

**NOTES OF 26th CANNING TOWN RESIDENTS' STEERING GROUP MEETING
HELD VIRTUALLY ON 22.9.22 at 6pm**

AGENDA

	Item:	Item Lead:
1.	Welcome and introductions	Howard Mendick, Kamahl Ahmet
2.	Housing Refurbishment Programme	Jon Hillier [unable to attend]
3.	Resident Expenses Claims Form process	Aidan Keightley
4.	Regeneration and Design update 1. Introduction 2. Engagement programme 3. Options appraisal / key stage 2 4. Co-design workshops x 2 5. Co-Production checklist feedback	Maeve Dowling, Ricardo Bobisse, Athina Stylianidi
5.	Engagement Update 1. Community Initiatives Plan – feedback 2. Co-Create demo – CTER page 3. Programme of Activities	Algina Kamara
6.	Newman Francis update	Howard Mendick, Kamahl Ahmet
7.	Any other business	All

Present:

Residents:

Ameerah
Fawsia
Helen
Ibironke
Judith – Chair [up to item 4.3]
Mustaf
Sheila

Newman Francis, resident advisors:

Howard Mendick – Chair
Kamahl Ahmet – Project Worker

Notes (from recording): Clare Maybury

London Borough of Newham:

Aidan Keightley, Co-Production Manager
Maeve Dowling, Senior Regeneration Manager [from item 4]
Algina Kamara, Resident Involvement Manager

Design Team (Jestico & Wyles)

Ricardo Bobisse -Community Engagement
Athina Stylianidi – architect
Shade Abdul– Dead Space Director
Persefoni Kolka – Architect

1. Welcome and introductions

1.1. Howard and Kamahl welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the agenda.

2. Housing Refurbishment Programme

2.1. As JH had not arrived, the meeting noted JJ's request for a separate meeting with the Housing team. All would be welcome to attend, and a report would be given following the meeting.

2.2. **ACTION Newman-Francis** to arrange a meeting with Housing Team over the next couple of weeks.

- 2.3. Ferrier Point Housing Hub was due to open and an update would be given to residents as soon as it was available. This would enable far easier reporting of issues and finding out about what was happening. The existing housing hub next to the Post Office on Stratford Broadway, open to all Newham residents, was apparently running very successfully.

3. Resident Expenses Claims Form process

- 3.1. Aidan explained the reward and recognition elements of co-production, addressing issues of equality, diversity and inclusion in residents' representation. Residents' Expenses enabled all to fully participate, and recognised people's contribution. It was not obligatory to claim and not everyone would. Claims could be made and the money donated to a good cause if wished. Those whose benefits may be affected were advised to seek advice individually about this.
- 3.2. **Payments** would be made into a bank account or given in the form of Asda or Sainsbury shopping vouchers, usually within 7 days.
- 3.3. **Claims** should be made using the form provided. Name, address, and bank details were needed for bank payments, and a contact number and email address. Forms should be printed and returned to Algina in person or photographed and sent by text or email.
- 3.4. Claims may be made for meetings, transport, and care, with Algina's approval. A calculator on the form was there to help with working out meeting hours and other costs.
- 3.5. Resident's **questions**:
- 3.5.1. *Is it possible to claim retrospectively from first attendance?*
- 3.5.2. *What about attendance at events not directly organised by Newman-Francis but run by the production group?* See action below
- 3.5.3. *Is there a simpler way to make a claim, as it's too easy to forget?*
Paper forms would be considered.
- 3.5.4. *One resident suggested saving the claim as a draft and editing the dates and times after each meeting*
- 3.5.5. *Computer issues sometimes make the process complicated*
- 3.5.6. *Other residents had not yet claimed*
- 3.5.7. *Clarification of exactly what can be claimed, including hours for a meeting, prep, etc, would be very helpful*
- 3.5.8. *Is it the case that registered childminders are not the only childcare option, but a friend or neighbour may be used?* This was confirmed by Aidan. There was a separate form for this.
- 3.6. It was pointed out that meeting preparation and follow-up (reading minutes, etc), walkabouts and other activities should be included as well as meeting attendance itself. Aidan suggested a standard rate for each of these activities, and clarity on the length of each meeting.

- 3.7. An idea for a simplified local form was discouraged as it would need, and was unlikely, to pass Audit.

3.8. ACTIONS:

- 3.8.1. **Algina** to confirm with Demi the possibility of claims being backdated up to three months
- 3.8.2. **Algina** to create a local process to enable recognition of attendance at all related events, having spoken to Oleyemi at Custom House
- 3.8.3. **Algina** and **Newman-Francis** to monitor the operation of the system over the next couple of months.
- 3.8.4. **Aidan** to send childcare details form to Algina

Aidan was thanked for his attendance and input.

