



Minutes of the meeting on Friday 14th October 2016
Held at: The White Building, Hackney Wick

**“Working together to establish a permanent, sustainable, creative economy
in Hackney Wick and Fish Island”**

In attendance:

Gill Wildman (Chair)
William Chamberlain (Creative Wick)
Yolanda (Gaia Pulses)
Fabricio Mendes (Creative Wick)
Joanna Steele Canal & River Trust)
Cllr Chris Kennedy (LB Hackney)
Cllr Nick Sharman (LB Hackney)
Mel Allison (East Wick & Sweetwater)
Victoria Stonebridge (LLDC)
Adriana Marques (Foundation for Future London)
Tony Westbrook (LLDC)
Alice Leach (LLDC)
Katie Sheasby (Howling Hops)
Oliver Hickmet (Space)
Martin Parrott (Network Rail)
Katherine Igoe-Ewer (The Yard Theatre)
Kerry Sheldrick (V22)
Kate Rose (Omega Works)
Mathieu Rogers (LB Hackney)
Joe Lyons (West Ham United Foundation)
Ozlem Edizel (Middlesex University)
Graeme Evans (Middlesex University)
Jack Griffiths (Red Point Bristol)
Marta Rossi (Goldsmith)
Nimrod Vardi (arbeit)
Cllr Rachel Blake (LB Tower Hamlets)
Nima Tehranchi (Save Hackney Wick)

1. Introduction (Gill – Chair)

Gill welcomed the group and read out the Cultural Interest Group purpose.

The September CIG meeting included a discussion around the end of tenancies at Vittoria Wharf. LLDC noted that they have found some inaccuracies and concerns with how the 5th September activity has been recorded.

LLDC would like to clarify the description of what happened at Vittoria Wharf as below:

- The activity on 5 September followed notice being issued to tenants, and as such wasn't an eviction.
- In our opinion, the security present were not heavy handed, they played no role in liaising with the tenants about them moving out on the day.
- Tenants were able to and did have the opportunity to speak to an LLDC representative and a TFL lawyer about the process at any point.
- The majority of the tenants left on the day handing in their keys voluntarily and collecting the £750 contribution LLDC provided to help with their relocation.
- Those tenants that did not leave on 5 September remained for a further month, and have now voluntarily left.

2. Neighbourhood CIL Consultation (Alice Leach)

An overview of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Neighbourhood Priorities Fund consultation process was provided and information leaflets were circulated to the group.

The first phase consultation will be held to look at broad areas of interest and further consultation in April 2017 to look at potential areas and projects in more detail. This area is heavy in planning regulation, so apologies were given in case the wording in the documents read a little strange!

LLDC are encouraging as many people within the local community as possible to come forward and become involved with the process. This is the first consultation of this type so unsure of how many people will be interested in getting involved.

This is a very new process; noted that the London Borough of Hackney and Tower Hamlets have yet to go through this. Park Panel will be involved with looking at the results of the consultation and reviewing the project bids. Many local organisations make up the Park Panel, which includes representatives from CIG and Omega Works.

Q: Has the Arts Council guidance on the use of CIL been used in this process, for the review of the use of funding? For example could be used for compulsory purchase of sites?

- Not sure about the ability to use for compulsory purchase, Alice will have a look at the document to assess whether this is possible.

Q: Can the consultation be put in the hands of the community? As there are people in the community could take the lead of the consultation?

- The review of the process will take place at the end of the financial year, some time to go through the options for taking this forward. Would be difficult to give to a member of the community at this stage as unsure of the remit and it needs to cover the whole area – not

just the HWFI creative community. Park Panel will be involved with decisions so this will allow input.

Q: Are there any examples of this being used for the G category?

- This is a very new process, London Borough of Tower Hamlets & Hackney both confirmed they have not done this yet.

Q: Can the CIL be ring fenced geographically for HW developments?

