

**NOTES OF 28th CANNING TOWN RESIDENTS' STEERING GROUP MEETING  
HELD VIRTUALLY ON 18.11.22 at 6pm**

**AGENDA**

	<b>Item:</b>	<b>Item Lead:</b>
1.	<b>Welcome and introductions</b>	Howard Mendick
2.	<b>Engagement Update</b>	Algina Kamara
3.	<b>Design update</b>	Ricardo Bobisse, Athina Stylianidi
6.	<b>Newman Francis update</b>	Kamahl Ahmet
7.	<b>Any other business</b>	All

**Present:**

**Residents:**

Edward R  
Fawsia E  
Helen A  
Ibironke O  
Judith J  
Sheila A

Maybury -

**London Borough of Newham:**

Algina Kamara - Resident Involvement  
Manager  
Faraz Kayani – Estate Services  
Manager

**NewmanFrancis:**

Howard Mendick  
Kamahl Ahmet - Project Worker

**Design Team (Jestico & Wyles)**

Alex Luria - architect  
Athina Stylianidi – architect  
Ricardo Bobisse - Community Engagement  
Shade Abdul - Dead Space Director  
and Community Engagement Lead

**Notes** (from recording) - Clare

**1. Welcome and introductions**

1.1. Howard welcomed everyone to the meeting

**2. Engagement Update**

- 2.1. Algina talked about the community-led Beckton Road arts project, part of the Community Initiatives programme. Three key projects had been decided by a consultative process: Arts, Improving open spaces, and Business and entrepreneurship. The current priority was the arts project.
- 2.2. Improvements would be made to the subway linking Beckton Road with Bothwell Close, as well as to The Hub. Faraz reported on progress and shared a short presentation. The artists' brief had included bright colours, no people or animals and with a professional feel. Submitted ideas were shared and residents were asked for their feedback.
- 2.3. Initial thoughts included: possible use of fluorescent paints; how the walls and ceilings would be lit at night; concerns about talks with TFL to prevent the regular flooding previously discussed, and issues of security and the potential for CCTV. A question was also raised as to the prevention of future possible graffiti on the artworks.

- 2.4. Faraz explained there remained time to consider all these issues before any painting would start, and hoped the involvement of residents in the improvements would help prevent graffiti. Any graffiti that did happen would be removed.
- 2.5. The Design team added that the lighting was essential and must be robust, and asked whether the brief had contained the need for local or cultural references, which would help engagement with the public.
- 2.6. It was pointed out current graffiti referred to remembrance day and residents were asked whether this sentiment or others should be preserved within the artwork. Feed-back from residents was that the work should be kept simple and neutral.
- 2.7. **ACTIONS:**      **Faraz** to send the designs to steering group members  
                             **Kamahl** to set up an online poll to gauge the top 3 preferences  
                             **Residents** to vote within the next two weeks
- 2.8. Algina reported on other forthcoming activities, including a contractors' volunteer-led community gardening project, with a planned walk around the estate to assess needs.
- 2.9. Workshops had taken place during the last month, with others planned for the next few weeks, to include Co-Create, Co-Design (Masterplan), Regeneration surgeries, coffee mornings, a session for home-owners and a Christmas party, staffing levels allowing.
- 2.10. *Residents' questions:*
  - 2.10.1. Judith asked who the information from the surgeries concerning tenancy information would be shared with. As far as she knew the information was not being shared with Cabinet members, but would be approved within the council. She expressed concern about the lack of involvement of elected members, and would raise this within the council.
  - 2.10.2. Algina explained the information booklet to be published would include information about offers for the different types of tenure. Howard explained there would be a further meeting with ward councillors to go through the landlord offer, along with residents and the Design team. After Christmas further workshops would take place aimed at the different types of resident and tenant.
  - 2.10.3. Iberonke asked whether multi-lingual invitations had yet been produced to access all parts of the community. Algina explained this would be reviewed in the new year and any changes implemented. Google Translate was currently used in outreach.
  - 2.10.4. Shelia asked who could attend the workshops and it was clarified these were open to the whole community.
- 2.11. **ACTION**              **Algina** to circulate engagement programme to steering group members
- 2.12. Engagement panels would now offer incentives for attendance, in the form of a £10 voucher.
- 2.13. Canning Town Times would be published just before Christmas, with further content needed as well as more members for the editorial panel.
- 2.14. **ACTION**              **Residents** to forward ideas and content for the CTT to Algina

### **3. Design update**

- 3.1. Ricardo reported that numbers of new residents attending the workshops had been poor. It was particularly difficult engaging with young people, several of whom were from outside the area. Schools had been approached and this was also proving challenging, but would be pursued. Outreach may also be increased, in conjunction with Newman-Francis.
- 3.2. Pop-up events had been postponed due to ongoing poor weather.
- 3.3. Open Spaces workshops had been attended by a handful of vocal residents, with some helpful feedback, but there was concern that the wider community had not been well-represented.
- 3.4. The Design team would be talking about the new homes at The Hub on Saturday. They had found that an informal surgery model was more successful than a timed presentation one.
- 3.5. Alex shared a presentation of plans to be shown at the event. This included Retrofit, and feedback on the designs to date. Residents were asked to encourage others to attend and give their thoughts.
- 3.6. He explained that Retrofit had a far smaller environmental impact than demolishing and rebuilding from scratch. This could include adding new buildings around and attached to the existing structures, as well as internal redesign to meet current building standards. These ideas were still being explored.
- 3.7 **ACTION            Design Team** to send presentations to residents

### **4 Newman Francis update**

- 4.1 Kamahl told the meeting about continuing outreach work and meetings with the Housing team, along with coffee mornings. He shared the newsletter.
- 4.2 The team would be at The Hub every Monday from 28 Nov 14:00-18:00 to answer residents' questions about the regeneration.
- 4.3 Support with Awards and Recognition payments would be given at the coffee mornings and in outreach, as there had been some problems.
- 4.4 The idea of a social event for all those involved in the steering group was mooted, to be taken forward by Howard. This may take the place of a December meeting, to be confirmed.
- 4.5 **ACTION            Howard** to share newsletter with residents following the meeting

### **5 Any Other Business**

- 5.1 Shade reported on plans for **community-led events**. A meeting would take place after Christmas, and wider resident involvement would be sought.
- 5.2 The **Custom House regeneration ballot** was imminent, with then Canning Town ballot going ahead in the new year. Outreach and the drop-in on Saturday would help further explain this.
- 5.3 The main hall at the Trinity Centre would be occupied by **Warm Haven** on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays during the winter, alongside the regeneration activities.