

MAYFAIR —FORUM— MAYFAIR NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

MAYFAIR NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM – STEERING GROUP MEETING
16:00-18:00, THURSDAY 19th September
The Grosvenor Chapel, London, W1K 2PA

PARTICIPANTS

Fr Dominic Robinson	Community
Jeremy Bishop	Resident
Fr Richard Fermer	Community
Jace Tyrell	Business
Bob Dawson	Business
Marie-Louise Burrows	Resident
Diana Dennis	Resident
Gordon Morrison	Resident
Sandeep Bhalla	Business
Scott Collier	Community

IN ATTENDANCE

Oliver Ayling	Grosvenor (Secretarial)
Susanne Afra	Westminster City Council
Cllr Timothy Barnes	Westminster City Council
Nigel Hughes	Planning & Public Realm Committee
Giles Easter	Planning & Public Realm Committee

APOLOGIES

Kate Goodwin	Community
Keith Bailey	Business

AGENDA:

1.0 Welcome

- JB welcomed all to the Steering Group meeting.
- JB introduced and welcomed Scott Collier who is a proposed replacement to the steering group for the vacant community position.

2.0 Minutes of last meeting, actions & matters arising

- The minutes from the previous meeting were approved by the Steering Group

Oxford Street Update (presentation attached)

- Susanne Affra presented on Westminster's Proposals for the Oxford Street district.
- WCC developed a place strategy and feedback last summer which was analysed in the New Year
- Majority residents and business support this plan.

- The WCC Cabinet provided approval to deliver the OSD in February and have now secured the funding to facilitate the delivery of the OSD scheme.
- WCC confirmed they are undertaking a procurement exercise to use a new contractor to deliver this work.
- WCC have set up a series of zonal working groups A-C D-F and G-I to facilitate discussions and updates. Also have a residents' group via WECIN
- Oxford Street District Phasing takes 3 phases, team have been working since last Autumn to improve footways and gullies. Phase 2 viewed as a kickstart to further investment within the OSD. Phase 3 is the wider district such as Marble Arch & Grosvenor Square.
- Cyclists still allowed to use Oxford St but proposing to improve routes.
- Proposing to improve 100 and introduce 50 new pedestrian crossings.
- Hoping to announce result of procurement of designer and contractor very soon.
- Have commissioned air quality consultants to look at this issue.
- Pushing TFL to roll out electric taxi fleet – 70% of pollution in district is from Black Cabs.
- Freight action plan will be site specific.
- Cavendish Sq to no longer be a car park – planning to improve connectivity of the area.
- Used Walala Lounge on South Molton Street as an example of a useful phase 3 project.
- All information available on website OSD.london, can sign up to newsletter there too.
- SC queried the walkway up the middle of Park Lane – SA confirmed the desire to improve this district.
- JB thanked Susanne for her presentation and contribution and asked that the SG is kept up to date going forwards.
- GE queried cycling, SA confirmed no plan for a dedicated cycle highway – proposals are to improve other cycle routes to encourage use of other routes where possible.
- RF confirmed nuisance of Petty cabs, SA confirmed these are difficult to deal with, but it is being considered, will update. Cllr Barnes confirmed that Petty Cabs can't be licenced, 3 bills have been sent to House of Commons to try and regulate this; now won't happen to after Brexit.
- SA confirmed Green Huts are being master planned to include changes to locations, will discuss with street trading association first before sharing information more widely.
- Park St and North Audley St traffic flows are to be reversed; outputs of modelling will be shown at working groups.

3.0 Referendum Update

- Set for 31st October.
- JT presented on plans for comms for businesses and residents.
- Poll cards distributed on 27th and Mayfair Times article published that day too.
- Marketing group have given strong recommendation to hold an open meeting, 10th October has been suggested for early evening for 5-7pm.
- Registration to vote deadline in 15th October.
- JT confirmed WCC have written to all rates payers in the area.
- Cllr Barnes explained the ballot form is to nominate a member of each business to vote.
- Clarity that schools and charities can vote but churches and faith groups cannot.

- Instagram and Twitter feeds have been rebooted by the marketing committee; website changes need to be consistent going forwards.
- Letter from Chairman to be sent to all businesses and residents. Plan to send out these next week.

4.0 Forum Committees

i. Planning & Public Realm

- JB confirmed that planning committee had met today.
- NH explained need to change terms of reference, so that SG of residents and businesses not needed but business and resident representation is still required. This was approved by the Steering Group.
- NH explained next step of giving developers notice of need to consult with us.

ii. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

- JB confirmed his concern that we may not be able to form a CIL committee and believes this should instead remain on SG agenda for the time being.
- JB confirmed current round of CIL allocation closing soon, we will not apply, next one is in 4-5 months' time.
- JB suggests we keep CIL on agenda and use GM to start discussion with community. SG supportive of this approach.
- JB would like different groups - residents, business and communities to nominate someone onto a working group to act as filter for ideas on CIL allocation.
- JB suggested referencing open meeting on A5 marketing document for the referendum.

5.0 Any Other Business

N/A