dioxide measured in that location. The concentrations recorded can be compared to the scale on the right which indicates the level of pollution compared to the legal limit. The legal limit set by the European Union is 40 µg/m³ measured in Micrograms per Cubic Meter of Air and is shown on the scale.
- 3.3. In addition to external monitoring, internal monitoring was carried out in the homes of two volunteers.
- 3.4. The results of this round of monitoring showed (Appendix B) :
 - Internal air quality, reached at least 50% of the legal limit.
 - Four areas were below the legal limit
 - Fourteen areas exceeded the legal limit.
 - The Monitoring station outside St. John's Church on the junction of Harrow Road and Kilburn Lane continues to be an area of concerns and has seen an increase of 54% on previous measurements and continues to show NO₂ levels exceeding the EU's legal limit



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These measurements were taken over a four week period:
11th January 2023 – 8th February 2023



Appendix B

Queen's Park Nitrogen Dioxide pollution levels as percentage of EU Legal Limit (Monthly Mean NO₂ 40 µg/m³)

