



GENERAL MEETING

17.30 – 19.00, THURSDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2017

THE GARDEN ROOM, THE GROSVENOR CHAPEL, 24 SOUTH AUDLEY ST, LONDON, W1K 2PA

1. Welcome and Summary

The Chair, Mark Henderson, welcomed everyone to the meeting and outlined the process through which the draft Plan has been developed. This was followed by a summary of key points from the Plan together with amendments made following consultation, and the next steps.

2. RSMSJ

Lois Peltz, Chair of the RSMSJ, outlined the role of RSMSJ and thanked the Forum for its extensive work on the Plan. She confirmed RSMSJ's support for the principal of submitting the final version of the Plan to Westminster before Christmas (as the Forum propose); noting that she had not yet had an opportunity to review the final text and that she would be discussing this at the next RSMSJ meeting. She also voiced concern about plans for Oxford St and urged attendees to participate in the consultation process.

3. The New West End Company

Jace Tyrrell, C.E.O. of the New West End Company spoke about the value of the Plan and of being able to bring business and residents together, to plan for the future of Mayfair.

4. Open Forum

Questions and comments were welcomed from the floor:

1. It was asked how the Mayfair Neighbourhood Forum (MNF) will ensure the Plan will influence the new City Plan for Westminster. It was suggested that the Plan should be submitted to Westminster City Council (WCC) as soon as possible to ensure this happens.
 - The Chairman, Mark Henderson, confirmed that the Steering Group had agreed the Plan should be submitted to WCC as soon as possible. Ideally, this will be before the end of the year.
 - Forsters commented that WCC has an obligation to progress the Plan as soon as possible once it is submitted to them. The first stage is a 6 week consultation after which the Plan would be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for independent examination.
 - Councillor Jonathan Glanz noted that unlike many other neighbourhood forums that have decided to wait until the release of the new City Plan to progress their plans, the Plan, if approved, will be adopted early on in the new City Plan process and will therefore be able to influence the new City Plan rather than having to respond to it.



- It was also noted that Knightsbridge had gone ahead and submitted its Plan.
2. Concern was raised as to how Mayfair's position as a leading arts district will be protected if events in Mayfair's green spaces, such as LAPADA & PAD are restricted. The Chairman advised that the policy proposed would allow for the continuation of LAPADA & PAD.
 3. It was suggested that a representative should be sent to the Chancellor's planning policy taskforce mentioned in the recent budget in order to be a representative voice for Mayfair. The same was suggested for the Chancellor's taskforce on homelessness.
 4. It was asked how the MNF might ensure that Grosvenor Square is protected being one of the largest open spaces in Mayfair.
 - Will Bax reported that Grosvenor has no immediate plans for the Square. Grosvenor recently published the results of its consultation into the future use of the Square and it is now looking to form a steering group of local residents, workers and public realm experts who can help oversee the process of creating a plan for the Square.