

WELN: Engagement 2021

Stakeholder and community engagement



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Introduction

This document summarises the stakeholder and community engagement activities undertaken by Sustrans for the London Borough of Ealing (LBE) and Transport for London (TfL) split into 2 sections covering:

1. Stakeholder Management Group Meeting.

Sustrans delivered, in partnership with Ealing Council and other partners, an SMG meeting to update on latest delivery plan and prioritisation for Live West Ealing. The meeting was an opportunity to receive comment from SMG and discuss wider opportunities.

2. Dean Gardens and Community Greening Workshop

Sustrans hosted an online workshop with a number of individuals and stakeholders. The first part led by Jan Anderson (LB Ealing), focused on next steps for Dean Gardens. Sustrans and Project Centre delivered a workshop focused on addressing the lack of green space within the area. Objective of the session was to gauge local interest in some of the forgotten spaces around the project area and how best to deliver them.

1 Stakeholder Management Group Meeting

Held on 9th March, 2021, online via Zoom

Meeting Agenda

1. SMG overview – Sustrans
2. Programme overview - Sustrans
3. Art Strategy brainstorm – Alicja Borkowska from YOU&ME Architects & Jai Tyler
4. Dean Gardens – Jan Anderson, LB Ealing
5. Cargo Bike project – TfL Healthy Streets Officer, Lauren James
6. Next steps

1. SMG Overview

Sustrans provided a brief overview of previous SMG meetings as well as a look at the Terms of reference for any new members.

2. Programme Overview

Sustrans gave a programme overview and presented the concept designs produced this time last year and explained the priority process identifying projects which could be brought forward for delivery should future funding become available.

The following questions were asked by group members and answered by Josh Stanton (LB Ealing):

Question: Singapore Road is a dreadful mess with rubbish, is there anything that could be done temporarily? Some of it is fly tipping but there is a lack of waste management from the businesses.

Answer: Some of that is due to the nature of the ongoing development and construction traffic which will carry on for 3 or 4 years. There is a lot of fly tipping which has led to the installation of a camera on Witham Road. The business waste is an important point. Council will look to get together with Paul Roberts and the BID to see how it can be addressed.

Question: Lido Junction, can we allow cyclists to progress at the same time as pedestrians on the all green phase?

Answer: The design is at feasibility stage. We will clarify some of that detail following the meeting.

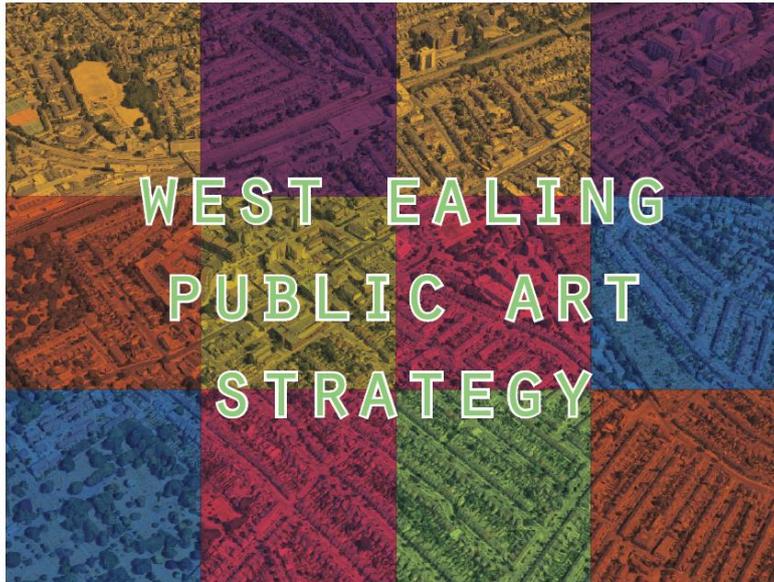
Question: When will it be known which projects will or will not be included in the short term implemented schemes?

Answer: Cannot say at this present time but as soon as we have the information we will arrange to share it with the group.

Question: Will there be discussion with Network Rail (NR) on the Jacobs ladder footbridge?

Answer: Have been trying to negotiate with NR going back to 2017. Due to Covid any progress has dissipated. The bridge is out of scope because it is not a borough asset but happy to include it if NR express willingness.

3. Public Art Strategy



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Alicja Borkowska from YOU&ME ARCHITECTURE and local artist, Jai Tyler introduced their work on the art strategy for the West Ealing Liveable Neighbourhood. They reviewed the work done to date such as the colourful crossings and the Utility boxes by local artist Nick Brown. In addition, they identified initial ideas and themes which will be further developed as part of the art strategy which will form a brief to inform the work of local artists.

