



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 **8th November 2023**

Shuwanna Aaron, Director

01 November 2023

AGENDA

PL 23 23/24	Apologies for absence – to receive and approve any apologies for absence from councillors.
PL 24 23/24	Declarations of interest – to note any Declarations of Interest or Dispensations granted in respect of any item on the Agenda.
PL 25 23/24	Minutes of the previous meetings – to consider for approval the minutes of the Place Committee Meetings held on 12 th July and 11 th October 2023 for confirmation and signing as a correct record.
PL 26 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 27 23/24	Financial Report – to receive a verbal report of current financial position.
PL 28 23/24	Contractors Report – to receive a verbal report regarding the Hammersmith Community Gardens Association Contract.
PL 29 23/24	Public Realm Improvements – to discuss and make recommendation on areas of Public Realm improvements to be pursued in collaboration with Westminster City Council.
PL 30 23/24	E-scooter and e-bike Parking Experimental Traffic Order – to discuss and make observations, comments and raise concerns.
PL 31 23/24	Planning Working Group – to receive a report from the Planning Working Group.
PL 32 23/24	Working Groups – to receive verbal reports from the Air, Environment and Climate Emergency Working Group, Public and Community Arts Working Group.
PL 33 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 12 July 2023** commencing at 18:00

Present: Councillors Sandra Bynoe (Chair), Roger Diamond, Emma Sweeney, and Stella Wilson.

Also present: Shuwanna Aaron (Proper Officer) Ella Rayner and Katherine Brion (Community Development Interns) ad three members of the public

PL 01 23/24 – Apologies for absence – Councillor McArdle and Fitzhugh apologies for absence were read by the Proper Officer. The apologies for absence were seconded.

RESOLVED THAT – The apologies be APPROVED.

PL 02 23/24 – Declarations of interest – No declarations were issued.

PL 03 23/24 - Minutes of the previous meetings – The Minutes of the previous meeting were seconded.

RESOLVED THAT – The Minutes be APPROVED.

PL 04 23/24 – Public session – No questions were posed during the meeting. No questions were issued via the website or email prior to the meeting. The Proper Officer provided an update on questions posed at January's Council Meeting concerning lengthening the time and installing audio at the pedestrians crossing and repairing the directional filter at the junction where Kilburn and Harrow Road meet. TFL has advised that "The traffic light is running as per specification, that there is no audible as the crossings operates in different phases and it would cause confusion and is potentially dangerous to visually impaired people. Regarding the directional filter TFL reported that the directional arrows is fully functional and only comes on at Pole 14 when certain traffic management plans are implemented based on traffic volume/time of day etc."

PL 05 23/24 – Financial Report – In the absence of the RFO, the Proper Officer provided the financial report outlining that the first quarter spending is on track, and that £8736 was successful fundraised from the National Lottery. The report was seconded.

RESOVED THAT – *The report be NOTED.*

PL 06 23/24 – Reports regarding Contractors – The Proper Officer delivered a report recommending the Committee considers the impact of the ongoing contract with Hammersmith Community Gardens Association and make recommendations

about the terms of the contract in order to promote sustainability and increase impact of the work undertaken through the contract. Councillors discussed the various outcomes achieved by the contact agreeing that enhancement in the park should be maintained due to the positive impact on the community. Councillors agree that the enhancement of Queen's Park Gardens should ideally sit with the City Council, but that QPCC should continue this area of work until such time that the City Council takes on responsibility. Regarding the Dog Strategy contract, the Committee recommends that the Council seeks ways to provide training courses and other educational services for dog owners, and combat anti-social behavior and dog fouling issues through educational/informational avenues. The Committee agreed that patrolling and enforcement efforts should be the remit of the City Council only. The Committee agrees that QPCC should continue to lobby for the return of Dog Waste Bins. The report was seconded.

RESOLVE THAT – The report be NOTED.

PL 07 23/24 – Planning Working Group – In the absence of the Planning Working Group coordinator, the Proper Officer delivered the report. The Working Group coordinator contacted the developers at Project Flourish to gain information about the developments' impact on transport and services and it's affects on the residents of Queen's Park. The Developers issued the working group with an information sheet highlighting responses to questions posed at various consultation meeting and an invitation for QPCC councilors to attend a meeting to discuss further. Members of the public raised concerns about the environmental impact of the development. Specifically, air pollution relating to the release of toxic waste which was historically buried at the site. Suggestions were made that QPCC writes to Kensington and Chelsea Council to raise its concerns and ascertain further information regarding the development and its impact assessment. The report was seconded.

RESOLVE THAT – The report be NOTED.

