

## Neighbourhood Governance

### Note of Southall Green Ward Forum meeting

**Thursday 30 April 2009, 7.15pm at The Dominion Arts and Education Centre, The Green, Southall UB2 4BQ.**

**Present:** Councillors Anand (Chairman), Kang and Dhindsa

**Attendees:** 24 residents attended with 21 signing the attendance sheet

Kofi Nyamah (KN) - Neighbourhood Co-ordinator (West)

Steve Barton (SB) – Senior Planner, Planning Policy Research Team

Sergeant Richard Moelwyn-Hughes (Sgt. MH) – Southall Green Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)

Vandana Badiani - Customer Service Advisor

Mrs Kate Bailey - Featherstone Primary School

**Note taker:** Jennifer Roberts

No	Note	Action point / information
	<p><b>Welcome and introductions</b></p> <p>The meeting started at 7.15pm in the conference room of the Dominion Centre. Cllr Anand (Chairman) welcomed all and introduced Cllrs Kang and Dhindsa and the Ealing council officers.</p>	
1.	<p><b>Signing of Southall Green Ward Forum 15 January 2009 minutes</b></p> <p>Cllr Anand invited residents to review the formal minutes of the 15 January meeting and check for accuracy.</p>	<p>The minutes were agreed and signed-off. To view these minutes, please visit the council website: <a href="http://www.ealing.gov.uk/wardforum">www.ealing.gov.uk/wardforum</a> and select: Southall Green &gt; 15 January 2009 &gt; Formal Minutes.</p>
2.	<p><b>Local Development Framework</b></p> <p>Steve Barton (SB) gave a presentation regarding the council's Local Development Framework (LDF):</p>	<p>- SB to provide consultation to Southall Green ward forum attendees via the email group and can provide by post if requested.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Consultation and community involvement is a statutory process which means that it has to be done before any development can be implemented</li> <li>- SB explained that the LDF exists to guide development in Ealing borough over the long term for the benefit of the residents, the borough's economy and for London as a whole.</li> <li>- Development can refer to housing, employment, open spaces, heritage, and the community</li> <li>- LDF has named this consultation scheme <i>Ealing 2026</i>. There will be a lot of changes in Ealing before this time, mainly along the East-West corridor of A40 / Uxbridge Road. The arrival of Crossrail will also have a significant impact on the borough</li> <li>- The council is required to undertake a full consultation regarding Ealing 2026 and must be fully backed up by evidence that development is sustainable. The framework will undergo a local public enquiry by a government inspector in the later stages to ensure that everything has been considered fully and that the public has been fully consulted</li> <li>- The consultation on Ealing 2026 will start in July 3, 2009 for 12 weeks and there will be a public meeting in Southall although the location is not yet finalised. There will be further public consultation around the turn of the year and following the public enquiry the framework will be adopted in 2013.</li> <li>- A resident enquired whether equal amounts of funding are allocated to Southall when compared to Ealing. Does the level of resident engagement in the consultation process, influence the budget allocation? For instance, if Southall residents are unresponsive, does this reduce their budget? In an area such as Southall, which is highly developed with a dense population, realistically is there room for further development?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SB replied that this is something for the politicians to decide and all projects considered in the LDF are fully scoped out financially and presented with a timetable to politicians. The LDF is also reviewed on an annual basis.</li> <li>- Cllr Anand stated the Council has a robust town centre strategy, in instances where improvements to Southall are considered, an acute infrastructure would have to be devised to support the proposed development.</li> </ul>

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3.	<p><b>Matters arising from previous ward forum</b></p> <p>Page 4: Item 3 - Community safety action plan update: Telephone booths opposite the Brilliant Restaurant - Cllr Dhindsa said he would like to see these telephone booths removed.</p> <p>Page 5: Item 4.2 - Public forum: Removal of yellow-lines on Featherstone Road by the old school building site</p> <p>Page 7: Item 5.5 - Ward Forum – Spending Recommendations: Request for Featherstone Primary school to turn its lights off when not in use.</p> <p>Page 8: Item 5.12 - Ward Forum – Spending Recommendations: Western Road traffic lights</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sgt. MH said the SNT would seal up both of these telephone booths.</li> <li>- Cllr Dhindsa said he was disappointed with the council officers response regarding this matter and he would like to see the yellow-lines removed and would like ‘pay and display’ bays.</li> <li>- Featherstone Junior School Head teacher, Mrs Kate Bailey said she wanted to reassure residents that the lights in question are very low voltage and are left on to deter vandalism, resulting in much less vandalism compared to that suffered at the old school site</li> <li>- Mrs Bailey said the school shares the views of councillors regarding the car parking of parents dropping their children off outside the school and is putting messages to parents in newsletters, talking to parents and also running a poster competition for the children, promoting walking to school and the council’s Highways department is also aware of the problem and the schools safety concerns.</li> <li>- Cllr Anand mentioned that councillors have raised the issue of tailbacks on the Western Road caused by traffic lights to the Council, a scheme, which was originally funded by TfL. A request to remove the lights has been recommended to both TfL and highways.</li> </ul>

