

## SUMMARY – RESIDENT ASSOCIATIONS' FORUM 25.9.17

Chairman : Dominic West because Cllr Theo Dennison was unavailable

- **Future meetings** – suggested 2018 pattern to remain as previously but clarification awaited on exact dates; all to be 10 a.m. **Next meeting:** Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Waste & Recycling update; Cycle Superhighway Update; January meeting - Customer Services including Complaints, RAF mapping update; Holding Council to Account.
- **Draft Conservation Area Appraisals** (Sean Doran) first batch will go out for consultation 9<sup>th</sup> October, full details will be on website, paper copies in Library. Request **agreed** that paper copy will be made available to groups where relevant. Within the first batch three boundary changes, two slight reductions, one extension. Second batch due March 2018, further batches, not specified as to which, to follow over 3-4 years. Information includes SWOT analysis. All comments welcome and will be considered including additions/changes to boundaries, new areas (last agreed St Dunstan's Feltham 2007). **Agreed** as action point, comment from floor that other Councils compile these in tandem with resident groups rather than producing fait accompli. It was also suggested consultations be given wide publicity, Hounslow Matters, Area Forums, etc. Management Plans not due until year 5.
- **Locally Listed Buildings/Structures** (Sophia Laird) current list now available on LBoFH website; future listings will include description and picture. Selection criteria has been developed and will go out for consultation 30<sup>th</sup> October to 4<sup>th</sup> December; requests for nominations will go out early New Year, paper copies of application (in simplistic form) will be available as well as via website. Final selection will be by a panel including representative of relevant local groups plus group outside area. Fact Local Listing is not statutory emphasised and neither this nor Article 4 gives comfort for buildings/structures that deteriorate.
- **Conservation General Heritage Strategy** is in its infancy; will be brought to local residents as a "direction of travel" rather than draft. New website page is now available; emphasised from floor that this should be "easy to locate", possibly included with Planning/Building drop down.
- **Draft Residential Extension Guidelines** (Matthew Rees) a Supplementary Planning Document, sits below Local Plan expanding on detail. Previous version was 2003 since when there have been numerous changes. Consultation now closed, 16 responses received. Point from floor that it should have had wider publicity not least through Area Forums/RAF and not taken place in summer months; silent on Homes in Multiple Occupation as "issues" have not been taken into account. Point highlighted that Hillingdon do not permit bathrooms/showers in outhouses whereas Hounslow is undermining good work undertaken of Rogue Landlord team by allowing this, providing open opportunity for "beds in sheds" type letting.
- **Local Plan Reviews – Great West Corridor/Brentford East SPD/West of Borough** (Danalee Edmund) required to make Local Plan "sound", Great West Road is a potential "Opportunity Area". All evidence has been assessed, principal areas Housing Review and Employment Land. GLA is upping Hounslow's housing target from c800+ p.a. to 21,000+ in 10 years. Threat to Brentford East is high rise buildings, aim is employment to front, residential behind. Highlighted from floor need to vastly improve public realm/infrastructure, existing critical situation at Gunnersbury station, used as example. DE emphasised working with TfL and Network Rail and transport impact study will be commissioned next summer. Feltham Town Centre has existing Master Plan; Feltham seen as likely to meet most of housing demand, need to achieve better connectivity not least with Airport Business Park and provide more skilled employment opportunities than warehousing. Heston viewed as having been neglected and needing improved environment and connectivity. Point made from floor that designations illustrated imply being contrary to Overview & Scrutiny view it is critical not to erode the environment. Checking exercise will be undertaken to ensure all those on RAF distribution are included in LDF mailing list. **Agreed** to review proposed 6 weeks consultation period too short for volunteers to provide meaningful comment on large volume topics.