PL 08 23/24 – Working Groups – The Proper Officer delivered a report on behalf of the Working Groups highlighting that:

- The Public and Community Arts working group has not met since its last meeting, but plans for a Community theatre project were being put in place.
- The Air, Environment and Climate emergency working group has also not yet met, the working group will facilitate a workshop following this meeting and a report will subsequently be made available to the Committee.

PL 09 23/24 - Air Quality Monitoring Report – Ray Lancashire delivered a report on the latest results of the Air Quality monitoring. The Monitoring data revealed that *levels of nitrogen dioxide were higher than the six months prior potentially a result of increased cars use due to cold weather.* The full report is available on the Council's website. The report was seconded.

RESOLVE THAT – The report be NOTED.

PL 10 23/24 – Chair's Report – The Chair provided a short update on their work facilitating Street Play sessions on Ashmore Road. The report was seconded.

RESOLVED THAT – The report be NOTED.

PL 11 23/24 – Officer’s Report – The Proper Officer delivered a report outlining development in various areas of work including:

- That the new deadline for Play Street designation is now April 2024
- QPCC supporting resident’s involvement in an internal air quality monitoring study.
- *Updates from Monthly meeting with WCC Parks team regarding the development of shared usage agreement for the Park Hut.*
- *Updates on the Community Clean-up Project*
- *The start of the Big Garden Clean-up Project*
- *The Public and Community Arts working group is developing a theatre project*

Meeting closed at 19:32

Signed by.....

Date.....

Councillor Sandra Bynoe (Chair of Place Committee)

Minute Ref: PL01 –11 23/24



QUEEN'S PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Place Committee Meeting held at St Jude's Community Hall, 71 Illbert St

on **Wednesday 11 October** commencing at 18:00

Present: Councillors Sandra Bynoe (Chair), Cllr John McArdle

Also present: Shuwanna Aaron (Proper Officer) Cllr Samantha Alleyne, and two member of the public

THIS MEETING WAS NO QUORATE AND WAS SUBSEQUENTLY CANCELLED.

Signed by.....

Date.....

Councillor Sandra Bynoe (Chair of Place Committee)

Minute Ref: PL12 –22 23/24

Report To:	Place Committee		
Title:	Experimental Traffic Order		
Purpose:	To note		
Author:	Cathy Maund		
Date of Meeting	8 November	Agenda Item	PL28 23/24

1. Summary

An overview of HCGA activities since June 2023.

2. Recommendations

That the Committee notes the report, and outlines any comments, concerns or feedback to the contractor

3. Activities since last report

3.1 Staffing

As you know Ulla decided to leave at the end of June and we held a nice event to make this. After one false start I am delighted that Megan Felton has taken on the role for us. Megan has worked for HCGA for 2 years and also runs our hospital bedside gardening programme and the Westbourne Park Allotments

3.2 Activities

Some of the regular volunteers were away during the summer so sessions were quieter but they have pick up now. HCGA have introduced a new monitoring system can now better track volunteer hours.

7 volunteers including some of the Friends helped with judging the London in Bloom competition and were were able to put on a good display at the QP Festival of winning entries which included some tree pits for the first time. Ilbert and and Portnall Streets tied for first place and we are currently arranging for plaques to be put up. We were able to give away more than 200 plants to prize winners who came to collect despite the weather.

On 7th September Megan attended a walk about with the Friends and Park contractors.

One of the issues that the friends have identified is misuse of the compost bins (people wanting to compost cat litter) We have come up with a proposed solution, lockable gates which one of our volunteers is currently constructing. We also ordering bulbs and shrubs on behalf of the Friends so they can benefit from the trade discounts.

On the 28th September we held a corporate volunteering day with 10 volunteers from Faithful and Gould and they were able to tackle lots of weeding. We are still receiving requests so hope to be able to arrange another session before Christmas.

The orchard is now 4 years old and the trees are very well established and we are planning to make some membrillo from when the quince have been harvested.

We are planning to be at the Christmas Fair on the 9th December with the ever popular wreath making activities and will also plan something festive for the volunteers

Report To:	Place Committee		
Title:	Public Realm improvements		
Purpose:	To discuss and recommend		
Author:	Shuwanna Aaron		
Date of Meeting	8 November	Agenda Item	PL29 23/24

1. Summary

The City Council's Place Shaping team is developing a Public Realm Strategy that outlines priority projects in Queen's Park, Harrow Road and Westbourne, presenting an opportunity for the QPCC to receive the backing it needs to pursue the public realm's ambition of the Neighbourhood Plan.

