

Neighbourhood Governance Note of Southall Green Ward Forum

held on Thursday 10th February 2011 at the Dominion Centre, The Green, Southall UB2 4BQ

Present: Councillors, Swarn Kang (SK) (Chair)

Attendees: 5 residents attended the meeting

Officers present: Anita Hamilton – Executive Support Manager, Ealing Council
Dennis Frost (DF) Neighbourhood Governance Coordinator
Sgt Richard Moelwyn-Hughes – Southall Green Safer Neighbourhoods Team

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1.	Chair's welcome and introductions	
	<p>The meeting began at 7pm, with Councillor Swarn Kang welcoming those present. He introduced the supporting officers noted above.</p> <p>Apologies: Councillors Jasbir Anand and Kamaljit Dhindsa John Muldoon – Ealing Council Envirocrime Officer</p> <p>Before introducing the formal business, Councillor Kang asked Dennis Frost to speak about the forthcoming National Census. DF introduced a paper (attached) publicising the forthcoming National Census on 27th March. A full census return will mean that the council and other public bodies receive their full funding</p>	<p>National Census web site: www.census.gov.uk</p> <p>Helpline number: 0300 0201 101</p>

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	entitlement, which is distributed using the census figures.	
2.	<p>Notes of the last Ward Forum – 16 September - also additional meeting – 17 December</p>	
	<p>The notes of 16 September meeting were confirmed as being a correct record of the meeting.</p> <p>No notes were taken of 17 December meeting, it being an informal discussion about drug, alcohol and anti-social behaviour issues in the ward.</p> <p>SK worked through the notes and asked for matters arising:</p>	<p>Item 2 (page4) - Featherstone High School It was noted that the school had not yet put their proposals for Southall Recreation Ground in writing.</p> <p>Item 8 (page7) - Brent Road Traffic Scheme The public consultation had been completed and the results are being analysed.</p> <p>- Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) A briefing note was available for residents to take away.</p> <p>- Southall Recreation Ground - toilets Anita Hamilton (AH) introduced a briefing paper (attached) outlining council officers' advice regarding issues in Southall Recreation Ground. AH explained that refurbishing the pavilion and toilets will be very costly and unlikely to be a long-term solution to anti-social behaviour.</p>

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	<p>There were no matters arising from 17 December meeting.</p>	<p>Officers recommend demolishing the existing disused building (the cost being met outside of ward forum funding) allowing councillors the opportunity to redirect ward funds to the wider renewal of the park.</p> <p>Councillor Kang responded by noting that officers had discussed the paper with ward councillors, who were in agreement with its recommendations. The ward had retained £45,000 of its budget from previous years, which could now be used to kick-start a renewal project for the Rec.</p> <p>Sgt Molewyn Hughes spoke in favour of the recommendations. He repeated his previous concerns, that an unstaffed toilet facility would quickly become a focus for crime and anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>A discussion followed, with residents supporting demolition of the pavilion, along with creating a refocused range of community facilities.</p> <p>Action: Council officers to scope out a park improvement plan, to be discussed at the next ward forum.</p> <p>-Traffic Lights in Norwood Green Norwood Green councillors have responded – and are keen to retain the traffic lights. They were advised that lights would help to control the traffic in this location, which they believe has been the case.</p>

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3.	<p>Local police update from Safer Neighbourhoods team</p> <p>Sgt Molewyn – Hughes began his report by thanking Umesh Kotecha, who had recently stood down as chair of the ward focus group – having carried out the role for many years. Mr Meha Lall had taken over this position.</p> <p>The ward’s priorities remained tackling anti-social behaviour, drugs offences and illegal immigration.</p> <p>Prostitution was also a significant matter in the Norwood Road area, which was being dealt with by a specialised team based in Ealing. Residents noted that Ellison Gardens and The Green were also areas where prostitution takes place. Sgt Molewyn Hughes was aware.</p>	<p>Southall Green Safer Neighbourhoods Team – details</p> <p>Team members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sgt Richard Moelwyn-Hughes • PC Rebecca Rowland • PC Anne-Marie Pilkington • PC Gwyn Hunt • PCSO Paul Troughton • PCSO Rosalind Hyatt • PCSO Daniel Fellows <p>Address</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit 4, The Arches Business Centre, Merrick Road, Southall UB2 4AU <p>Phone</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 020 8721 2047 <p>E-mail: SouthallGreen.snt@met.police.uk</p>

