

# Neighbourhood Governance

## Notes of a meeting of the Southall Green Ward Forum

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held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2014 at the Dominion Centre, The Green, Southall UB1 4BQ

**Present:** Councillors, Swarn Kang (Chair), Jasbir Anand, Kamaljit Dhindsa

**Attendees:** 30 residents attended the meeting

**Apologies:** Sgt Richard Molewyn-Hughes – Metropolitan Police Safer Neighbourhoods Team

**Officers present:**

**Police:** PCSO David Diaz – Metropolitan Police Safer Neighbourhoods Team

**Ealing Council:** Mark Reynolds – Park Ranger  
Daniel Malone O'Halloran, Jo Spedding, Shevonne Williams – Safer Communities Team  
Dennis Frost (DF) – Neighbourhood Governance Co-ordinator

*Before the meeting began, councillors and residents were taken on a guided tour of the refurbished Dominion Centre – including the new study area, relocated library and the display of Martinware pottery.*

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1.	<b>Chair's welcome and introductions</b>	
	The meeting began at 7.24pm after the guided tour. <b>Councillor Swarn Kang</b> welcomed those present. He introduced his fellow ward councillors, Jasbir Anand and Kamaljit Dhindsa.	

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2.	<p><b>Notes of last Southall Green ward forum – 24<sup>th</sup> June 2014</b>  <b>- to note, along with any matters arising</b></p>	
	<p>Councillor Kang reported that the notes of the last ward forum had been circulated to residents and that further copies were available at the meeting. He worked through the notes, asking for any comments or corrections.</p> <p><b>Item 8: page 6</b>  - <b>Public Forum:</b> the particular resident who had submitted a number of written questions, asked why these had not been included. Councillor Kang responded that answers had been provided, both at the meeting and subsequently in writing. As these were detailed and extensive it was not necessary to include them in the notes.</p> <p>No corrections or additions were made to the notes.</p> <p><b>Matters arising from the notes:</b></p> <p><b>Item 2: page 2</b>  – <b>Havelock Road – perimeter fence:</b> work to put up a fence – funded by the ward – at the boundary of the paved area by the Gurdwara was now complete and included gating an alley leading from Hammond Road. Councillor Kang was pleased to report that the completion of this project had brought some relief from anti-social behaviour to local residents, who had voiced their considerable satisfaction.</p> <p><b>Item 8: page 6</b>  - <b>Public Forum – Hayes Road congestion:</b> the opening of the new Costco store had resulted in the expected traffic congestion, tailing back into the ward along Western Road. Councillor Kang reported that to date two meetings had been held with officers</p>	

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	<p>and councillors from Hounslow Council, TfL and the various bus operators. Serious initial congestion had now improved during weekdays. However weekends had seen a lesser reduction. A number of adjustments to traffic light phasing had helped, but longer term options were being investigated, including widening the road by the Costco store and providing a different entrance in Southall Lane.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Residents noted that The Common had become a rat run, as traffic tries to avoid Western Road. Could this be investigated?</li> <li>- Councillor Anand advised that the return of two-way traffic in the Broadway – once the Boulevard scheme was complete – would bring about further improvement.</li> </ul> <p><b>Item 8: page 6</b>  <b>Public Forum – E5 bus route</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DF reported that extending the route to Brent Road was likely to require significant addition funding. A response from TfL was awaited.</li> <li>- Councillor Kang added that he had also asked that 195 route return to having a stop inside the grounds of Ealing Hospital, as previously. Again this has been taken up with TfL.</li> </ul>	<p>DF offered to brief council transport officers</p> <p>It was agreed that this matter required further involvement from ward councillors, and that an update would be provided at the next meeting.</p>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Report from Neighbourly Care Southall</b>	
	<p>Councillor Kang introduced Andy Buddle, chief executive of Neighbourly Care Southall.</p> <p>Andy explained that Neighbourly Care Southall was a voluntary and community organisation established in 1981 supporting older people and based in the ward at Featherstone Road. Since 2012 the organisation had been holding an additional service on the Golf</p>	<p><b>Neighbourly Care Southall</b></p> <p><b>Address:</b>  32 Featherstone Road  Southall UB2 5AB</p>

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	<p>Links Estate in Dormers Wells.</p> <p>Neighbourly Care has a membership of 3,000 – of which 1,000 are resident in the UB2 postcode area.</p> <p>Current work includes a diabetes campaign, which plans to have 10,000 local people tested for the disease during the first three months of 2015.</p> <p>Since Khat has been made an illegal substance, the organisation has been working to support users.</p>	<p><b>Telephone:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 020 8571 1929</li> </ul> <p><b>Web site:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="http://www.neighbourlycare.org.uk/">http://www.neighbourlycare.org.uk/</a></li> </ul> <p><b>E-mail:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="mailto:nc.southall@btinternet.com">nc.southall@btinternet.com</a></li> </ul>
4.	<p><b>Local police update from Safer Neighbourhoods team</b></p>	
	<p>Daniel Malone O'Halloran from the council's Safer Communities team and PCSO David Diaz updated residents about their work in the ward. A written report was available at the meeting and is attached to these notes.</p> <p><b>Particular issues:</b></p> <p>Alleyway – Montague Waye / Recreation Road</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- this continues to be a crime hot spot, with concerted efforts being made to tackle drug dealing in the alley. The siting of the gate at the northern end by the Central Jamia Mosque will be altered. At the southern end, the height of the gate will be increased.</li> </ul> <p>Dudley Road / Sangam Close</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- drug dealing is taking place in this cul-de-sac. Ward councillors have met with the housing association concerned and have recommended the area be gated.</li> </ul> <p>CCTV Western Road</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DF updated residents. The council was installing cameras to</li> </ul>	<p><b>Southall Green Safer Neighbourhoods Team – details</b></p> <p><b>Address:</b>  Southall Police Station  High Street  Southall  Middx UB1 3HG</p> <p><b>Team members:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inspector Julian Holton</li> <li>• Sgt Richard Moelwyn-Hughes</li> <li>• PC Anne-Marie Pilkington</li> <li>• PC Darren Ives</li> </ul> <p><b>Telephone:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 020 8721 2047</li> <li>• 07843 291 127</li> </ul>

