

Hackney Wick Fish Island | Cultural Interest Group

**“Working together to establish a permanent, sustainable, creative economy in Hackney
Wick and Fish Island”**

CIG Minutes – November 2018

Minutes of the meeting on Friday 9 November 2018

Held at: Stour Space London E3 2PA

ATTENDANCE:

Sam Hansford (Chair) – Yard Theatre
Josephine Chime (Project Manager) – Creative Wick
Lavinia Blogg – Four Communications
Francesca Colloca - LLDC
Cllr. Rachel Blake – LB Tower Hamlets
Frances Turner – Future Generation
Ed Fisher – Future Generation
Catherine Smyth - LLDC
Tony Westbrook - LLDC
Jon Little – Bespoke Transport Consultancy
Russell Hasan
Claire McAndrew - UCL
Mathieu Rogers – LB Hackney
Sam Bosede – The Wickers
Juliet Can – Stour Space
Kevin Skinner – Unit G Gallery
Amelia Navarro – Unit G Gallery
Josh Davis
Stephen Pedro – Telford Homes
Ralph Evett
Mihai Mataranga
Colm Wynne
Lawrence Mohammed – Pro Bike Service
Cllr. Christopher Kennedy – LB Hackney
Lorna Blake – Hackney Wick & Fish Island
Sarah Green – V&A
Jacquie Atkinson - Resident

Simon Cole – Hackney Tours

Alex Shipp - Mossbourne Riverside Academy Parents Assoc.

Cecilia Hammarborg - Mossbourne Riverside Academy Parents Assoc.

Jonathan McDowell – Matter Architecture

Simon Hasan - Mossbourne Riverside Academy Parents Assoc.

1. Frances Turner – Future Generation

New site for student accommodation on Fish Island with 24 hour access for approximately 400 students with bottom floor studios and work space run in partnership with Stour Space.

The building plans will encompass 3000 sq m of employment space with 60 + jobs provided having an industrial feeling of ground space. Their research has found that 9000 more students moving into the area and right now about 400 students living in conventional accommodation.

Consultation advice from UCL on the fitting floor plans and possibly UAL will be involved as both universities are 10 min and 15 walk respectively so very ideal for students.

Loughborough struggle to get accommodation they are very dispersed so are interested in the development as well.

Rates for the student accommodation is labelled as affordable ; 35 % of all rental will be £165 per week for standard shared bathroom facility. Future Generation shared a presentation outlining their plans and the rental affordability comparison chart to illustrate they are at the lower end of market rental rates?

Public consultation on 12th June 31 people attended mostly positive feedback however local attendees said Future Generation must make sure they are committed to affordability and Stour Space, social community integration, retaining character of the area.

Design proposal in development stages concentrating on making an active ground floor area and focus on spatial connection.

In response to the CIG meeting attendees concern for higher increase of pedestrians moving into the area and how it affect the traffic, Future Generation will bring to the next meeting in January their transport person to answer more specific questions pertaining to people mobility also they are in talks with LLDC about this matter.

8th December is their next consultation and they will send the presentation used in the CIG meeting for us to circulate via newsletter. (see attached)

2. Sarah Green - V&A

Sarah apologised she had not brought visuals to the meeting, she will bring images to the next meeting or send the design plans to the CIG for circulation.

Two new sites on Olympic Park, one at Here East, the other at East Bank - 10 min walk from each other. External factors have changed some of their plans such as their artefacts need to move to a new location. Completion date is 2023 tbc

Collections and research centre at Here East - ⅔ of building will be publicly accessible to encourage people to discover and research as a classroom for everyone, closer to the heart of creative industries for their future direction to inspire young people and residents in the area.

Spaces in the building includes community common room, workshop spaces, studios, event space and flexible education spaces. Visitors can emerge right in the centre in to the middle of the collection 360 degree view of the artefacts, walkways to explore the conservation studios and designer in residence, curator studios. Special display cabinets for very large artefacts, such as stage cloths and large scale architectural objects.

The small museum building close to future Sadlers Wells site at East Bank, near the aquatic centre on the waterfront will have a cinematic approach in gallery display with one floor being a collaboration with the Smithsonian Institute. Collection and research centre will be free, the other site will have one ticketed space as much as possible free, adult courses, mix model of business use.

Planned researching sessions in Hackney Wick and Fish Island will be held in January to discuss what the local community ideas and needs are.

