

St Helens Residents' Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Date: 11th October 2010 at 8.00pm

Venue: 28 Highlever Road

Attendance: Clare Singleton (Chair)
AK
NW
MHM
RH
MT

Apologies: JH, HP, JTB, CM, AM, JC, TM, LG

The Agenda for the AGM on Thursday, 4th November was discussed as follows:

Chairman's Report

Treasurer's Report

Election of Officers

-AK to circulate Committee members to see if someone could replace her as Secretary.

Woodlands site

-CS commented on the excellent note recently prepared by RBKC in response to the redevelopment proposal. These observations conclude as follows: "The Royal Borough should raise an objection to the proposals on design grounds. The proposals fail to submit evidence of the townscape impacts of the large scale buildings upon the local and historic context or provide information on the zone of visual influence and skyline impact of new tall buildings. The scale and architecture is arbitrary, if not predicated on a masterplan for the site that has not been published for discussion, has no material weight and does not form part of the application. That aside, viewed as a stand-alone development, the buildings are of an arbitrary scale, layout and detailed design. They constitute unattractive tall and bulky buildings that detract from the local skyline as viewed from the Royal Borough, and are likely to harm views out of and the setting of the Oxford Gardens St Quintin conservation area. The development itself is premature and should not be determined without a more comprehensive approach or the agreed OPAF, demonstrating how the development would preserve or enhance the local townscape and coordinate with and contribute to the regeneration of the Opportunity Area."

- Committee wondered if it would be possible to ask RBKC/LBHF for a mock-up of the buildings and to show a visual representation from our conservation area.
- Transport link to the new site – Committee members present at the meeting were generally in favour of a link. CS to ask those attending the AGM for their views.
- NW made the point that when we write in response to an issue (such as planning permission etc), the SHRA letter only counts as a single response even though it represents the views of many. For important issues, we should encourage our members to write individually.

Westway trusteeship

- WDT are preparing their Supplementary Planning Document. RH agreed to put herself forward as a trustee for the second time.
- Trustees are councillors and representatives from various charities – are there any Labour councillors?
- CS to circulate dates of initial SPD consultation workshops to our membership and request another meeting at a later date.
- CS to invite WDT trustee to talk at the AGM.

Shops

- Bollards/posts on the pavement outside shops – whose responsibility?
- Planters/hanging baskets outside shops
- Change of use
- Judith Blakeman or her representative to address AGM on the above.

Notice board

- MT confirmed the order has been placed and the board should be in place by Christmas.

AOB

- Notting Barns Live website – RH to check out the website prior to circulating details to our members to see if we can put a link to the SHRA website.
- Family Centre on Highlever Road – MT reported that it is open 7 days a week and that there have been complaints from neighbours about the noise. Committee agreed to lend its support, if necessary.
- Trees – any trees that have been removed should be replaced by Christmas. RH to email membership to ask if any trees are missing outside their houses and convey results to James Burton at the RBKC arboriculture office.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 9.15pm