

West Ealing Liveable Neighbourhood: Stakeholder Management Group

Meeting Notes

Held on 11th December, 2019 (6-8pm). Venue: Welshore Community Hub, Broadway

Attendees:

- David Highton – West Ealing Neighbours
- Paul Conlan - Councillor
- Representative, Ealing CVS
- Ed Brooks – Project Centre
- David Lomas, Ealing Cycle Campaign
- Josh Stanton, Live West Ealing, Ealing Council
- Marcus Stanway-Williams, Hello Lamp Post
- Arthur Breens, Local Resident
- Ben Addy, Sustrans
- Amardeep Chahil, Ealing Council

Apologies:

- LB Ealing Parks, Environment and Leisure
- Transport for London
- Open Ealing
- Thames Valley Housing Association
- Clarion Housing Group
- In West Ealing BID
- Solace
- New Practice
- Westside Young Peoples Centre
- St Stephens Church

Attendance was lower than is typical. The proximity to Christmas and the evening time slot may have contributed.

Agenda:

- 1) Overview of Masterplan Survey
- 2) Review of latest Dean Gardens designs and wider programme designs
- 3) Update on Low Traffic Neighbourhood engagement
- 4) Cycle Parking - information on subsidised cycle hanger parking
- 5) Overview from Hello Lamp Post
- 6) Programme overview and next steps

Meeting objectives:

- To introduce new members/representatives of the SMG to the group and terms of reference
- To understand the feedback received from the Masterplan Engagement Survey
- To feedback on the latest Dean Gardens plans
- To have a clear understanding of next steps for the programme, including Low Traffic Neighbourhood.
- Confirm wider membership of SMG

A typical SMG meeting is interactive. The purpose of these meetings is to share information but they are also a forum for the development of ideas and drawing on expertise in the room. However, the focus of this SMG meeting was on providing members with an update on progress and was, therefore, less interactive than usual.

1) Masterplan Survey Highlights:

- The Live West Ealing scheme aims to create a comfortable and sustainable neighbourhood where people feel safe, and in which they want to spend time. Throughout October and November 2019 Sustrans and LB Ealing engaged with members of the West Ealing community area to:
 - Present preliminary plans for the Live West Ealing scheme to the community
 - Gather feedback on the preliminary designs to feed into future detailed designs
 - Gather further community views on the West Ealing area
- 205 people completed the survey, of whom over 90% were residents in or near the consultation area.
- The most common way respondents said they travelled in and around the consultation area was by walking, at over 80% of people who responded to the survey. Bus, car and cycling were the next most commonly used transport modes (in decreasing order).
- Nearly two thirds of participants (66.2%) agree or strongly agree that the Live West Ealing project will make West Ealing a more liveable neighbourhood, compared with 17.9% who disagree or strongly disagree.
- Common positive feedback about the overall project stated that it will make the area more pleasant, it will encourage active travel and improve safety in the area. Some of the criticism of the scheme included that it is not ambitious enough, there are other high priority issues in the area and that the scheme will not achieve the desired outcomes.

- All 6 specific aspects of the proposed Live West Ealing schemes were viewed positively by the majority of respondents. For each scheme, over 50% of respondents felt that it would contribute towards making West Ealing a more liveable neighbourhood.
- Additional comments on the scheme and the project area included: support for the scheme; concerns about antisocial behavior and litter; issues around current street maintenance; advocating improvements for cycling; introducing traffic calming and preventing rat running; concerns about traffic volume and flow; concerns about parking; and concerns about maintaining vehicle access.

Full report to follow.

2) Dean Gardens Review:

- The proposal for Dean Gardens builds on the initial engagement work carried out in the summer and the subsequent Stage 2 Design that was on display at World Car Free Day in September. The design includes the following main elements.
- The existing play around the two magnificent Willow Trees will be replaced with an exciting new timber play house and associated timber play elements. Things like slides, swings and climbing nets that provide a whole range of play for all age groups and allow them to move seamlessly from one element to another. We are working with play specialists who will ensure a safe and successful scheme that respects the two Willow trees whilst making the most of their presence.
- Elevation of the tree house which will have half accessible for younger age ranges and a more challenging climbing net to access the higher more adventurous section for older children.
- We are also including a wheeled sports surface that will help activate the disused corner beside Leland terrace and provide a space where children can learn to ride their wheels. Different loops will vary in difficulty and have small undulations and cambers.
- We are proposing new entrances for the park as well which will work with the planted borders and create green gateways into the park. Bespoke signage will help give the Dean Gardens identity and with hedges and herbaceous planting acting as a green buffer to the adjacent roads.
- The community garden and associated square will give Dean Gardens a new community hub and also help activate this underused side of the park. The community square will have space for bike maintenance and storage for garden tools etc. A separate feasibility study is currently being undertaken to look at the option for adding a small kiosk to the square that will provide a café and community space.
- Detail of the raised beds in the community garden – worth mentioning the tour here? Or the extra engagement work NP are carrying out?
- SUDs will also be included in the scheme to help improve biodiversity and mitigate against flooding, feasibility work currently being carried out by PCL.