- Cllr Rachel Blake advised that might be worth not going into this as so much development going on in Stratford that would outweigh the development in HWFI – doing this could result in less opportunity for HWFI.

Information is available electronically on the website

<http://www.queenelizabetholympicpark.co.uk/planning-authority/planning-policy/current-planning-policy-consultations>

Action: Alice to give Stour Space some flyers for circulation.

3. West Ham Foundation (Joe Lyons)

West Ham Utd have moved into the Stadium. The Foundation is the outreach arm of the club and promotes community engagement, health and wellbeing through community participation. The new location means that the local club boundaries and local community have shifted. Currently working on the community plan with Newham.

Noted that one of the issues that has been raised recently by locals is the match day footfall. Due to the difference in area, this has a very different to the approach towards the Green Street neighbourhood's management.

Joe recently met with Will (Creative Wick) & Lucy (Yard / Hub 67) to work through some of the advantages that the local community could receive. For example there could be the opportunity to make car parking spaces commercially beneficial.

The Foundation is open to receiving ideas for developing outreach projects and partnerships locally. It is also a member of the London United Football Partnership Panel – so it can raise projects for collaboration with other clubs in the area.

Emphasised that West Ham do not own or operate the stadium, so do not have as much access to the facilities as they did before and will need to ask the operator for permission to run any events / tours onsite etc.

Q: Can any of bar operators provide detail of their experiences?

- Katy noted that it has so far been mostly positive overall but nervous about losing the business of locals and regulars during match-days due to the bad behaviour of fans. Crate have had people jumping off the bridge as on the canal side.

Joe agreed that the upcoming London Derby with Chelsea will be challenging and makes all involved nervous, however the team take security very seriously and there shouldn't be any major incidents. There is a huge team at the Stadium that are focussed on security and can provide assistance if

required. West Ham's old security team has not been able to come with the team to the new stadium, however the intelligence has been carried on.

The Park hotline (0800 0722 110) can be phoned to report any issues on match-days and this information goes to LLDC and will also be passed onto West Ham.

Westfield / Stratford Station was evacuated on the day of the last match and the security team at Westfield and the police will have to get used to how match day works.

Cllr Rachel Blake is concerned about the commercial parking suggestions, Tower Hamlets have put in new parking restrictions in place around Fish Island. She has asked that West Ham get in touch with the council about the parking / traffic implications and if anyone is thinking of offering private parking they should in touch with both Tower Hamlets and Hackney Council to discuss.

West Ham customer service & support person permanently at the stadium would likely to be the best point of contact for concerns and assistance in relation to match day.

Action: Joe to provide contact details for West Ham customer service.

4. Hackney Wick station improvements (Martin Parrott – Network Rail)

HW station is being redeveloped. An underpass will be going under the tracks, this part of the development will be implemented in Easter 2017. Disruptions to trains for 4 days over the Easter weekend. The works will add stairs and lift access to both platforms. The Work is due for completion in 2018.

There will be 4-5 weekends before Easter where HW station closed, then Easter weekend the whole section of line will be closed. Information on the LLDC website. Will be info on the hoardings and also a notice board for detail of disruption.

Gill noted that the contractors have been very considerate to local residents. Issues with art work on hoardings were dealt with on the ground.

Action: Plan for communication to local businesses / residents is being developed by LLDC and information will be circulated.

5. A12 undercroft area (Polly Mann)

There is an undercroft area under the A12 and they have asked for ideas of ways to make the most of the space.

Suggested that it could be suitable to use as a place for young people to socialise. Noted Mabley Green has new trees / orchards and improvements have been made to that area, so would be good for similar regeneration. Katherine (Hub 67) suggested skatepark users could get involved with developing ideas for use.

Will possibly apply for a grant through Tesco's community funds and would also be open to ideas for investment from other sources.

6. Save Hackney Wick (Kate Rose)

General campaign meetings are progressing and has included dialogue with MP Rushanara Ali. Noted that the Carpenters Wharf visuals still don't show the new road bridge. Prospective buyers have no idea what they are potentially buying into.

