

BORDESLEY & HIGHGATE WARD MEETING NOTES

WARD: Bordesley & Highgate	DATE: 15 November 2022
VENUE: Stanhope Hall, Ketley Croft B12 0XG	START/FINISH TIMES: 6.30pm – 8.10pm
COUNCILLOR Yvonne Mosquito	NOs OF ATTENDEES: 22
OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Colin Murphy, Lendlease Sergeant Kulpreet Singh, West Midlands Police PC Sanheer & PCSO Begum, West Midlands Police Debbie Needle & Helen Harvey, BOSF Pat Whyte, Community Development & Support Officer Kay Thomas, Community Governance Manager	

MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING:

- 1. Welcome and Introductions** from Councillor Mosquito. Thanks to Monica Lee and team for efforts during covid and for the food bank running from Stanhope Hall which was also to become a Warm Space. Councillor Mosquito undertook to share information regarding assistance with the cost-of-living crisis.
- 2. Notice of Recording:**
Councillor Mosquito advised that members of the press/public may record and take photographs except where there

were confidential or exempt items

3. Police Update from Sergeant Singh

- Team had supported the CWG & Conservative Party conference
- Traditionally the coming months were busy with a general increase in some crimes
- Year on year October crime rates had seen a reduction overall but with car crime increasing. This was however a Force wide priority with a specialist team focusing on car thefts & 'chop shops', a number of which had been targeted in the Highgate & Small Heath areas. Residents were urged to report any suspicious activity
- The team was engaged in crime prevention work to cover the Christmas period

Residents expressed concern regarding reporting mechanisms as not all were able to report on-line. The meeting was advised, in those instances, to report non-emergency matters to the team email address or use the 101 number.

In response to complaints of ASB and noise and nuisance from quad bikes around Barford Street, Sergeant Singh undertook to investigate.

4. Smithfield Development Consultation

Colin Murphy, with the aid of a power point presentation explained the plans for the new Smithfield Development planned to bring new homes, leisure and community facilities to the site.

In response to resident's questions and comments the following points were made –

- All types of housing tenure would be incorporated in the development of approximately 3000 homes. The mix

would be decided with BCC and numbers determined by the council.

- With regard to support to community centres, Stanhope Hall could be one of the centres
- Properties would be supported with green technology such as air source heat pumps
- In respect of green space there would be a football pitch sized park area for use by residents of the new homes. It would not be a park designed as a city centre park. Regarding tree varieties there would be as many native English trees as could survive the infrastructure as possible
- There would be bus stops, walkways and cycleways incorporated within the development and the design would enable the tram to be incorporated when it reached that part of the city.
- The development would be designed to be as car free as possible in view of the city centre location with all of the benefits of transport connections and a 5% parking allocation. The trend in car ownership amongst such developments was significantly reducing.
- social impact monies would be generated from the project

5. Bordesley & Highgate City of Nature Pilot Project

Debbie Needle, Community Facilitator for City of Nature Pilot Project, explained the benefits of the City of Nature project for the Bordesley & Highgate ward that was a whole city plan worked out over the past 3 years after listening to citizen ideas on park and green space improvement. There were 5 parks in the ward and plans had been publicised on park notice boards so that those not able to access the internet could also see what was planned. The plans would be funded through CIL, S106 and CWG legacy funding. There had been consultation with the police regarding ASB in parks as it was acknowledged that this was the reason for under-use but the plans would make spaces more user friendly with activities, Green Champions and Friends of Highgate Spaces. Volunteers were required and anyone interested could contact BOSF or Monica at Stanhope Hall.

In response to questions Debbie advised this was a 25 year plan and those areas in need of greatest attention were being given priority. Activities and contact details would be available on green notice boards in parks and more information would be made available at future meetings.

Councillor Mosquito suggested having a future meeting to look at the plans for the parks and open spaces.

6. Residents Updates & Issues

a) Environmental Issues, Spooner Croft – in response to concerns raised Councillor Mosquito said there had been a clean up day around Vaughton Street/Chandos School and surrounding area but parked cars made it impossible for the mechanical sweepers to clean the streets. Residents said that Spooner Croft, Darwin Street, Emily Street and Cumberland Avenue did not receive any street cleaning and Canberra Way (opposite Calthorpe School) required grass cutting. Councillor Mosquito agreed to raise with the Cabinet Member and Helen (BOSF) undertook to help establish litter picking groups.

b) Bradford Street – Shane on behalf of Friends of Bradford Street raised the following issues i) SK building, dangerous window coverings ii) flooding on bike lanes raised with Kier but no action taken iii) management companies responsible for flats not taking responsibility for property maintenance, residents safety etc .

Councillor Mosquito asked that details be forwarded to her

c) Councillor Advice Surgery – Councillor Mosquito advised these were currently on-line but she would be undertaking face-to-face surgeries and in response to questions undertook to look into holding one at Stanhope Hall.