



FOR HIGHGATE  
HIGHGATE NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

## Highgate Neighbourhood Forum Committee

Tuesday 23 January 2024 at Lauderdale House

### MINUTES

**Present:** Alicia Pivaró (AP) (Chair), Anne Jamieson (Minutes), Martin Adeney (MA), Iain Brewster (IB), Don Grubin, Ian Henghes, Catherine Ives, Peter Jacobs, Louise Lewis (LL), Maggy Meade-King (MMK), Chanel Noel (CN), Dan Stranescu, Richard Webber (RW), Francis Wilkinson (FW), Siri Zanelli

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Lorna Russell, Cllr Camron Aref-Adlib, Rachell Fox, Natasha Walter

2. **Minutes** (Approved) and matters arising from meeting of 26 September 2023  
- IB approved as Treasurer, is awaiting formalities before taking on the role  
- Dartmouth Park Healthy Neighbourhood Consultation proposal due by the end of Feb.  
- 271 Bus Stop. Still no response from Camden councillors. See item 5 below.

3. **Chair's Report (AP)** Distributed in advance - copy below.

Items 1 and 2. **Consultation events** re Camden and Haringey Plans. Everybody encouraged to note and sign up individually for events listed.

Item 3. **Highgate School development plans.** Lots of community responses and questions, which William Britain (Highgate Society Chair) has gathered together. **ACTION:** CN to ask the school for a response; also: to raise the ongoing issues of traffic at start and end of school and third, to clarify what their tree management plan is.

Item 4. Meeting with Ian Cruise re **Archway Action Group meeting.** Various ideas and issues were raised, from regeneration of the old overground station, greening, shops turned into flats, traffic and more.

Highgate High Street issues raised. Agreed: HNF should bring both Councils Town Centres leads together. **ACTION:** AP.

Item 5. **Highgate Festival.** Various anniversaries being celebrated round this period. Question: Is Hillcrest also celebrating anniversary? **ACTION:** AP

Item 6. **Heritage fair.** Same day as Volunteer fair, which is seen as an advantage rather than the opposite.

4. **Treasurer's Report (IB)**

No Treasurer's report yet.

IB reported on High Street issues. Madeleine Cosgrove from the Highgate Society (HS) is hoping to set up a business group for the village. Timely in view of recent re-evaluation of business properties.

5. **Update from Councillors**

No councillors present, and no written communication received from Haringey group. Meeting expressed dismay and grave concern at this ongoing problem. **ACTION:** Alicia.

6. **AGM:** date, venue, speakers, recruiting new members of Committee

Provisional date: Thursday 16 May at 6.30. Committee members to check their respective organisations' AGM dates.

Venue: Jacksons Lane

**Committee members urged to think of new members to nominate.**

Speaker(s): Nicky Gavron or Lorna Jane Russell **ACTION:** Alicia to ask NG., and to check with Jacksons Lane about accommodation.

7. **Old Highgate Station/meeting with TfL (MMK)**

Two sites brought forward by TfL for upcoming Haringey Plan: Old Overground Station and site further north on the Wellington Roundabout. TfL cancelled planned meeting at the last moment. **ACTION:** FW and MMK

to chase TfL for new date



**8. Biodiversity corridors project (MMK)** – see blog at <https://forhighgate.org/help-us-map-highgates-wildlife-corridors/>

Map in link can't be expanded. MMK can send one to those interested. Discussion followed, raising a number of questions, including: Is anyone on the HS planning committee looking at environmental concerns in planning applications? **ACTION:** MMK to write to key landowners about their tree strategies. MMK and AP to meet with Jeska (Growing Green) about next stage in wildlife corridors campaign and how to reach garden owners on the corridors, how to fill in the gaps and how to widen this out to our neighbours.

**9. Website:** Marianne unable to take it on currently. Andrea Horth will keep it going temporarily. IB offered to take it over. Offer welcomed by the Committee. **ACTION:** AP to organise handover.

**10. Newsletter and other communications (MMK)**

Everybody was encouraged to provide information about news and forthcoming events to MMK by the end of January.

**11. AOB**

1) MA reported on **severe flooding** at Kingsley Place (underground water). No reaction from Haringey.

**ACTION:** MA to send note to AP, who will chase councillors

2) Report on the **Haringey Futures** conference by MMK. Main concerns of participants were crime, health and life expectancy.

3) **Channing parents and dangerous parking.** RW reported that the HS is doing a campaign on safety on Highgate Hill. [Haringey is responsible for road until Bisham Gardens; above that it is Camden]. Also moves to make the crossing safer outside Junior School, as well as to add a new crossing over Cholmeley Park from The Bank. Currently HS web site is asking for evidence. Suggestions were discussed, included speed cameras, signposting, extending pavements. RW/FW will report once they have assembled their evidence. MMK in touch with Channing and encouraging contact with Police SNT teams.

**12. Secretary role. Volunteer needed to take over from NW.**

**13. Date of next meeting: Monday 25 March**

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## CHAIR'S REPORT

**1. Haringey Council New Local Plan** – the council are making the first steps towards creating a New Local Plan which will set out how Haringey grows and develops through to 2037. They have an online initial consultation at <https://haringeynewlocalplan.commonplace.is/> under themes Climate Emergency and Sustainable Transport; Economy; Design, Heritage and Culture; Open Spaces, Biodiversity, Play and Recreation; Social Infrastructure; Housing; Growth Approaches; Call for Sites; Integrated Impact Assessment; Our Neighbourhoods; the Big Picture.

**2. Camden Local Plan Consultation** – due for adoption in 2026. Camden has also started it's consultation inviting all forums to contribute. Some of the updated evidence they have gathered to inform the review of the Council's planning policies may be helpful for your work if you have not already seen it and is available on the web site under 'evidence base' at [camden.gov.uk/local-plan-review](https://camden.gov.uk/local-plan-review). They will be holding some online meetings as



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part of the consultation on the draft Local Plan, where there will be an opportunity to discuss the proposed changes in more detail. All events will be hosted on Microsoft Teams and registration to attend can be accessed via the Council's website [Camden Local Plan Consultation \(councilsuk.live\)](https://www.camden.gov.uk/councilsuk/live)

- Overview of the Local Plan, Housing and Site Allocations – 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024 - 7pm – 9pm
  - Inclusive Economy, Town Centres, Communities, Infrastructure and Transport – 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – 7pm – 9pm
  - Climate Change, Environment and Design – 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – 7pm – 9pm
- Email [planningpolicy@camden.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@camden.gov.uk) and they will send you a Microsoft Teams calendar invite.

3. **Highgate School Development Plans.** The independent consultant from the Kings Foundation has reported back after initial meetings with key stakeholders suggesting a timeline with a number of themed workshops. Several of the local groups have expressed concern about the process so are meeting at 2pm on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Jan to discuss. One key issue is that there are several questions and queries from the groups that have not yet been answered.

4. **Meeting with Ian Cruise** – part of the Haringey Town Centres Team is taking place soon to discuss the finding of the Archway Road group meeting that Natasha organised at the end of last year. Update from Natasha later in this meeting.

5. **Highgate Festival 8<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> June 2024** started by members of the HNF 6 years ago continues – so please join the small team if you are interested. Already lots of local organisations are planning events in particular Coleridge Trust and Holly Lodge Estate.

6. **Heritage Weekend 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024.** Saturday Forum about our local history around the theme of 'Entertainment and Hospitality' and Fair and childrens' events on Sunday.

7. **Community Breakfast Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024.** AP attended the regular community organisation get-together to share information, needs and dates locally. Katherine Ives organises with usually 30 organisations attending.

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