2. Recommendations

That the Committee discusses the options and outlines an order of priority for local the public realm improvements.

3. Background

3.1 The Queen's Park Neighbourhood Plan - adopted in the 2021 community wide referendum - outlines several policies pertaining to public realm improvements that the Community Council aims to pursue between 2020 and 2040, namely:

1) Policy 2.5:

To continue the support of planting and replacement of damaged trees. QPCC is working with Westminster City Council and the Westminster Tree Trust to plant new trees throughout the area. QPCC will work with Westminster City Council to develop a clear and coherent tree planting plan for Harrow Road. In the longer term, there is a plan to plant more trees when the area of Queen's Park in Kilburn Lane is developed.

2) Policy 2.7

That Public art be "used to enhance the area primarily via functional items that are of practical nature: bridges (for instance over the canal); benches (a bench project in the park and potentially in other shared spaces that might be created in traffic calming schemes) and other street furniture; fences and entrance arches and gates that could emphasise the friendly nature and accessibility of Queen's Park Gardens. Within areas such as the Rose Garden or Children's Playground sound art pieces or play sculptures would be supported as they are far less expensive to insure. Murals in different types of media can easily be incorporated on playground walls or green areas, and would also be looked upon favourably. There are several positions throughout the ward that could benefit immediately from this type of project and potentially many more that might be created.

3) Policy 3.3

"To work with Westminster City Council planning committee to produce a design guide for the conservation area of Canal Terrace that agrees a shop front design for the ground floor of the front and back of the terrace

3.2 Since the Neighbourhood Plan was adopted other ideas have been put forward by Councillors for public realm improvements, including greening walls on Dart Street, Ilbert Street and Droop Street, Murals, and tree-pit planting, among others.

3.3. As part of the North Paddington Programme, The City Council's Place Shaping team is pursuing a public realm strategy which covers Queen's Park, Harrow Road and Westbourne. The strategy aims to define priority projects, and presents an excellent opportunity for QPCC to put onto the agenda, projects outlined in the neighbourhood plan and any projects identified since the plan was published.

3.4 As the Principle Authority, Westminster City Council is charged with supporting the Community Council's achievement the policies outlined within the Neighbourhood Plan

Report To:	Place Committee		
Title:	Experimental Traffic Order		
Purpose:	To discuss and recommend		
Author:	Shuwanna Aaron		
Date of Meeting	8 November	Agenda Item	PL30 23/24

1. Summary

The City Council wishes to hear from stakeholders, their preliminary observations or comments about an experimental traffic order that will see more designated e-scooter and e-bike parking across the city, including on several street in Queen's Park.

2. Recommendations

That the Committee discusses the scheme and outlines objections, concerns or comments to be feed-in to the City Council.

3. Background

3.1 The City Council is currently implementing an experimental traffic management scheme which will introduce dockless e-scooter / cycle hire parking places, an expansion of the e-scooter bays introduced experimentally in 2021. The Project intends to combat the dumping of bikes on pavement which affects pedestrians, and in parking spots which affects drivers and motorcyclists across the city. These dedicated spaces would only be used by rental e-scooters and bicycles.

3.2 The scheme was introduced on a trial basis on 30th October, by means of Experimental Traffic Orders made under the provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, so that its operation and impact on the surrounding area can be monitored and, if necessary, suspended or modified without delay. The Scheme will be in place for a maximum of 18 months.

3.3 The following Queen's Park Scheme will be part of phase two of this experimental scheme:

Road	Location	Ammendment to existing provision
Ashmore Road	Ashmore Road the east side, outside St. Luke's Church Centre	replacing 5 metres of pay-by-phone parking
Coomassie Road	the north side, adjacent to No. 52 Portnall Road	replacing 4.6 metres of motorcycle parking and 3.4 metres of double yellow line "at any time" waiting restrictions
Fifth Avenue	the east side, adjacent to Nos. 13 to 24 Fir House,	replacing 5 metres of double yellow

	Droop Street	line “at any time” waiting restrictions
Fernhead Road	the east side, adjacent to No. 71 Barnsdale Road	replacing 5 metres of e-scooter parking
Ilbert Street	replacing 5 metres of double yellow line “at any time” waiting restrictions	replacing three coach pay-by-phone parking bays – two residents’ parking spaces would also be introduced at the western extremity
Ilbert Street	the north-east side, adjacent to No. 68 Fifth Avenue	replacing 5 metres of e-scooter parking
Marban Road	the south side, adjacent to No. 201 Portnall Road	replacing 5 metres of e-scooter parking
Nutbourne Street	the north side, opposite No. 17	replacing 5 metres of residents’ parking
Oilphant Street	the north-east side, opposite No. 6	replacing 5 metres of residents’ parking
Saltram Crescent	the south-west side, opposite Nos. 187 and 189	replacing 5.5 metres of e-scooter parking
Shirland Road	the south-west side, opposite St. Saviour’s C of E Primary School	replacing 1 metre of residents’ parking and 4 metres of single yellow line waiting restrictions
Sixth Avenue	the east side, adjacent to No. 84 Droop Street	replacing 5 metres of e-scooter parking C St. John’s Wood Terrace the north-west side, outside No. 94 replacing
Third Avenue	the west side, opposite No. 60	replacing 5 metres of e-scooter parking

