

**Building a Better Harrow Residents Panel: Meeting 5, 7 June 2016**

**Attendance**

*Officers:* Paul Nichols, Tobias Goevert, Daniel Lester, Leanne Parkinson, Diana Ibáñez López, Dermot Carlin, Hwa-Yeong Lee

*Councillors:* Cllr Sachin Shah, Cllr Keith Ferry

*Panel members:* Raj Kumar (facilitator / chair); Mehdi Juma; Kiran Chotalia; Daniel Thurlow; Louise Baxter; Manjul Shah; Joanna Bowyer, Mihir Benodekar, Yagoda Subotic

*Apologies:* Christopher Spruce, Vishaal Shah, Neil Patel, Meera Chotalia, Mark Billington

**Tour**

- The meeting was in two parts with the first part involving a tour of places and sites in central Harrow led by Diana and Louise. The second part was held back at the Civic Centre and involved mapping the Panel's stories as a guide to the borough
- Panel Members met at St Mary's Church, Harrow-on-the-Hill and worked their way back down the hill and through central Harrow towards the Civic Centre on Station Road
- The Panel stopped at a number of points of interest along the route (see attached map) including:
  - St Mary's Church
  - Grove Hill – a plaque states that this is the site of the first recorded motor accident in Great Britain to have involved the death of a car driver on 25 February 1899
  - Arc House, Lowlands
  - Harrow-on-the-Hill Underground Station
  - 51 College Road
  - St Ann's, Station Road
  - Gold's Gym –formerly Cannon Cinema
  - Station Road public realm works
  - Harrow Civic Centre

*Harrow Civic Centre – Committee room 6 – meeting cont*

**Presentations**

60 Faces of Harrow by Dermot Carlin

- In 2009 I was asked to do an exhibition on diversity. I wrote down all the interesting people I met in Harrow and it came to me that these were the people of Harrow and the exhibition became 'I am Harrow'.
- Most of these were just normal people doing ordinary things, like the Lollipop lady who had done the same road for 25 years and helped thousands of kids safely get to and from school.
- The exhibition was a success so much so that when the Diamond Jubilee came around the exhibition was used as part of the submission to see if the Queen could come to Harrow.
- I am Harrow was 20 portraits and 20 stories and after that we won the submission for the Queen to visit Harrow so I was asked to do 60 faces
- I had to find 40 more faces for the project. The Queen visited in 2012 and some of the faces were invited to a reception to meet her and it was a fantastic day
- The book shows what a fantastic diverse range of people we have in Harrow
- Tobi – What's the next plan for taking this further? Dermot – it is going to have a room dedicated to it at the Headstone Manor House and will be installed as a permanent exhibition next year
- Tobi – Could be good to think about 60 places and photograph that

#### News update on Heart of Harrow presented by Paul Nichols

- Poets Corner – Open day event on Saturday 11 June to launch the public consultation. We will start the process of setting up a Steering Group for the site
- New Civic Centre – Shortlisted four architectural practices to design the new civic centre. They are putting their tenders together.
- Build to rent programme – It is going strong we have our first scheme Haslam House going through planning committee in June. We have another two schemes in design coming through not long after that
- Harrow Town Centre – A great deal of activity going on. College Road about to start onsite. Lyon Road site already underway. Gayton Road received planning approval since we last met
- Kodak – We had the sad announcement that Kodak is going to close this year so we are doing some work with Kodak Alaris on the wind down there. At the same time we are working with Land Securities to build up momentum for delivery of the whole piece on the Kodak site.
  - Is there a loss of jobs as part of that closure? Paul – it has mostly wound down already but it is still a significant amount of jobs at 250 on the site. A significant number to lose over a few months which is why we are working with them on helping people to find new positions

- Will they keep the towers? Paul – don't know yet for sure but certainly an aspiration
- Have there been any further discussions on the meanwhile use that we discussed last time? No decision yet on meanwhile use for this site yet but discussions taking place with Stephen Taylor's team and we have to marry that up with the phasing and reduction in car parking spaces.

### **Mapping exercise** (in groups)

- At the last meeting we discussed mapping our favourite bits of Harrow and collecting your stories like the ones used in the tour from Louise and Mihir.
- There is a website called Use It, an alternative tourist map for European cities, which is locally sourced maps which we could get Harrow on to.
- Activity now to collect your stories and map them together.
- It would also be good to think about whether mapping stories is a good consultation tool? How could we use it and the tools?
- Panel is based around the Heart of Harrow but what is that? What does that mean to you?

### *Mapping activity breakout*

### Mapping activity feedback

- Heart of Harrow – what is it?
  - Raj – having looked around a bit of a mish mash. The challenge is how do we create the heart of Harrow so people know when they come and want to visit the hub of Harrow? Is that's what is going to happen as part of the regeneration or are we going to have different places?
- Mapping stories
  - Raj - How do we get people to visit other parts of Harrow and enjoy places and restaurants?
  - Diana - every site is important and there is always a lot of passion around it but if that can be turned into stories and how the site connects with the rest of Harrow that can be incredibly important feedback

### **Big Question for Next Meeting**

As it is the Summer break we don't have anything specific but if there is anything you can think of you want to do or tell us about engagement please get in touch or bring it up at our meeting in September.

### **Future Panel Meetings**

The next meeting will look at the proposals for Vaughan Road Car Park being developed by Adam Khan architects.

**Date of the next meeting: 7pm Tuesday 13 September 2016, location tbc**