



FOR HIGHGATE  
HIGHGATE NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

## Highgate Neighbourhood Forum Committee

**Wednesday 16 October 2024  
at Riverside, 1 Hampstead Lane**

### MINUTES

**Present:** Alicia Pivaro (AP) (Chair), Maggy Meade-King (MMK), Louise Lewis (LL), Natasha Walter (NW), Katherine Ives (KI), Peter Jacobs (PJ), Maria Kramer (MK), Andrew Sulston (AS Highgate Society), Dan Stranescu (DS minutes), Chanel Noel (CN)

**Apologies:** Siri Zanelli, Susannah Browne, Jennifer Kung, Iain Brewester, Cllr Anna Wright, Don Grubin, Cllr Lorna Russell, Francis Wilkinson

**1. Minutes of meeting of 11 July, 2024:** agreed

**2. Chair's Report (AP)**

- Need for biodiversity experts highlighted.
- Jerry @ Boogaloo has approached Haringey Council for permission to use unregistered land adjacent; no reply yet.
- Welcome extended to new Chair of Highgate Society, Andrew Sulston, and to Chanel Noel representing Highgate School.

**3. Proposed Highgate School Consultation**

- AS reported insufficient details, no information relevant to local community and missing expert reports.
- Biodiversity concerns - use of AstroTurf.
- Question raised over the effect of school fees VAT on proposed developments timeframe.

**4. Dartmouth Park Area Healthy Neighbourhood plan**

- MMK reported on meeting with Cllr Anna Wright.
- AP clarified Camden's consultation process as preliminary "engagement", following on from an earlier Dartmouth Park Neighbourhood Forum consultation; formal Camden consultation expected next and eventually trial implementation.
- HNF will propose amendments intended to benefit Highgate for discussion at the next Camden Council meeting.
- HNF preliminary response included concerns about Highgate West Hill, to be followed by a more extensive assessment of Swains Lane, Highgate High Street and boundaries.
- PJ suggested that HNF should be representing Dartmouth Park – MMK explained that the DPNF and HNF have strict borders.
- It was pointed out that the Holly Lodge Estate was in effect a LTN
- LL referred to Archway Road as covered by the Better Archway Forum and to the need for data on transit traffic knock-on effect on local area.
- MMK and NW noted how restricting traffic had improved the Archway area..
- AP stressed that local community must be allowed to express its views.
- KI noted that older people, who do need to drive, must also be considered.
- AP mentioned that consultations with the DPNH are ongoing and ideas are welcome.

**5. Archway Campus**

- MMK will provide web link in forthcoming newsletter: considerable amount of data, although not within the boundary of the NHF but of significant interest.
- Plans include student accommodation, alongside retail, residential – affordable, at social rent, and key workers' accommodation.
- Meeting of all local groups arranged by Liz Morris at Highgate Society.

- LL noted that existing hospital will be retained and refurbished but that some trees would be lost to residential areas.

#### 6. CIL Projects

- AP reported that Haringey allocations were in limbo as a result of Covid and the responsible officer having been moved, amongst others.
- Camden Council has no Highgate neighbourhood CIL funds left.
- TfL have agreed to transfer the ex-271 land to Camden Council

7. **Luna statue:** KI presented the offer of a public piece of art at the rear of Lauderdale House, for which support from the HNF is being sought; meeting in favour, AP to confirm

8. **Trees and Ecology Report:** tabled by LL. LL expressed concern at the ongoing loss of trees; currently 200 application for trees to be felled in Haringey, particularly from large back gardens where the fashion for “contemporary formal” is proving inimical to well established trees; Witanhurst is a classic example of departure from traditional English landscaping, There is a need for a Ecology Officer in Haringey Planning.

#### 9. Priorities and campaigns for the Forum for the coming year:

- **Biodiversity corridors** building on on BioNetwork and Growing Green work with Cemetery. LL noted the loss of trees resulting from the Highgate Golf Course planned redevelopment of technical facilities – **ACTION MMK to organise meeting with Golf Club**
- **Archway Road Action Group:** AS advised that Highgate Society planning to organise its own Archway Group. **Action: NW to share previous group’s email list and discussions.** AP mentioned the value of an Archway Road “Shop Local” mapping exercise. MK stressed the importance of an Archway Road greening initiative.
- **Workshop for creative projects to sit alongside DPHN:** to include cycle paths below and projects on Highgate Hill and North Road. LL and PJ agreed and proposed that bus lanes be enforced 24 hours/day. **Action: AP to organise**
- **Cycle paths campaign:** AP suggested the creation of a cycling action group.

10. **Newsletter:** MMK called for contributions by the weekend

#### 11. AOB

AP suggested the creation of the role of “tree champions” as a pressure group and ??

12. **Date of next meeting:** Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at Highgate School