
KENTISH TOWN NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

Committee Meeting - 7pm – 9pm, Thursday 20 July 2017 at The Vine, Highgate Road, NW5

1 In attendance: Roger Winfield, Henry Herzberg, Fabrizio Lepore, David Jockelson, Chris Hudson, Ian Grant, Paul Sevoir, Robert Livock, Alice Brown, Nadia Paul (Govia Thameslink Railway)

Apologies: – Celia Goreham, Derek Jarman, Virginia Beardshaw, Liz Sheridan

Did not attend: James Lowery.

2 Any conflicts of interest – none reported

3 Network Rail and Govia Thameslink Q&A (IG introducing)

Nadia Paul, station manager at Kentish Town (and Farringdon and West Hampstead) listened to a presentation from HH, with help from AB on the proposals in the KTNF plan for the KT Square, step-free access and improvements to the station entrances. HH emphasised the potentially increased number of commuters with the additional homes planned for the Regis Road and Murphy sites. NP, who was given a copy of the KTNF plan said she will brief the Govia Thameslink Railway (GTR) project team about the plans. Robin Morel (Network Rail) sent apologies, but asked that he be briefed on the presentation. Nadia will keep in touch with the officers and vice versa.

4 Minutes of last meeting

Notes and actions arising: Google calendar available for notification of forthcoming events; Roger, Robert and Chris to visit Quinns Pub

5 Chair's report (RW)

Ongoing matters dealt with in Miscellaneous Updates. One position on Camden Highline – the KTNF Committee supports the concept, although thought not appropriate to commit to the Crowdfunding scheme as a group.

6 Trees on Kentish Town Road (IG)

Meeting between Rod Harper (Kentish Town Road Action), Dee Searle (TKT), Alice Brown (representing CAA), Ian Grant (KTNF). KTRA asked if KTNF supported a letter to the Council asking for more trees to be planted on Kentish Town Road. Rod has produced plans where 19 trees could go, AB has responses to a street stall asking residents about tree locations; TKT has done another survey – and these will all be compiled on a map. IG referenced Green & Open Spaces Project in the Plan, p67, item 4 as the KTNF position. But the committee will wait to see the lay-out plan before commenting in a letter to the Council.

Action: Tree working group to report plans back to the next KTNF committee meeting

7 Christmas lights on Kentish Town Road (RW)

Kentish Town Road Action (Caroline Hill) requested that KTNF circulates her appeal for funds to members on our database. This produced at least one strong objection from a recipient. The officers have decided that the target audience for fundraising is businesses, and we would be in breach of forthcoming data protection legislation if we were used to circulate a third party's communication. Accordingly, we have informed KTRA that we will not agree to their request to circulate a further appeal letter. Possible mention in forthcoming newsletter.

8 Miscellaneous updates (RW)

Car Wash site

(Policy SSP1 p.49, Policy D3 p.22, Policy D1 p.20-21, Policy SP1 p.39-40) Meeting between KTNF officers (RW, HH, IG) and developer, architects and town planner. HH stated KTNF position that development of the site needed to be seen in the context of the NP's policies for Regis Road, the Murphy site, and the Kentish Town Square and revised plans are expected to be presented to the KTNF in August.

Camden Highline - CH requested that the KTNF offered words of support in relation to its crowdfunding scheme for inspection.

“Kentish Town Neighbourhood Forum welcomes this innovative idea to bring back into use this stretch of unsightly railway line between the southern part of Kentish Town Road and King's Cross. By creating a

new and safe green route for pedestrians and cyclists, it will also create new public realm, improving the health and quality of life for local people which is badly needed." **These have been sent to Adam Richards (Camden Highline).**

New Planning application for Regis Road. 2017/3257/P Land adjacent to Unit 1 The Interchange Regis Road London NW5 3EW for a mixed commercial building.

The committee recommends refusal on the grounds of interfering with a coherent development of the whole site Policy SP2 and SP2a and Camden Local Plan sections 2.32 – 2.36. Roger has sent objection before end July deadline.

Camden's new Local Plan – KTNF has a 300 page printed copy (Roger) which committee members can borrow.

The committee expresses thanks to Tally at Kall Kwik for free printing.

ACTION: Roger to send thanks

Camden Gardens

Michael, who runs Flaxon Ptooch in Kentish Town Road has proposed a sculpture park, and experimental art space with a cafe and rail carriage. Area is potentially dangerous, with drug use and attacks. Michael will have to get a licence off Camden Council, and permission off Network Rail. DJ pointed out the creeping and increasing commercialisation of public space, but offshoots include other improvements and increased health and well-being of local people. So long as continued free use of public space KTNF supports this project in principle.

Improving Camden's policy on housing for the elderly

Request that the KTNF looks into this.

ACTION: RW sending email to Elizabeth Monck for more information.

Masters student Sarah Hall has asked for comments from 3 or 4 members about the KTNF Neighbourhood Plan and the effect of living in an area with a forum and plan.

ACTION: Request to be sent in the next newsletter

AB raised the issue of protecting existing facades during building work, particularly the ex-Pizza building on Prince of Wales Road.

Example why this needs to happen provided by The Castle. Committee agreed about communicating this to Camden Council.

ACTION: Write to Camden Council about protecting facades

Location updates:

AA Storage site received planning permission; cinema operator dealing with two developers at Pizza House site; two evictions at ex Carpetright premises and Blustons.

10 Next committee meeting in 2017 - 9 November.