

West Ealing Liveable Neighbourhood: Stakeholder Management Group

Meeting Notes

Held on 25th June, 2019 (2-4pm). Venue: Orchard Café, West Ealing

Attendees:

Nick Moffitt – Ealing Cycling Campaign
Joe Lewis – TfL
Tayyib Thawa – TfL Apprentice
Fatima Rana – Engineer, Ealing Council
Jack Butler – Communications, Ealing Council
Jan Anderson – Ealing Parks Team, Ealing Council
Parminder Basuta, A2 Dominion Housing
Kofi Nyamah – Ward Forums & Active Citizenship, Ealing Council
David Highton – West Ealing Neighbours Resident Group (WEN)
Cllr Paul Conlan – Councillor, Ealing Council
Rozeena Vander Waal – Ealing CVS (Westside Young Peoples Centre)
Tim Melhuish – Programme Manager, Ealing Council
Marcus Stanway-Williams – Hello Lamp Post
Rosina Anderson – Ealing Youth Service (Westside Young Peoples Centre)
Peter Mynors – Ealing Cycle Campaign
Tiernan Mines – Hello Lamp Post
John Cowing – West Ealing Community Interest Company
Megan Inglesent – Make Uxbridge Road Safe
JJ Watters – Kinnear Landscape Architects
Duncan Bain – New Practice
Abigail Blunt – New Practice

Agenda:

- 1) Introductions**
- 2) SMG – Agreed T&Cs, purpose and set-up going forward**
 - Ran through previously agreed 'terms of reference' for the SMG
 - Highlighted that the future scheduling of the SMG will alternate between afternoons and early evenings to ensure as many people as possible are able to be involved
 - Following feedback, committed to the development of post meeting notes to be shared with the wider group
 - Presentations to be made available to the wider group via programme website
- 3) Programme Update**
 - Fatima and Tim – responsible for the WELN programme from Ealing Council provided a brief overview of progress to date.
- 4) Masterplan Consultation Brainstorm**
- 5) Hello Lamp Post Engagement Feedback**
- 6) Dean Gardens Review: Engagement and Design Updates**
- 7) Post SMG Walkabout in Dean Gardens**

Masterplan Consultation and Wider Engagement Brainstorm:

- TfL have requested that Ealing Council carry out a consultation exercise with the wider Ealing Community to ensure wider understanding of the programme, capture feedback and test ideas.
- The SMG were divided into groups and given a number of resources, including a large plan of the various interventions proposed (as available on the WELN Website here) and a worksheet with the following question prompts:
 - Do these areas of focus make sense to you?
 - How will these plans impact your daily life?
 - What impact will these plans have on West Ealing? Positive? Negative?
 - What, if anything, is missing from the plans?
 - How do you think the wider community will respond to these plans?
 - What questions do you think the wider community will have?
 - How can we share information about the WELN programme most effectively?
- The main points to come out of the group conversations, and subsequent feedback, were as follows:
 - General awareness of WELN in the local community is low
 - Highlight awareness around schemes that have been recently delivered ie/ interpretation boards
 - Use interpretation boards to highlight areas that will change as a result of the scheme
 - In the plans, include upcoming local development to demonstrate how the scheme will respond (and help with) to growth
 - Include aerial photos of the area
 - In the consultation, link the scheme – and the various interventions – to the Healthy Streets Wheel
 - Remember that some of the smaller interventions might resonate with local people as strongly as the big – ie. pavement buildout and removal of street clutter at the corner of Dean Gardens (small change – big impact)
 - Any presentation of a plan needs to be made really clear – labels, points of orientation, photos, with text to explain what’s happening on the plan (with rationale for intervention)
 - Make sure the big ticket items – that will be transformational – are highlighted and sufficient detail is provided for people to understand the opportunity – ie/ Uxbridge Road cycle lane and Dean Gardens
 - Make sure you capture how the scheme will benefit local schools
 - Don’t shy away from any more controversial issues – ie/ any potential parking loss and/or reallocation – focus on the benefits
 - Be clear on how the programme connects and ensure that schemes don’t sit in isolation – ie/ ‘The Orchard Ring’, is the ‘Ring’ connected – what does it link to?
 - The wider community will respond positively if reasoning behind the scheme – and the various interventions – is communicated effectively. ie/ data to back up the decision making.