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	Page 8: Item 5.13: Ward Forum – Spending Recommendations: Right-turn from Tesco supermarket to Hillingdon boundary.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cllr Anand provided an update that LB Hounslow is considering widening the road, but no time frame has been provided as yet.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Cllr Anand updated the forum regarding other ward issues</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Removal of the bus lane across the South Road railway bridge.</li> <li>- Parking provisions at the mosque in Montague Waye.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cllr Anand stated that a request to remove the bus lane has been made to TfL and the Leader of the Council. The design and layout of the bus lane does not improve traffic flow. She encouraged residents to raise this matter with officers of the council.</li> <li>- Cllr Anand said a letter had been sent to the joint secretary of West London Islamic Centre reminding them of council policy. The policy is that any place of worship is allowed a maximum 25 Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) permits for their staff. The administrators of the mosque decide who gets these, there are no further concessions</li> <li>- Cllr Anand said she was aware the mosque does encourage its worshippers to park legally and safely.</li> </ul>
<p><b>4.</b></p> <p>4.1)</p>	<p><b>Southall Green Ward Forum projects update</b></p> <p>Cllr Anand provided a update of current ward forum projects:</p> <p>Purchase of a mobile CCTV camera:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cllr Anand said the CCTV camera had been purchased and asked residents for suitable locations to place the camera</li> <li>- Resident said there was drug dealing and an unauthorised café operating at the rear of 70-98 The Green</li> <li>- A resident asked how often would the camera be moved and how long it would remain in one place.</li> </ul>	<p>4.1) It was agreed the CCTV camera would be installed in the alleyway running to the rear of 70-98 The Green</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- KN replied that residents decide where and for how long it would be placed in any location.</li> </ul>

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4.2)	<p>- Resident asked if it was possible to put dummy cameras up as a deterrent instead?</p> <p>Minor parking schemes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• double yellow-line marking on The Common hump-bridge</li> <li>• double-yellow lines on Scott's Road and Caxton Road</li> <li>• double-yellow lines on Spencer Street and Dudley Road</li> </ul>	<p>- Sgt MH replied that a dummy camera could not be installed, if a crime was committed, the absence of CCTV footage would amount to no confidence in the police and the council.</p> <p>4.2) Cllr Kang stated that The Common by Regina Road scheme solely purported to the implementation of double yellow lines. The current traffic study within Southall, along with the potential removal of the traffic lights on Western Road, would help enable the council to better evaluate whether a CPZ or one-way system is required.</p>
4.3)	<p>Southall Green clean-up campaign:</p> <p>- Cllr Anand asked residents for locations that would benefit from a clean up campaign. The Cllrs will tour the suggested sites and prioritise them accordingly for attention.</p> <p>- Suggestions from residents at meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Featherstone Terrace Car Park at the rear of the Monsoon Restaurant</li> <li>• alleyway between Regina Road to Montague Way</li> <li>• alleyway in St John's Road</li> <li>• Victoria Road behind Rocky's take-way</li> <li>• Whitley Gardens alleyway at the rear of Whitley Industrial estate</li> <li>• Regina Road and Stratford Road.</li> </ul>	<p>4.3) Cllr Anand announced locations already suggested prior to the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• next to 23 Hartington Road</li> <li>• alleyway at the rear of 70-98 The Green</li> <li>• rear of 21-33 Featherstone Road</li> <li>• alleyway between Hartington Road j/w Gladstone Road, not behind them</li> <li>• King Street – access from Havelock Road</li> <li>• King Street – access from Featherstone Road.</li> <li>• Dudley Road alleyway</li> </ul>
4.4)	<p>A resident asked if more bins could be installed around the ward and in Southall.</p>	<p>4.4) Cllr Anand replied that the council is apprehensive about adding more bins to the area when many of them are targets for acts of vandalism and arson</p>
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>Local Policing Update</b></p> <p>Sgt MH said the three current ward SNT policing priorities were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• drugs</li> <li>• prostitution</li> <li>• illegal immigrants congregating near King street car park.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Southall Green Safer Neighbourhood Team</b>  Merrick Road Arches  Tel: (020) 8721 2771  Email: SouthallGreenSNT@met.police.uk</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sgt. MH explained the approach the police are taking regarding drugs is to keep chasing dealers and not let any dealing settle in a particular location, therefore, minimising criminal activity.</li> <li>- Sgt. MH said prostitution is not so much a problem of street prostitution, but in brothels. The SNT have closed two brothels recently in the ward.</li> <li>- Sgt. MH said regarding illegal immigrants congregating on King Street. The SNT works in partnership with the UK Border Agency to target the employers who exploit these people. The work market for illegal immigrants is drying up now, hopefully meaning, this problem will decrease over the next year.</li> <li>- Sgt. MH said the problems of the alleyway at the rear of 70-98 The Green need a long-term solution.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>6.</b></p> <p>6.1)</p> <p>6.2)</p> <p>6.3)</p>	<p><b>Public Forum</b></p> <p>Cllr Anand asked to include item 6: Suggestions for the 2009/10 Southall Green Ward Forum Spend with item 7: Public forum. She explained the ward forum budget is £61,000 for 09/10, consisting of £10,000 revenue and £40,000 Capital spend with £21,000 carried over from 2008/09 ward forum budget.</p> <p>A resident complained that her property was surrounded by properties with absent landlords managed by an agency who let them fall into disrepair, and this is affecting her property. She has contacted the council but nothing has happened as yet.</p> <p>A resident requested a <i>Don't feed the pigeons</i> signboard on the green at the end of Regina Road by the bridge and also cutting the grass in this location.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cllr Anand said this may be to preserve the Daffodil flowers so they can flower next spring</li> </ul> <p>Install a dog waste bin or signboards asking people to pick up after their dog</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cllr Dhindsa commented about a enforcement scheme by Camden council, where owners caught on camera and fined for not picking up after their dogs.</li> </ul>	<p>6.1) Customer service advisor logged the resident's complaint and asked the envirocrime area officer to feedback to resident.</p> <p>6.2)</p> <p>6.3)</p>

