



Waterlow Park Trust

Advisory Group meeting 11am Lauderdale House 12 Feb 2025

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), Andrew Sanalidro - AS (HNCP), Charlotte Procter - CP & Hanan Coumal - HC (Lux)

Apologies: Valerie Doulton - VD (DPNF).

Issue	Action
Matters Arising Minutes of last meeting Approved IH reported that the threat of a tower at Archway Campus remains and representations have been made. The TAG / Camden Partnership Agreement has been addressed by both IH and Oliver Jones. Currently back with Oliver in case there are further comments.	 OJ to respond again to IH. New partnership agreement hopefully then finalised.
Tracker review & BBQ <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Signage: FB, KI and Sanju (from Lux) conducted a walk-around to review existing signage and suggest new locations. Plan to install cardboard mock-ups to assess placement before finalizing.• Charlotte Mayer sculpture: Ongoing discussions about potentially installing a sculpture in the park. Some concerns raised	 KI to advise TAG soon re dates and hopes to have agreement and move to installation ahead of the summer Further consultation needed. KI with support from GH

<p>about setting precedent and long-term maintenance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High Street gate accessibility improvements: Work is expected to take place soon,, likely before summer. Exact timeline to be confirmed. • Infant playground improvements: Planning is largely done and the work should follow this year, ideally before the summer and involve limited 'down-time'. • Persian New Year celebrations: Large informal gatherings expected in March/April. Plans to improve communication and management, including postcards with guidelines. • Barbecue season planning: Working on reducing impact of large gatherings. Additional security and cleaning planned for peak times. • Park maintenance contract: Camden Council tendering for new contract. Opportunity to improve biodiversity and sustainability practices. 	<p>GH to confirm dates. Should be soon!</p> <p>GH to update TAG re dates</p> <p>GH providing new guidelines / plans ASAP and ahead of Holi / Persian New Year and BBQ season. Will circulate to TAG</p> <p>GH to circulate draft</p>
<p>View designation:</p> <p>IH reported a group is being formed with the support of the Highgate Society to explore designating and protecting the view from Waterlow Park to St Paul's Cathedral. A brief was circulated and agreed along with a proposed roundel design to indicate the spot in the park from which the view may be seen.</p>	<p>GH to progress path roundel</p> <p>IH to report back on discussions from view designation group</p>

<p>TAG Priorities / Objectives</p> <p>The discussion revealed a shared appreciation for Waterlow Park as a vital community space that promotes well-being and a connection to nature.</p> <p>The group discussed the need for clear guiding principles.</p> <p>LS said it would be helpful to defining what the park should be about, could be about (but not as a priority), and should never be about.</p> <p>Challenges include balancing different needs without trying to make the park "all things to all people". Preservation cannot stifle innovation. Ways to make the park more inclusive and financially sustainable should be sought. Maintaining the core essence of tranquility and natural beauty is vital.</p> <p>Focus areas might be on tranquility, safety, and biodiversity.</p>	<p>IH to review 'strategy' documents and update renaming it 'objectives and priorities'</p>
<p>The meeting closed at 12:50</p>	