4. Regeneration and Design update

- 4.1. Introduction. Maeve arrived at the meeting and went through the **progress of the project** to date. A presentation was shared (attached), including:

- 4.1.1. It was currently at the end of Key Stage 2. Key Stage 3 was beginning, with Key Stage 4 by next spring; 5 by summer, and 6 to follow.
- 4.1.2. Cabinet had approved the planning submission for Vincent St; procurement of the contractors and the direction of the masterplan.
- 4.1.3. Latest information was available from the Design Team at the Hub each Thursday.
- 4.1.4. Key stage 2 *Design Team outputs* and *resident engagement and communication* were summarised in detail as a reminder.
- 4.1.5. The *landlord offer* had been moved back to Spring 2023 to enable more resident involvement.

4.2. **Design Team presentation:**

- 4.2.1. Ricardo shared a timeline showing plans for the **Co-Design programme during Autumn and Winter 2022-3**, including:
 - 4.2.1.1. approaches made to faith, youth-and-community groups and schools to arrange **workshop sessions** for November around six topics, (initially on Saturdays at 13:00 – dates and details shown in the attached presentation):
 - 1 Oct - concept masterplan.
 - 22 Oct - open spaces including streets and parks.
 - mid-November – topic to be arranged with residents
 - pre-Christmas – new homes.
 - date to be arranged – community infrastructure
 - date tba – security
 - 4.2.1.2. **site visits and / or other activities** prior to the resident ballot, which could include previous experiences of regeneration
- 4.2.2. The first workshop was discussed in detail, to include interactive activities, detail about possibilities for the site and buildings, and explanation of decisions taken so far.
- 4.2.3. *Residents' fears that their opinions and ideas about options would be fully taken into account and not ignored* were addressed: although many options were on the table, the constraints (such as phasing, utilities, and so on) would be explained and discussed further, and joint decisions taken.
- 4.2.4. Athina shared a concept diagram (attached) addressing some of the **issues raised by residents to date**, including improving the links between north and south, east and west, and possible solutions to some of the constraints (existing housing, air and noise pollution).
- 4.2.5. **Ideas** included a variety of housing design and density; incorporation of some existing building structures in new layouts; central public green spaces, and the potential for 1,500 new homes.
- 4.2.6. **Alternatives** involved full demolition of the site, and the comparative impact on carbon production was shown.
- 4.2.7. Residents welcomed the clear and informative presentation and asked:
 - 4.2.7.1. *There is so much development going on around the whole area, where is the overview on issues like CO2 emissions? There seems to be no cross-communication.* It was agreed there was much going on at once, due to Council funding and decision making, and the co-design and engagement processes would take into account all concerns about issues such as pollution during all the works
 - 4.2.7.2. *Asked if there could be a further discussion in detail at the next meeting once copies of the presentation had been received,* the team explained that was the purpose of the workshop on 1 October, which will add more detail to this indicative presentation.

- 4.2.7.3. Asked if there were *any limits to numbers at the workshops*, Ricardo explained they could ideally manage about 30, although any number would be welcome, including children.
- 4.3. Shade shared a presentation (attached) and asked for input on the **Design Team checklist**:
- 4.3.1. Ideas for **resident-led, supported engagement activities** included a video, and cooking-and-sharing sessions at Trinity Centre. It was agreed much further discussion was now needed to make these happen.
- 4.3.1.1. **ACTION** – Those **residents** interested to meet Shade next Thursday at 18:00, venue and details to be arranged by Newman-Francis.
- 4.3.2. Feedback was given about the **Public Realm (Vincent St) workshop** held at Trinity Hub. This was felt to be very productive but future events should enable seating at the front so things would not be disrupted by late arrivals. Falling in the holiday meant more people could not attend.
- 4.3.3. **Cultural research workshops**, requested by Newham's Design Review Panel as part of the engagement process. Were these important and necessary? What would help people attend?
- 4.3.3.1. Residents asked if this was not *just a communications strategy issue, since the council, having requested this, should already have data and knowledge about the needs which could be tapped into?*
- 4.3.3.2. They also asked *if workshops would be widened beyond just current residents, to link with the approaches to schools and groups?*
- 4.3.3.3. **ACTION residents** to consider and feed back thoughts about cultural research workshops to the Design team at the meeting on Thursday, to include appropriate and timely publicity and production of an inclusive, high-profile video.
5. **Engagement programme** and **Newman Francis** updates were deferred to the next meeting.
6. HM summarised the main decisions and discussion points from the meeting. All were thanked for attending. Since the meeting had overrun, at least 2 hours 15 minutes' attendance time should be claimed.

The meeting ended at 20:15.