



Waterlow Park Trust

Advisory Group meeting 11am Lauderdale House 2 June 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), Ali Roche - AR (Lux), Valerie Doulton - VD (DPNF), Oliver Jones - OJ (Camden Trustee).

Apologies: Eileen Wilmott (DPNF), Andrew Sanalidro - AS (HNCP)

Issue	Action
<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Minutes of last meeting Approved</p> <p>IH reported that the 27 storey Archway Campus tower development was refused by Islington planners, but has now been called in by the GLA who tend to favour tall buildings. It is therefore important to make renewed representations about the very negative consequences of such a tall block nearby on Waterlow Park and Highgate.</p> <p>IH and Oliver Jones hope to meet soon re the partnership agreement and forward Objectives and Priorities for TAG.</p>	<p>OJ to respond again to IH. New partnership agreement hopefully then finalised.</p>
<p>Chairs notes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Highgate Society have suggested they might fund a new plaque on the Highgate Hill wall marking the site of Andrew Marvells cottage• Discussion of the new five-year maintenance contract (with a renewal option). The maintenance team has been reduced to four	<p>VD to liaise with Michael Hammerson at the Highgate Society</p>

<p>members, raising concerns about flexibility and the important role of the Friends volunteers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a request from the family of Mark Walters for a memorial tree. The friends are also in favour and hopefully given his role in the park something appropriate can be prioritised. 	<p>AC to review details of contract looking for areas which may need clarification.</p> <p>IH and AC to contact Riccardo A.</p>
<p>Accessibility & Signage:</p> <p>Ongoing work to improve wheelchair access to the High Street gates and steepness of paths was discussed. Camden are working to implement adjustments to the gate following input from the Highgate Society and Highgate CAAC. TAG highlighted the need for clear, accessible friendly signage. A review of accessibility of paths was recommended, along with consultation with disability experts and updates to park maps.</p>	<p>FB, LS, KI, AR to meet to review both signage proposals and accessibility</p>
<p>Charlotte Mayer sculpture</p> <p>The group discussed the donation of a sculpture from the local artist's family, focusing on the need to decide its location, future ownership and costs. A draft brief for a working group had been circulated prior to the meeting. The group would review current proposals, determine an approach, and as might be deemed necessary further engage with the local community.</p>	<p>LS to review draft further and agree with IH who is to re-contact stakeholders he has recently been in touch with including the Highgate Neighbourhood Forum, Highgate Society, Highgate CAAC, Helen Rapley and Lucy Tauber as well as KI</p>
<p>Lion Gates Lanterns</p> <p>The Heritage of London Trust (HLT) have approached the Highgate Society with an offer to fund the restoration of victorian lanterns on the columns of the Lion Gates. A discussion about this drew attention to Camden concerns of the potential for any such proposal to result in additional cost to them. Potential vandalism was also a concern. There is no precise proposal at this point so it may be that the lanterns should not be functional or have glass. Highgate cemetery supportive in principal.</p>	<p>IH to contact the HS with a view to a meeting with HLT / TAG / Camden to clarify.</p>

<p>View designation group</p> <p>The group hopes to respond to consultations on the next drafts of the Camden Neighbourhood Plan and the London Plan in June. A 'roundel' design to go on the path on a short-term basis near the statue of Sir Sydney Waterlow has been proposed by IH and is being reviewed by Camden</p>	<p>IH working with group</p> <p>GH progressing roundel with the intention of having it in place ASAP</p>
<p>Reports from Friends of Waterlow Park, Camden, Lauderdale House and Lux</p> <p>Reports were circulated from the Friends and Camden in advance. Each body gave a brief summary of their current activities. Notably FB reported the Friends had a recent successful plant sale raising over £3,000. GH spoke of a free Park Tennis Association initiative.</p>	
<p>Tracker</p> <p>The tracker was briefly reviewed most pressing items having been discussed earlier.</p>	<p>GH to get update on status of air quality monitor in Swains Lane</p>
<p>AOB</p> <p>Friends AGM which combines with TAG is on the 11th June</p>	