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6.4)	<p>Resident said Recreation Road and half of Regina Road should be included in a CPZ, as motorists often park their cars in this area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cllr Anand stated that in a consultation to implement a CPZ in the aforementioned areas, residents had voted against this parking restriction.</li> </ul>	<p>6.4) Ward Cllrs agreed that CPZ LL needs to be reviewed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cllr Anand said she would follow up this matter by requesting a date for a further consultation. She encouraged residents to raise this matter at the next Cabinet meeting.</li> </ul>
6.5)	<p>A resident said money should be spent on roads in the ward which are in bad condition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cllr Anand expressed frustration that there was no roads in Southall Green scheduled to be resurfaced.</li> </ul>	6.5)
6.6)	<p>A resident raised problem with alleyway from The Common to Western Road near allotments, they had applied for an alley gate from the council alley gating scheme, but was refused and there have been a number of burglaries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There was a discussion over the ownership of the alleyway and allotments.</li> </ul>	6.6) KN to investigate ownership of this alleyway and see if gating is possible.
6.7)	<p>A resident enquired about proposals for power plant at Southall Gas works and whether this would have a pollution impact on Southall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cllr Kang pointed out that this is a very long-term development and ward Cllrs do not want a development that would pollute Southall.</li> </ul>	<p>6.7) Cllr Dhindsa has requested a briefing on this issue and will be asking about pollution issue at the full Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cllr Anand informed residents that the planning application for Southall Gas Works is available to view and comment on, at Ealing councils website.</li> </ul>
6.8)	<p>Resident said syringes and rubbish are being dumped in Whitley Road Gardens Industrial Estate. People sit on the wall and leave rubbish behind. Could there be some flowers planted there.</p>	6.8) Sgt. MH said he would contact the council envirocrime officer to have it cleaned up.
6.9)	<p>Resident asked if a bench on Regina Road near the bridge could be removed, as drug users congregate there?</p>	6.9)
6.10)	<p>A resident enquired as to why Regina Road was not considered for a CPZ, and whether it could be included in the next CPZ review.</p>	6.10) A petition was handed to Cllr Anand, she requested that it be handed in at the next full Cabinet meeting.

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6.11)	<p>A resident raised issue with traffic on The Common, there has been a traffic consultation to install higher humps to reduce speeding. Could it a one-way system be installed or have chicanes installed? Her car has been damaged three times by drivers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cllr Kang advised that a one-way system might cause more problems than it solves. The new 20mph zones being installed in area may help the problem.</li> <li>- Cllr Anand stated that recommendations are based on the outcomes of any consultation carried out with local residents. The Councils consultation process helps to determine what improvements are best suited to the area and its residents.</li> </ul>	6.11)
6.12)	Cllr Kang asked residents to look at a list of registered Houses of Multiple Occupancy (HMO's) available to the meeting and if there were addresses that they were aware of, missing, to contact the council who will investigate.	6.12) To contact the council regarding suspected unlicensed HMO's properties, call or write to:  <b>Licensing Team, Regulatory Services</b> Perceval House, 14-16 Uxbridge Road, Ealing W5 2HL Tel: 020 8825 5115 Email: hmos@ealing.gov.uk
6.13)	Cllr Kang asked residents to complete a consultation form regarding the removal of stroke and major trauma unit from Ealing hospital to a central specialist unit.	6.13)
6.14)	Cllr Anand reminded residents of the need to suggest locations, where skips could be added, for a local clean up campaign. In the absence of any suggestions, she requested the ward forum to allow councillors to recommend locations.	6.14)
6.15)	A resident raised an issue regarding getting a disabled parking bay for his disabled wife.	6.15) Cllrs agreed to discuss this issue with the resident outside of the meeting.
<b>7.</b>	<b>Date of the Next Meeting</b>  The next ward forum meeting will be publicised in due course. The meeting concluded at 9.15pm	