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		<p>Web site: www.met.police.uk/saferneighbourhoods</p> <p>SK asked for questions</p> <p><i>What is being done is alleviate traffic congestion around the mosque in Montague Way during Friday prayers?</i></p> <p>Sgt Molewyn Hughes replied that his team have helped to manage the traffic on many occasions, but would appreciate assistance from the council's parking enforcement team.</p> <p>DF offered to help with this.</p>
4.	<p>Envirocrime report</p> <p>John Muldoon the ward Envirocrime Officer had sent his apologies for absence, but had submitted a written report, which was circulated at the meeting.</p> <p>Residents appreciated the work being done to deal with fly tipping and unauthorised dumping of commercial waste, also to discourage pigeon feeding at the Western Road open space (Pocket Park). Park rangers have recent issued a number of fixed penalty notices to people who were observed scattering food.</p>	<p>Council's Envirocrime Team details:</p> <p>John Muldoon, Envirocrime Prevention Officer</p> <p>Ealing Council, Customer Service Centre, Perceval House, 14 -16 Uxbridge Road, Ealing W5 2HL</p> <p>Office hours: Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm</p> <p>Tel: (020) 8825 6000 (Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm)</p> <p>E-mail: graffiti_flytipping@ealing.gov.uk</p> <p>Councillor Kang asked for residents' questions.</p> <p>A resident in Leonard Road asked for assistance with waste</p>

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		dumping from a house in multiple occupation. DF offered to pass this query to John Muldoon.
5.	<p>Ward funded projects for 2010/11 - update on ward projects in progress</p> <p>Councillor Kang updated residents.</p> <p>Street benches - these will not now be relocated to Southall Rec. as they are not in sufficiently good condition</p> <p>Street Trees - the planned planting in Scotts and Leamington Roads had taken place</p> <p>Exercise equipment in Southall Rec - this was on order and will be sited next to the children's playground</p>	
6.	<p>Future ward funded projects – suggestions</p> <p>Councillor Kang reported that next year's ward budget will be £37,500.</p> <p>One suggestion for a future project had been received so far – support for a major exhibition about the town's history <i>The Southall Story</i>, to be held at The Dominion Centre. It was agreed to support this project, with other Southall wards being asked to contribute.</p>	

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	<p>Councillor Kang asked for further suggestions</p>	<p><i>Could parking restrictions be relaxed on Sundays?</i></p> <p>Councillor Kang replied that the volume of weekend visitors to Southall meant there was as much pressure on parking as during the week. Weekend restrictions were important in allowing residents to park.</p> <p>All – residents were asked to put forward suggestions to ward councillors or to Dennis Frost, for discussion and approval at the next meeting.</p>
7.	<p>Dagmar Mews / Rear of 74 King Street - proposed parking restrictions</p> <p>Mr Kotecha – outgoing chair of the ward Safer Neighbourhoods focus group – proposed that parking restrictions be introduced in this narrow road behind the shops on the western side of King Street.</p> <p>DF reported he had asked council highways officers to make a recommendation. This was to introduce single yellow lines and integrate the road as part of the local controlled parking zone (Zone V). The cost would be approximately £3,500 and it was agreed to fund this scheme from the 2011/12 ward budget.</p>	
8.	<p>Public Forum - issues and questions from residents</p> <p>Councillor Kang asked for questions. However none were forthcoming.</p>	

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9.	<p>Dates of next meetings</p> <p>The following dates were confirmed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 9 June - 20 September - 1 March 2012 <p>It was agreed to continue holding ward forums at the Dominion Centre, The Green, Southall</p>	

Dennis Frost
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