

Advisory Group meeting 11am Lauderdale House 18 Oct 2024

Present: Ian Henghes - IH (Chair), Fiona Brown - FB (FoWP), Gabi Howard - GH (Camden), Louise Sibley - LS (Highgate Society), Katherine Ives - KI (Lauderdale House), April Cameron - AC (FoWP).

Apologies: Eileen Wilmott - EW (Dartmouth Park CAAC), Valerie Doulton - VD (DPNF), Ben Cook - BK (Lux). Andrew Sanalitro - AS (HNCP) (Ben Cook is leaving TAG as will no longer be working at Lux.)

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| Vote of thanks to Ben Cook for his years of service on TAG. | |
| Matters Arising | |
| From the previous meeting on June 5th, FB and IH were tasked with discussing future public engagements and the decision-making process. While this discussion has not yet taken place, it will be addressed at a later date. | FB / IH to touch base |
| Chair's Update | |
| IH met with Andrew Sulston, the new chair of the Highgate Society, to discuss the possibility of forming a view designation group. The group would involve planning professionals from the society and would be relevant to the Archway Campus site, which is currently on the planning portal with Islington. Responses to the planning application are due by November 3rd. | IH will submit further objections to tower to planners from TAG. |
| IH reported on a recent meeting with Oliver Jones (OJ), a park trustee, regarding the maintenance contract. The current plan is to renew the contract | |

with IDverde for one year while exploring the possibility of transitioning to a more in-sourced model. This could potentially create opportunities for apprenticeships, which FoWP could discuss with Camden. GH noted that there would still be a need for contractors to provide certain services.

IH discussed the TAG and Camden partnership agreement with OJ. The agreement acknowledges that TAG works "with" Camden rather than "for" Camden, emphasising a collaborative relationship. TAG is a stakeholder group committed to ensuring the best possible strategy, policy, and management for the park. It's important to review the partnership agreement and other relevant documents to facilitate succession planning, especially for those who will follow IH and OJ.

IH will review OJ's suggestions and circulate them to TAG.

IH said that the "strategy" for the park on the website will be renamed a "framework document" to reflect its advisory nature and avoid confusion with a formal Trust document.

IH will review, update, and circulate the document to TAG.

A suggestion was made to place a marker point on the path near the statue of Sir Sydney to indicate the view of St Paul's. IH will provide a graphic idea and circulate it to TAG.

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IH thanked Camden for the reinstatement of the urns.

Regarding the Sir Sydney statue, the key is yet to be reinstated, and a plaque near the ground may also be needed.

Signage: KI presented an updated plan for finger-post signs, which was discussed.

Infant Play Area and Accessibility: Jon Badger's plans for the infant play area and step-free access to the High Street gates were discussed.

The group considered making the pétanque court more accessible and providing access to rakes and equipment for the public.

Sculpture Proposal: KI circulated a proposal to locate the Charlie Meyer "Luna" sculpture at the

KI and FB will meet to finalise the plan, and FB will then work with GH to implement the signs.

GH will review options for improving accessibility to the pétanque court.

| end of the "tea lawn" in front of Lauderdale House. | |
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| The Highgate CAAC have expressed their disapproval of the proposed location. | LS will provide feedback from the Highgate Society, KI will seek a review from the architect who is a Lauderdale Board member. |
| After further discussion, TAG favoured installing the sculpture at this location or another suitable location, subject to further engagement and feedback. | |
| BBQ Working Group Report | |
| IH proposed a vote of thanks to Francis Wilkinson for chairing the BBQ Working Group and preparing the comprehensive report. | |
| The report highlighted two main issues: the need to better cater for future "festival" events and the potential of using electric plate BBQs. | |
| The group discussed the possibility of Camden providing training and support for volunteers to help with public engagement and education during BBQ season. | IH will send the report to OJ for input before public release. |
| TAG Decision-Making Process | |
| There was a brief discussion of the TAG decision-making process, and members seemed satisfied with the statements outlined in the TAG Handbook. | |
| The meeting closed at 13:03 | |
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