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	<p>monitor activity in Western Road, including prostitution. It was hoped that the work will be completed by the end of October. Councillors had agreed that the ward's planned contribution to a camera in Southall Rec would be transferred to this scheme. The use of Park Guard – a contractor providing park patrols with dogs – was a more effective way of dealing with drug dealing and anti-social behaviour in the Rec.</p>	<p><b>E-mail:</b>  <a href="mailto:SouthallGreen.snt@met.police.uk">SouthallGreen.snt@met.police.uk</a></p> <p><b>Web site:</b>  <a href="http://www.met.police.uk/saferneighbourhoods">www.met.police.uk/saferneighbourhoods</a></p> <p><b>Council's Safer Communities Team:</b></p> <p><b>Telephone:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 020 8825 5994</li> </ul> <p><b>E-Mail:</b>  <a href="mailto:safercommunities@ealing.gov.uk">safercommunities@ealing.gov.uk</a></p>
5.	<b>Envirocrime Report</b>	
	<p>Councillor Kang drew residents' attention to the latest written report from Ruston Wyatt, the council's ward Envirocrime officer.</p> <p>The report dealt with activity over the three months since the last meeting, and focussed again on work to clear waste and dumped rubbish.</p> <p>Copies of the report were available at the meeting.</p>	<p><b>Council's Envirocrime Team – details:</b></p> <p>Ruston Wyatt and Hazel Skivington – Envirocrime Prevention Officers</p> <p>Ealing Council, Customer Service Centre, Perceval House, 14 -16 Uxbridge Road, Ealing W5 2HL  Tel: (020) 8825 6000</p> <p>Office hours: Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm</p> <p>From the front page of the council's web site, click on: 'Report or request it' <a href="http://www.ealing.gov.uk/reportit">http://www.ealing.gov.uk/reportit</a></p>

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6.	<b>Ward budget – 2014/15</b> - finalising the ward budget	
	<p>Councillor Kang introduced a list of proposed projects. This incorporated schemes discussed at the last meeting, along with a number of further ideas. Copies of the proposals were available at the meeting (also attached to this report).</p> <p>Councillor Kang worked through the projects:</p> <p><b>Highways:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- a number of additional locations for double yellow lines were now included, along with a proposal to improve the balance between residents parking / stop and shop bays in Durley Road</li> </ul> <p><b>Parks:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mark Reynolds introduced a plan which proposed two further canopied seating areas in Southall Rec. Following a discussion, locations 1 (near the balance trail) and 4 (on top of the mound) were proposed. Councillors asked to meet with Parks officers on site, to finalise the locations.</li> </ul> <p><b>Community Grants:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Desi Radio and Dominion Centre Community Arts project. It was recommended that a grant of £1,000 to each project should be made.</li> <li>- Councillor Anand welcomed Southall Broadway ward's recent decision, to also make a grant of £1,000 to each of these projects. She recommended that the requested grant of £5,000 to Desi Radio be underwritten by the ward, with the hope that other Southall wards would also make a contribution.</li> <li>- representatives of the community arts project reported that they were seeking grants from other sources. DF added that he was</li> </ul>	<p>Residents asked if pavement parking in Brent Road by HGVs could be dealt with</p>

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	<p>asking other Southall wards if they wished to contribute to this project as well.</p> <p>- Diabetes UK: Councillor Kang asked the group's representative for clarification, as to whether the £5,000 requested grant was for work in the ward. He noted that Neighbourly Care Southall had provided details of their own diabetes related project.</p>	<p>DF was asked to seek clarification – also to circulate a finalised budget and to seek formal approval from the Leader of the Council.</p>
8.	<p><b>Public Forum</b> - <b>issues and questions from residents</b></p>	
	<p>Councillor Kang asked if there were questions from for residents:</p>	<p><i>The new Conway asphalt plant at Bulls Bridge seems to be the cause of some air pollution in the area.</i></p> <p>DF offered to follow up this query.</p> <p><i>There is lots of dumped rubbish in the ward.</i></p> <p>Councillor Kang asked residents to report dumped rubbish to the council, as explained in the Envirocrime report – see item 5 above</p>
9.	<p><b>Date of future meeting 2014/15</b></p>	
	<p>- 11<sup>th</sup> February 2015 - to be held at the Dominion Centre</p>	

Dennis Frost  
09: October: 2014