The presentation included initial ideas and attendees were invited to comment and write down words or themes that came to mind when thinking of West Ealing.

Comments:

- Neighbourly
- Local
- vibrant, multi-cultural, independent shops/restaurants
- Seeking its own identity
- colourful, bustling, multi-cultural
- Busy, lots of opportunity
- Availability of Greek groceries, haberdashery - things you can't find at Ealing Broadway.
- Local, lively, unpretentious
- Community, food, diversity, community
- Fresh food, veg, unique and variety of produce
- Ealing Boards and Timber.

Other Comments:

- Need to have a cohesive strategy but represent different personalities, cultures etc.
- Like the idea that the principle of the brand and the artists can take the lead on the individual creativity.
- Rather see more figurative work, eg Mexican murals, street artist works eg. Showing people shopping in the market, working in the allotments. It grabs people more.
- 20th anniversary of Farmers Market – would love to tie in something with a children’s mural.
- Ealing local history library has some great photos of all the market barrows we used to have in the area.

4. Dean Gardens



Birdseye view of Dean Gardens showing the 2019-20 refurbishment proposals developed before the Covid19 pandemic

Jan Anderson presented plans for Dean Gardens. Ealing used the original plans and feedback from the 2019 community consultations to identify a ‘shopping list’ of small park improvements to cover things like children’s play, car-free travel, the fitness area and community gardening as well as things like new bins, a CCTV upgrade and tree planting.

Attendees were invited to comment:

- Need to think about waste management. Some community minded members of the public used to pick up other people’s litter and put it in a bin. During Covid these people have been wary about picking up other people's litter.
- E-W Cycle Path to connect Leeland Terrace to Mattock Lane would be really useful.
- Pigeons are a problem.

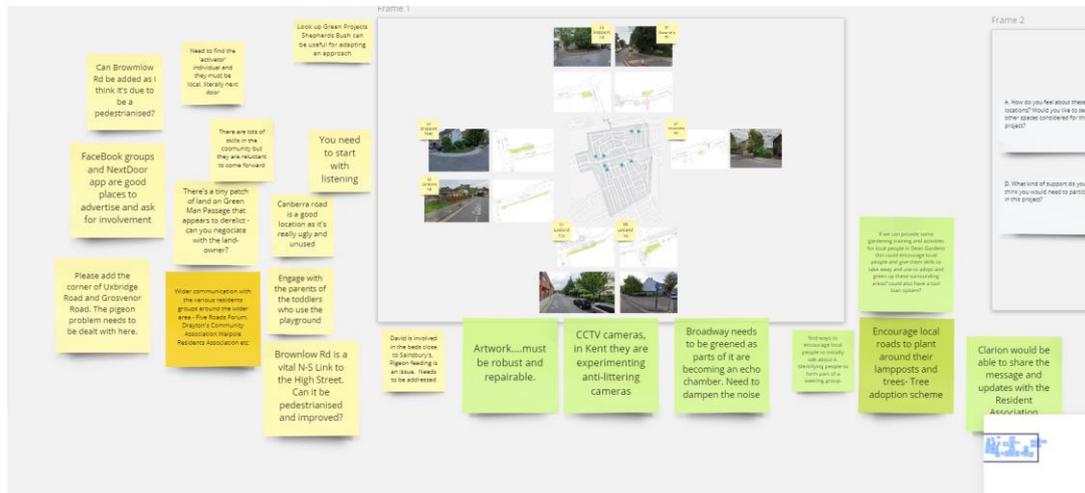
5. Cargo Bike Project



Lauren James, Healthy Streets Officer, presented on the cargo bike project. Ealing's trial cargo bike delivery service ran from mid-October 2020 until early

Spring and has helped to deliver over 350 parcels to residents during that time, travelling a distance of 450km helping to save approximately 125kg of CO2 emissions should these journeys have been made by car.

2 Dean Gardens and Community Greening Workshop Held on 18th March, 2021, online via Zoom



1. Dean Gardens

The workshop provided another opportunity to understand the local community’s preferences for the park. Jan Anderson presented plans for Dean Gardens and attendees were invited to comment:

Questions for attendees and their responses:

Q1. What changes have you noticed in the park since the first lockdown?