LLDC offered meeting for Omega Works and Crown Wharf residents; however they didn't turn up to the meeting. The reason for this is that they don't want to be involved in the design of the bridges, as they don't want the bridges at all.

Requested a meeting with the key parties involved including Tower Hamlets, LLDC, residents groups etc. Cllr Rachel Blake is in a difficult position as she is also on the planning committee at LLDC, so she can't get as involved as she normally would and has passed this onto a colleague.

The campaign against the cement plants is going well – the fundraiser was very successful and have raised a good amount of money for legal support. School 21 are now involved with the campaign.

Action: Kate Rose to speak to Cllr Rachel Blake after the meeting about arranging a meeting between the Mayor of Tower Hamlets, David Goldstone at LLDC and representatives of #Save Hackney Wick

7. Inclusive Business Kit Research - Plot London (Gill Wildman)

Plot is a design agency and they are looking at options for financial inclusion following Brexit. They are working with organisations including the Joseph Roundtree trust and Toynbee Hall.

Looking at the payment methods that people on lower wages use. Developing a community emergency fund idea. Asking the group - would you donate for micro-loans system? Positive feedback received from the group. Suggestion to speak to credit unions for guidance.

Action: Gill will send around a survey for everyone to complete

8. AOB

- **Stour Space cafe** will cease to be operated by Counter Café. Opportunities for another business to take over the space to ensure that brunch and coffee needs will be continuously met. Stour Space are interested in hearing from pop-ups, local businesses and partners. The café generates revenue that can be re-invested back in the space. Suggested that Stour should get in touch with Sarah Henderson from Echo, as their current business accelerator is food start-up based.
- **V22** is an art organisation with artist studios in HW. They have recently opened up desk space £200 per month which includes access to network of large artists in the V22 community and a showroom in Shoreditch. They are particularly interested in ethical, tech for good etc kind of projects.

Asking people to have a look at their FB / Twitter if they are interested in desk space. Kerry is the main contact

Will noted that the Dyehouse 451 Gallery and Autumn Street studios were nearby making a sizeable creative cluster in the Wick Lane area. V22 also has an art collection which buys and sells items and on the stock market. Creative Wick has recently opened a gallery in Béton

Brut furniture shop. Would V22 be interested in purchasing a print? Money goes back into artistic projects and building economic resilience in the creative economy.

- There was an illegal rave at Autumn Street Studios. A break-in and unlicensed, 600 people. Rachel Blake will circulate police report to anyone interested.
- Jack Griffiths from **Red Point Bristol** (manage an indoor climbing wall in Bristol) are looking at taking on a short lease in the old Shapes building. Currently pre-app it will be a climbing wall and will have a small cafe etc. Interested in hearing from anyone that has leads for a permanent space in approx. 2 years to carry on from the short-lease
- **Here East** has just installed a public work by Gavin Turk – a 5 metre high sculpture of an open door. There is also a Chinese sculpture exhibition currently on at Here East, Jasel is inviting all to visit.

The Innovation Centre launch takes place on 27 Oct and 29 Oct Halloween event on Canalside. All welcome

22 affordable art studios on The Gantry managed by Space will come forward next year with a Programme for local artists

- **Adriana** is leaving LLDC and this will be her final CIG meeting. Big thanks to Adriana for her support over the years.

Meetings have already taken place between partners including CED, Here East & Creative Wick. One more meeting to take place. Adriana will speak with Cultural Education District partners to emphasise the importance that they attend this meeting.

She also encourages creative companies in the area to step-up and become actively involved with partners on the Park.

- **Stour Space** have put forward an application for Great Spaces. They have developed a model to bring people together for a local partnerships and working. Will be able to apply for funding and need to organise a specific meeting for this.

Action: Add to the agenda for the next CIG

The next CIG meeting is on Friday 11th October at Grow Hackney at 9.30am