

Neighbourhood Governance Note of Southall Green Ward Forum

held on Thursday 22nd July 2010 at Featherstone Primary School, Western Road, Southall UB2 5JT

Present: Councillors, Jasbir Anand (JA) and Kamaljit Dhindsa (KD) (Chair)

Apologies: Councillor Swarn Kang

Attendees: 13 residents attended the meeting

Officers present: Dennis Frost (DF) Neighbourhood Governance Coordinator
Sergeant Richard Moelwyn-Hughes and PCSO Daniel Fellows – Southall Green Safer Neighbourhoods Team
Jane Strachan – Ealing Council Envirocrime Manager

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1.	Welcome and Introductions	
	<p>The meeting began at 7:00 pm, with Councillor Kamaljit Dhindsa welcoming those present. He introduced his fellow councillor Jasbir Anand and the supporting officers noted above</p> <p>Apologies: Councillor Kang</p> <p>Councillor Dhindsa announced that he proposed taking the agenda in the following order:</p> <p>3) Envirocrime report 1) Notes of last meeting and matters arising A presentation from Featherstone High School – relating to</p>	<p>A copy of the Envirocrime report is attached</p> <p>Council's Envirocrime Team details:</p> <p>Anjul Malhotra, 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>

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	item 4 7) Public Forum 2) Local police update 4) Ward funded projects 5) Notice boards 6) Highways matters	E-mail: graffiti_flytipping@ealing.gov.uk
3.	Envirocrime report Jane Strachan, Envirocrime Manager spoke to written report, which was available at the meeting. Work had been concentrating on nuisance vehicles, commercial and residential waste.	KD asked for questions: <i>Why does Envirocrime not target commercial premises, such as the premises on the Witley Industrial Estate?</i> Jane Strachan replied that the Council's Regulatory department (Environmental Health) was responsible Councillor Anand asked that Jane and her team investigate commercial waste dumping in the area of Western Road and Manor Way
1.	Notes of the last meeting (23 February 2010) and matters arising These were noted.	KD asked for any matters arising: Item 2.5 Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) Councillor Anand reported that approximately 206 properties had been identified in the ward as being HMOs, of which 34 were registered with the Council 3.3 Closure of Merrick Road underpass <i>Were councillors consulted about the proposed closure?</i>

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		<p>Yes</p> <p>3.6 Visual merchandising and customer care training for Southall businesses</p> <p><i>How much has been spent on this – which seems to be a waste of money?</i></p> <p>In total, £100k was allocated to the project who were set a target of working with 50 Southall businesses. The project ran two rounds of delivery each at £50k and were successful in meeting their targets</p> <p>Councillor Anand felt that the funds could have been better spent on more pressing Southall projects</p> <p>3.10 Tree planting in Brent Road. The response from the council's trees service was noted</p> <p>Councillor Anand asked that residents be consulted when the planned planting in Brent Road takes place – after implementation of the planned traffic scheme</p> <p>4.3 Toilets in Southall Recreation Ground</p> <p><i>When will the refurbished toilets open?</i></p> <p>Councillor Anand replied that the project to refurbish the toilets would now go ahead</p> <p>4.4. Letting out the pavilion</p>

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		<p><i>Could a local charity rent out the pavilion?</i></p> <p>DF replied that he would enquire if the council would consider this if a proposal from a particular organisation was received</p> <p><i>Could updates be provided about the following items:</i></p> <p>5.8 Impact of right turn at Tesco – Hayes Road to Western Road</p> <p>5.9 Western International Park – Hayes Road temporary access</p> <p>5.10 Filter Lane, left turn Brent Road to Western Avenue</p> <p>5.11 Scotts Road – pavement parking Scotts Road – even numbers</p> <p>5.12 Brent road – waiting restrictions</p> <p>5.13 – Junction of Johnson road and Balfour Road – mini roundabout</p>
	<p>Featherstone High School – presentation</p> <p>Gerry Wadwa (head teacher) and Alan Bate (assistant head) supported by two sixth form students, spoke of the school’s plans to <i>Reclaim the Rec</i>. The school’s plan was to enhance Southall Recreation Ground for the wider community by creating a number of new facilities, including a cricket and a rugby pitch. Low hedges would demark the new facilities.</p> <p>The students spoke of verbal and physical intimidation suffered by their pupil colleagues at present when taking part in organised</p>	<p><i>Some residents were concerned that the school’s use of the park might exclude public usage.</i></p> <p>Alan Bate reassured residents that the school’s use of the recreation ground – it was already widely used for organised school sports activities – would not change</p> <p>Sgt Molewyn-Hughes spoke in favour of the project and offered his team’s continued support with dealing with anti-social behaviour in the park</p>