- Could we consider better lightning on the cycling path side?
- Pigeons are worse.
- Rats have just moved house to the edge of the park
- Playground well used.
- Not sure more people are using the park
- People (adults) use parks with intent, for exercise, meeting a mate, environment

Q2. What do you think are the current challenges for the park?

- Much busier during day
- Pigeons landing area needs to be re-turfed
- Main challenge Young people are concerned about the drinkers congregating and the safety it poses.
- Getting people to be active in the management and maintenance is a big challenge

Q3. What do you think of the ‘small works’ wish list and can you suggest anything else we should add?

- Sort out the muddy area on the north side
- The police want the gardens closed at night. Concern since 2015

- Repair existing cycle path rather than put in a new one
- replacing bins with more capacity is an excellent idea
- Many people don't want the heritage brick and iron walls removed
- It seems like a really comprehensive wish list given the budget constraints
- Gym equipment on hard standing more inclusive for users
- Improving/repairing the children's playground is a good idea
- Talk to local gyms etc about sessions in the park
- opportunity to grow community skills including hard works, eg maintain railing
- Improved lighting is a priority
- safer, better lit places attract more people making it also safer
- New cycle path idea is a bad idea and will be too costly
- Informal play for young children may be a solution given the budget restraints. Not always cheap, but a good chance to reuse felled trees if you have a source locally

Q4/Q5. How should we get more local people actively using and involved in the park and what community sessions could we run in the park apart from gardening? Who else should we involve?

1. The consultation with the young people at Westside was really positive and once we reopen would like to continue this partnership. I would like to continue to be involved to represent Westside Young People's Centre so please keep me posted- Jeff Campbell
2. Build partnerships with colleges, businesses as a catalyst for getting people engaged
3. West London Mosque
4. Tamil temple
5. Clarion is interested in involvement.

2. Community Greening



Sustrans and Project Centre presented proposed locations for community greening projects. There is an acknowledged lack of green space in the WELN project area and 'Forgotten' spaces throughout the neighbourhood were identified in advance that had potential to be transformed with the local community.

Objective of the session was to gauge local interest in some of the forgotten spaces around the project area and how best to deliver them. For example, is there appetite to take on the design, implementation and management of one or more of these spaces? If so what kind of support would should the council provide. Some of the questions were set to help guide the discussion:

- How do you feel about the chosen locations? Would you like to see other spaces considered for the project?
- What types of projects do people have in mind? What does greening mean to you?
- What kind of support do you think you would need to participate in this project?
- Is there any individuals or groups who we should involve?

How do you feel about these locations? Would you like to see other spaces considered for the project?

- Can Brownlow Rd be added as I think it's due to be a pedestrianised?
- Canberra road is a good location as it's really ugly and unused.

- There's a tiny patch of land on Green Man Passage that appears to derelict - can you negotiate with the land-owner?
- Please add the corner of Uxbridge Road and Grosvenor Road.
- Pigeons feeders- are a serious problem for these areas
- Broadway needs to be greened as parts of it are becoming an echo chamber. Need to dampen the noise.

What types of projects do people have in mind? What does greening mean to you?

- Green projects from Shepherd's bush can be used as an example project or inspiration.
- Engage with the parents of the toddlers who use the playground.
- Would funding be available for bulbs etc to plant around trees?
- Try in a small scale and then expand – e.g. tree adoption scheme.

What kind of support do you think you would need to participate in this project?

- Need to listen to what the community has to say for each of these spaces, spreading the information across multiple platforms would help.
- Give residents 'permission' to take control
- People need to be given space to come forward with their ideas
- If we can provide some gardening training and activities for local people in Dean Gardens this could encourage local people and give them skills to take away and use to adopt and green up these surrounding areas? Could also have a tool loan system?

Is there any individuals or groups who we should involve?

- Wider communication with the various residents groups around the wider area - Five Roads Forum, Drayton's Community Association, Walpole Residents Association etc
- Please add the corner of Uxbridge Road and Grosvenor Road. The pigeon problem needs to be dealt with here.
- FaceBook groups and NextDoor app are good places to advertise and ask for involvement
- Residents next door need to be involved
- People who are involved in the project to interact with daily working people – a more active group
- Would RISE be interested?; I think involving RISE would be a great idea.
- Local groups like St James avenue group would be interested?
- Clarion would be able to share the message and updates with the Resident Association
- Involving the local resident's groups gives more publicity to what you are trying to achieve.
- Peter Treadgold (Ealing's Forgotten Spaces)- Would be interesting to take some responsibility on some of these areas and take active participation in delivery of this project.