In addition to the Dean Gardens update, New Practice (engagement team for Dean Gardens) invited stakeholders on a 'Parks and Gardens Tour' on 14th January to some

nearby green spaces that contain features which have been proposed for Dean Gardens. This tour was open to all those who might be interested and stakeholders were asked to share the invitation within their networks.

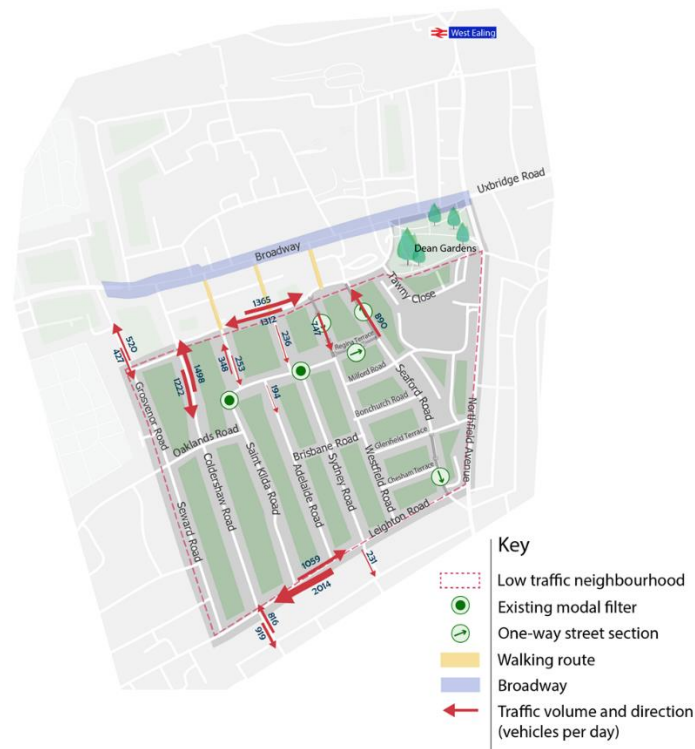
In addition, Ed Brooks from Project Centre provided an overview of the progress made on working up conceptual design solutions in various locations across the Live West Ealing project area. These designs are a work in progress, but they provided the group with a sense of the approach that is being taken and the general aesthetic. These designs will continue to be developed over the coming weeks and will be submitted to Transport for London as part of the spring 'Gateway' submission.

3) Low Traffic Neighbourhood Update

The group were provided with an overview of engagement delivery for the Low Traffic Neighbourhood planned for the neighbourhood to the south of Broadway.

This included:

- An overview of the project area, including traffic movement and volumes:



- A discussion around the benefits of a low traffic neighbourhood and how this project sits with other Live West Ealing delivery.
- The engagement activity for the Low Traffic Neighbourhood, including upcoming events and activities:

Drop-in issue identification events:

Welshore Community Hub, 99 Broadway, Ealing, W13 9BP

- Saturday 14th December 11am - 2pm
- Tuesday 17th December 5.30pm - 8.30pm

Pop Up Activity:

x2 in and around West Ealing, including Election Day!

On Line Survey

To complete the Low Traffic Neighbourhood survey please visit:
sustrans.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/ltnProject

Co-Design Session

Scheduled co-design drop in event at the Welshore Community Hub on 11th January 2020.

4) Cycle Parking Update

Live West Ealing will be subsidising hangar spaces by 50% for the first 12 months, so a bicycle space will cost £36 per year rather than £72.

Residents that already rent a space will have their space subsidised at the point of renewal.

Residents are encouraged to email cycling@ealing.gov.uk to request a hangar within their area as we're looking to expand the provision of secure bicycle parking facilities.

5) Hello Lamp Post Update

Marcus from Hello Lamp Post provided a brief overview of their work to date and how Ealing will be using the technology in the future.

6) Next Steps

Josh from Ealing Council provided a brief overview of next steps in the Live West Ealing programme:

- He emphasised the importance of the Stakeholder Management Group and the extent to which the programme relies on it to disseminate information about the programme and help shape delivery
- The team are busy working towards the next Transport for London gateway in the spring – if successful this will then provide the green light to the next stage of the project
- Engagement is underway on the low traffic neighbourhood to the South of Broadway to develop opportunities for prioritising people and ensuring that the neighbourhood is accessible to those on bicycle and foot
- Modelling is still ongoing for the Broadway and will be shared once the process is complete and outcomes known
- The Live West Ealing team will be holding a stakeholder management group meeting with local developers in early spring to better understand how the Live West Ealing programme can coordinate with wider area construction projects to ensure opportunities aren't being missed to improve accessibility during construction. For this session we hope to be joined by Michael Barrett from TfL. Members of this group will include: clarion, Pathways, A2 Dominion, Catalyst, St John's Church (future development), Henley Construct (Islamic Centre), Green Man Estate (Rydon), Sainsburys (Aurora) and Metropolitan Thames Valley.
- The next Live West Ealing Stakeholder Management Group meeting will be held in early spring where findings from the Low Traffic Neighbourhood, Broadway modelling (if complete) will be shared and updates provided on Dean Gardens and other elements of the Live West Ealing programme.