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	<p>games in the Recreation Ground.</p> <p>Mr Wadwa spoke of a similar project, undertaken at Elthorne Park – supported by the local school – which had achieved a very positive outcome. He hoped that the ward forum may be able to offer some financial help.</p> <p>Councillor Dhindsa thanked the Mr Wadwa and his team for the presentation and asked that the school submit a more detailed funding proposal to councillors for consideration</p>	
7.	<p>Public Forum</p> <p>Unauthorised mosque at Hayes Road</p> <p>Residents asked the Council to liaise with the planners at Hounslow, so that representation could be made concerning noise and parking associated with this property</p> <p>Southall Recreation Ground opening times</p> <p>Residents asked for confirmation</p> <p>Norwood Road / Norwood Green Road junction</p> <p>Could the traffic lights at this location be replaced by a roundabout?</p> <p>Changes to Zone LL Controlled Parking Zone</p>	<p>Councillors offered their support to residents who wished to make representation</p> <p><i>DF to establish the current position – it was understood that Hounslow Council had asked the building’s owners to apply for a change of use</i></p> <p><i>DF to provide</i></p> <p>Councillors offered to consult with Norwood Green members</p>

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	Residents asked for details	Councillor Anand noted that it was proposed to extend the zone
2.	<p>Local Police update from Safer Neighbourhoods Team</p> <p>Sgt Richard Molewyn-Hughes updated residents about his team's work in the ward.</p> <p>He began by explaining that the ward priorities comprised tackling drug taking, along with anti social behaviour and illegal bookmakers</p> <p>The Recreation Ground has been a focus for his team's work. A dispersal zone order has helped his team to tackle a range of anti social behaviour in the park.</p> <p>Numbers of homeless people had increased recently and he was working with homeless organisations, to tackle this.</p>	<p>Southall Green Safer Neighbourhoods Team – details</p> <p>Team members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sgt Richard Moelwyn-Hughes • PC Anne-Marie Pilkington • PC Gwyn Hunt • PCSO Daniel Fellows • PCSO James Fulton <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> <p>Web site: www.met.police.uk/saferneighbourhoods</p>

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		<p>KD asked for questions.</p> <p><i>What is the Police's view of plans to re-open the Recreation Ground toilets?</i></p> <p>Sgt Moelwyn-Huges expressed his reservations, but appreciated that Councillors were in favour of the project having responded to resident's concerns.</p> <p><i>Is the problem of dangerous dogs being tackled?</i></p> <p>It is. Police have removed dogs from owners' houses and repeatedly challenging owners to keep dogs on a lead and under control</p>
4.	<p>Ward funded projects for 2010/11</p> <p>Councillor Dhindsa reported that the ward had again been allocated £40,000 to spend on local projects. This would comprise £30,000 capital projects and £10,000 revenue schemes.</p> <p>The total ward budget available, which included funds carried forward from last year, was £38,000 capital and £10,000 revenue.</p> <p>A list of proposed projects was discussed and which to date totalled £34,200.</p> <p>The listed projects were supported with the following amendments:</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Remove bench at Regina Road green area: it was agreed that removed benches and bins should be relocated to the recreation ground - New litter bins, Regina Road and Williams Road: it was unlikely that six bins are required - Lighting alleyway – Regina Road to mosque: this was a matter for the council’s Highways department - CCTV on alleyway, Montague Road: this was being dealt with by existing CCTV provision - Exercise equipment: Councillor Anand proposed four items, rather than two and this was supported <p>KD summarised. The meeting supported the proposed and</p>	<p><i>DF to liaise with councillor Kang about this project</i></p> <p>KD asked if residents had any further suggestions. A number of additional schemes were proposed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Leamington Road – tree planting ii) Roundabout at Williams Road / Regina Road junction. Also extend double yellow lines in the vicinity iii) Bulls Bridge Road – a sign indicating a cul de sac iv) Some alley gating in the area of The Common

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	<p>additional schemes – including the expected <i>Reclaim the Rec</i> plans from Featherstone High School (outlined above) and DF was asked to produce a finalised budget for the ward councillors' consideration.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Notice boards in the ward – review of existing boards and residents' suggestions for new locations</p> <p>DF circulated a list, showing the locations of Council notice boards in Southall. He asked residents to provide him with suggestions of new locations</p>	<p>Three sites were suggested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Western Road / Trident Road junction - North end of The Green – near the station / or outside the Dominion Centre - Paved area of Havelock Road, behind the public house by the temple
<p>6.</p>	<p>Highways matters Closure of Merrick Road underpass</p> <p>KD noted this had already been dealt with in Matters Arising</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p>Dates of next meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 16th September – Dominion Centre, The Green, Southall - 10th February 2011 – as above 	

Dennis Frost
29: July: 2010