3.4 The following elements of the Neighbourhood Plan are relevant to this discussion:

- Policy 7:

Development proposals, where appropriate, will be required to be supported by measures to improve road safety, air quality, and facilities for cyclists, subject to the published cycle standards set out by the London Plan. Measures will be expected to:

- a) Provide cycle parking at key services and facilities where appropriate
- b) Provide sheltered, secure cycle storage for residents where appropriate.

- Project 4.2:

To support the adoption of bicycle access points, lanes and storage hangars in appropriate sites throughout Queen’s Park.

Details of the locations for the parking places within A, B and C Zones, the second of two phases under this scheme, are provided in the attached PDF document. This document contains the DRAFT Notice of Making and Statement of Reasons, and the drawings which show the new parking layouts at each location.

In anticipation of the launch of this new trial, WSP would be pleased to receive any preliminary observations or comments you may wish to make on this first batch of sites, by email, by **6th October 2023**, quoting the refe

rence **8010/LH/2** in any response.

The Experimental Traffic Orders are expected to become operational on **30th October 2023** and will continue in force for a maximum period of 18 months. After the changes have been in force for a minimum period of six months without change, the City Council will consider whether the scheme should be retained on a permanent basis, depending on the success of the measures.



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	8 November 2023	Agenda Item	PL 31 – 23/24

1 Summary

This report provides an update on the activity of the Planning Working Group (PWG) and gives the Committee an opportunity to discuss any of the matters raised.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the report be noted.

3 Background

- 3.1 PWG responds to planning applications in Queen's Park on behalf of the Council.
- 3.2 The comments are publicly available on the database maintained by the City Council, and a schedule of those submitted since the previous report is in the Appendix.

4 Emerging Issues

- 4.1 There are currently seven consultations in progress and while most are alterations to residential properties two are for Air Source Heat Pumps, at Queen's Park Library and The Avenues Youth Project.
- 4.2 At the previous meeting of the Committee there was discussion on 'Project Flourish in North Kensington. As the planning application has not yet been submitted for this development there is no further information available.

Appendix: Comments on Planning Consultations

Reference	Proposal	Comments
23/01996/FULL	176 Third Avenue, London, W10 4HR Erection of half width first floor rear extension	Objection. We believe that the height and bulk of the proposed extension will have an overbearing effect on the neighbouring properties and will detract from their amenity of using their own gardens. It will harm the appearance of the building and will not contribute to the character and appearance of the conservation area. It was also noted, and this may not be a matter which is pertinent at this point, that the photograph in the Heritage Statement and the elevations submitted as 'existing' do not seem to be in accord with the planning permission issues in June 2014. (14/00253/FULL)
23/03157/FULL	83 Lothrop Street, London, W10 4JD Erection of single-storey side infill extension, installation of one skylight, and replacement of existing windows.	QPCC cannot comment on this application as it closes today and there are still no plans available on the portal.
23/03321/FUL	44 Droop Street, London, W10 4DH Erection of a single storey rear side extension at ground floor level.	QPCC has no objection to the proposal
23/03712/FULL	60 Kilburn Lane, London, W10 4AH Replacement of existing front windows and door, infill of rear side window, installation of 2 skylights.	Queen's Park Community Council has to object to this proposal. Although it is asserted that the replacement door and windows will be identical to the originals it is not possible to assess this. No details have been provided of the proposed door, nor of the existing door or windows. In the event that this information is provided to the case officer, and they are satisfied that they will be indistinguishable, this objection can be withdrawn.
23/04147/OBS	1 - 2 Banister Road Brent London W10 4AG - Demolition of existing building and erection of a 5 storey plus basement building comprised of 8 residential dwellings, with associated communal roof terrace to fourth floor, bike storage and bin storage	QPCC has no objection to this proposal. It is pleased to note the provision of family homes, and while disappointed at the lack of affordable provision will leave the viability calculation to officers as they are better trained and have more experience in such matters.