



## Neighbourhood Forum

19<sup>th</sup> June 2012

### Minutes

**Present:** Cllr Simcock (Chair), Cllr Taylor, Cllr Gillard, Cllr Wheale, Cllr Clayton, Cllr Adams, Cllr Paul, Ian Moston (IM), Doug Edwards (DE), Madeleine Rose (MR), Don Berry (DB)

**In attendance:** Chris Noble (CN), Bob Higginbotham (BH), Mark Valentine (MV),

**Minutes:** Claire Dyson

#### 1. Chair's welcome

Cllr Simcock introduced himself as Councillor for Didsbury East and Chair of the Neighbourhood Forum meetings and explained that as agreed at the first Neighbourhood Forum we would have one hour meetings once per month.

#### 2. Introductions

Each member in attendance introduced themselves to the meeting.

#### 3. Apologies for absence

No apologies received.

#### 4. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as a correct record.

#### 5. Agreement of programme of work

Items previously identified were all scheduled as part of the agenda.

#### 6. Withington Green

MV confirmed he had met with Cllr Paul yesterday and that they had agreed first principles. Between 5 and 7 residents have been nominated to attend future planning meetings and the first design meeting is planned to take place next week. MV explained that the universities desire is to achieve a design which created a useable space for the local neighbourhood.

The Chair asked for clarity on the accessibility of the space, and whether this is 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days per year? MV confirmed this was so and explained that the Café at the main entrance of the new building is also intended to be accessible to staff, patients, visitors and local residents.

DB advised the group that there is a submission from the residents for the green to be designated as having 'Village Green Status' and that any development of the village green could not take place until a decision on this has been made.

MV acknowledged the application and noted the intention to apply for a temporary hoarding licence for part of the green to create a safe construction environment. DE felt this was unacceptable and quoted the section 106 agreement. MV advised that any application would follow the appropriate process and would look to maintain as much of the green as useable as possible. DE read to the meeting advice from the city council in an email. IM reaffirmed for the group that The Christie and the University were committed to ensuring they worked within council guidance.

DB requested clarification on the design issue for the green and Cllr Paul explained his arbitration role and that the group would be able to discuss the whole design. The principle is to list the benefits and drawbacks and discuss the underlying issues for the landowner and issues for residents, respecting the community's wishes. IM noted the importance of maintaining conditions which affected the design of the building approved by the planning committee.

MV left the meeting.

## **7. Green Travel Plan**

BH presented on the successes achieved by the 2005 travel plan and the proposals to build on this in the 2011 plan. These included investment in additional cycle storage, bike to work scheme, public transport ticket concessions, car sharing prioritisation, initiative days e.g. ditch your car day and bike doctor, shower facilities, reconfigured and prioritised parking for radiotherapy patients.

BH also presented on the sustainable travel plan and informed the group that the new travel plan was produced in 2011 which included additional investment in improved cycle storage, upgraded and additional showers and improved changing rooms and lockers. The sustainable travel plan will also be integrated into the education programme. In addition Trust officers are currently evaluating staff terms and conditions, existing parking permit fees and conditions, increasing car sharing proportions, prioritising parking for chemotherapy and other day case patients and alternative parking solutions.

IM discussed the wider issues of access to the site and the impact of investment in satellite centres at Oldham and Salford (which have saved 1 million patient miles a year). He advised that they are also evaluating local dispensing solutions and looking at implementing a local chemotherapy strategy to provide care from lift centres and mobile solutions.

DB noted he had attended the open day here at the Christie on Saturday and noticed the reference to the 20:20 vision and he requested clarification from IM whether this vision will include shifting patients to satellite sites. IM confirmed a key theme emerging from the vision was patients desire to have specialist care as local as possible and that directors' were looking at how this could be achieved.

DE expressed his concern that he felt that affects from the 2005 travel plan were worthless. BH and IM disagreed and that the evidence showed a significant modal shift. They agreed however that the 2011 plan needed to continue to show further progress. BH agreed to provide a further update at September's meeting.

DG requested that BH contact details be circulated with the minutes to enable the group to feedback any ideas they may have with the progression of this project.  
(BH email: [bob.higgingbotham@christie.nhs.uk](mailto:bob.higgingbotham@christie.nhs.uk))

**Action: CD**

#### **8. Section 106 Agreement**

MR informed the group that she had emailed Steve M asking specific questions about resources set aside for car parking on streets, timescales and how much of money will be set aside for consultancy and delivery. She was informed that £190k was the figure quoted but felt that this wasn't enough and would like clarification on the figures. She has put forward a proposal for this but is not sure how far this has been circulated.

Chair suggested asking those concerned to attend the meeting. Chair will contact Roger Hall and invite the planners to come to one of our future sessions.

**Action: Chair**

#### **9. AoB**

MR asked how this group will be communicated and the suggestion was to make the minutes public on a website. IM confirmed he was happy for the Trust website to be used and will action.

**Action: IM**

IM updated the group on the feedback from the pre planning consultation drop in events for the YOU/HTU building presented to the last meeting. Events were held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> May following a door drop to over 500 residents, 6 people attended and no major issues were raised. Points raised were focused on additional green screening along Barry Court and the colour of some materials. IM asked if elected members had received other concerns and whether the feedback so far was representative. Cllrs confirmed no other objections received so far. IM agreed to bring back updated plans to the next meeting if available.

**Action: IM**

DB requested that a point of contact be communicated (24 hours) during the construction phase. IM agreed a sign should be erected on the hoardings and will ensure this is communicated and fed back to MV.

**Action: IM**

Cllr Wheale suggested adding the issue of local work opportunities and / or apprenticeships to the future agenda.

**Action: Chair**

All future agenda items are to be sent to the Chair.

**Action: All**

**Date of next meeting:** 31<sup>st</sup> July 2012 in Christie Trust HQ – Room 6.

**Future meetings:** 18<sup>th</sup> September 2012 at 6pm in Christie Trust HQ  
16<sup>th</sup> October 2012 at 6pm in Christie Trust HQ  
20<sup>th</sup> November 2012 at 6pm in Christie Trust HQ