- It would be good to demonstrate potential journey case studies ie/ parent wants to travel from home, pick up their child from school, stop at shops and then go to Dean Gardens for a picnic.
 - Include visualisations for what these spaces might look like – helps to engage more people
 - Make sure you focus on areas that are concerns for local people and demonstrate how you will improve them ie/ Green Man Passage and Jacobs Ladder
 - Engage young people – both the schools and youth centre
 - Core Elements of the scheme for local people will include:
 - Dean Gardens
 - Lido Junction
 - Uxbridge Road cycle infrastructure
 - Designs to improve local areas ie/ Dean Gardens and Jacobs Ladder
- This information will be used to help shape the development of, and engagement with, the ‘consultation/masterplan’. This will be developed over the summer and launched to the wider community in late September. A draft of the materials will be shared with the SMG (at the next meeting) in early September.

Hello Lamp Post Engagement Feedback:

- Successful engagement, the council are expanding the scope and number of objects across the project area. Moving the focus away from the Uxbridge Road (other than bus stops etc where people spend more time). Report to be made available.

Dean Gardens Review:

- **Overview of Engagement on Dean Gardens from New Practice**
- Running programme of engagement: - building baseline data and evidence, including specific youth engagement with Westside Youth Centre
 - Engagement to take place during summer events and further scope to be signed off.
 - 20 hours of observation has taken place so far - observing and perceptions and usage of the parks
 - General findings: Really well used, Quantitative statistics, playing facilities are valued resource, but there are concerns about the age of the facilities. Also interested in expanding access to wider groups of young people.
 - Perception of community events - broadly positive - interested in exploring other events for park activation.
 - Explore community growing with concerns with security and vandalism.
 - The summer event - coincide with fun fair - ‘chill out zone’ with complementary activities.

- Expanded engagement, beginning to provide skills and resources and allow a greater stake-ownership and growing ownership of the park.
- Community conference - giving people green skills and workshops for secondary skills.

○ **Overview of Dean Gardens design from KLA**

- Big focus on cycle culture and having a cycle hub - a community café
- Overlapping functions will provide a space for a mix of people to interact.
- Having some forest scale trees
- Looking at natural play by using water and landform. Creating a space that is not segregated.
- Looking at a community garden for the park to link in with the allotments
- Some community buildings with tbc on function

○ **Questions**

Q: The park changes at night with different groups of people - what uses could it have at night time?

A: Improving feeling of safety with improved lighting, open canopy, passive policing through more people walking and cycling through.

Q: How long will the park be closed?

A: Could be up to a year.

Q: Whats the USP for dean gardens?

A: This is part of a wider programme – not many town centres have a park on their doorstep – and this needs to help define the USP of Liveable Neighbourhoods.

Q: use community space for a place for people to buy juices and things for the kids...

A: That is something which is being investigated as part of this process.

Post SMG Walkabout Dean Gardens:

Comments included:

Marcus Stanway-Williams (Hello Lamppost):

- Park is one of the busiest areas for 'Hello Lamp Post engagement'
- Need a balanced surveillance solution, not obvious cameras
- Willow trees are the main feature
- Traditional park benches invite loiterers, need to explore unconventional seating.
- Area 4 should be opened up to encourage Leeland terrace thoroughfare
- Keep Broadway edge barrier
- Integrate Hello Lamp Post objects within new park designs.

Nick Moffitt (ECC):

- Hedge blocking ped/cycle traffic from Tucan Crossing is mercifully being dealt with, but....
- Fire gate at other end of path is too narrow to walk bike through, and offset from kerb ramp, forcing cyclists to perform a difficult and dangerous sequence of turns to get onto Leeland Terrace. A bollard would be better in the short term.

Tiernan Mines (Hello Lamppost):

- Poor lighting because of Street Lamps (need more) and Tree canopies hiding/shading areas

Jan Anderson (LBE and Local Resident)

- Dark and poor sightlines disguise the substation
- Play – diversify and mix up traditional fares with natural and informal play.
- Robust and fun. Relocate away from busy road. Willows are beautiful. Find a better location for the historic fountain. Colourful planting along Uxbridge road – good for people and wildlife.
- Pigeons – yuck. But feeding does have a social/religious/mental health aspect? Corner planting and boulders good – why no seats? This style of landscape would be better set away from the Broadway.
- Areas 4 – Leaky, wasted space – ugly views across Leeland terrace. Youth activity area (gym, goal, tower) all good activities – needs more and maybe somewhere else.
- Area 5 – Dark, scruffy back fence, asb, useful main open space for formal and informal activities.

Other Comments

- Play area too prescriptive
- CCTV not visible – can we lift canopies
- Access into sheltered housing from the park as well – locked gate.
- Can we use some fragrant plants?
- Gym could be put beside café – would be a good way to integrate people.
- Community garden in Walpole park had all the food stolen from it – concern about vandalism etc.
- People frightened to use bus stops at night – lighting will be an important part of design.
- Play area for under 15 yo – any older not allowed in, can ask to leave.
- Traffic on Northfield Avenue very bad – busy at commuting times.