CIG meeting attendees would like to see local school partnership, consultation and discussion workshops to find a strategy with schools. CIG meeting attendees wants to know the visitor projection numbers, and resident discount schemes,

3. Angela Kanwar - Allia Business Support Programmes

Allia Serious Impact helps East London's entrepreneurs to innovate, start-up, grow and scale. They offer two free support programmes to help local entrepreneurs and businesses grow to mainly generally overlooked companies such as laundrette, hairdressers. 1 year user support for startups, 9 month program for people to grow business, with an opportunity for a workspace free for 9 months.

Start date for program is February next year, more information on their website seriousimpact.co.uk

4. Construction traffic in HWFI - Simon Hasan

There has been an alarming amount of building site traffic which has caused problems for pedestrians, especially for the disabled public and children.

Simon had a meeting with Russel Butchers from LLDC, current development sector protagonists causing site traffic is not obeying the law, please be more vigilant in complaining and contacting LLDC .

Aitch group developer has installed 4 marshalls on Wallis road, complying with construction management rules. Everyone should do their bit to hold these developers to task, take pictures of anything that looks like misdemeanours which can effect the public.

Building sites are using too much pavement space, Capital Concrete their lorries are clogging up the road, 8 parked on curbs in space of 20 metres which means you have to go into the road. Wheelchair had to use the road because there is no access on the footpath under the railway bridge, not enough dropped curbs. 8 x HGVs parked outside Copperbox.

Student numbers will effect the pavement space, will make it more dangerous there must be new strategy in partnership with LLDC.

CIG meeting attendees asked how is the LLDC making the developers address this problem?

CIG meeting attendees want school crossing patrol officer to look after the area, developers should put money together for this to happen with January launch the goal. Also they should communicate with schools when there are big works in the plans.

CIG meeting attendees complained about how long the road crossing lights take to change colour which encourage people take chances waiting for green man.

Rachel Blake Tower Hamlets councillor stated that the LLDC have an outdated plan, public realm investment plan should be reviewed. Mossbourne Riverside and Bobby Moore schools were meant for Olympic Park residents but evidently the homes have not all been built yet with families needing a school so HWFI residents are using the school.

LLDC said they will have a meeting with ward councillors, construction management council group to prompt a coordinated approach from the building developers.

5. Creative Enterprise Zone

Fingers crossed for HWFI the results of the application will be announced towards the end of November.

6. Josephine Chime - Wick Wednesday

With Wick Wednesday taking place on the 21st November there is a reminder for everyone to promote across all social platforms using the hashtag #WickWednesday and #LOVEHWFI. Also there is a 12 month review meeting on the Wick Wednesday initiative at Howling Hops on 20th November at 10am.

7. Matter architecture A12 bridge - Jonathan McDowell

A self-initiated project to renovate the bridge over the A12, aimed to do this in the most economical design and method. The design proposal will add on top of the existing bridge so there would be no need to close the A12 and no excessive demolition.

Open up either side so you can see who is coming round the bend, the steep ramps will be improved so it's easier to go up and over the bridge and the dead spaces under the current bridge transformed into a more accessible green area. Greenery.

Architectural design plans have been shown to Tower Hamlets and Hackney but they have said there is no money to fund this.

CIG meeting attendees voiced that Mossbourne school users needs a bridge upgrade as wheelchair access is not good.

CIG meeting attendees asked how much this new bridge would cost suggested that funding public realm strategy could be included in this

Jonathan McDowell said £2 million approx is the approximate cost which the LLDC said is a relatively low cost

8. Stephen Pedro - Pollution update from Telford Homes

Stephen Pedro again confirmed that the building works have stopped until solution to the problem is found and currently still working on this strategy. Telford Homes are working with Hackney council and LLDC to review their strategy going forward

Four communications have been hired by Telford Homes to help them communicate and engage with the community, they will have 3 months of regular meetings. They will have a website with FAQ, clear signage to communicate certain plans, there will be a committee meeting with the aim to go through what has happened on the site, what work has been done, talk to people how they want to be involved, they will bring technical people at the meeting resulting in a newsletters with the feedback.

Telford Homes will submit to LLDC revised methodology plans which are in the process of being finalised. LLDC ongoing dialogue PFE, Telford wanting to do this properly aware it is taking time.

CIG meeting attendees want regular communication from Telford Homes and collaboration with airvisuls.com where can we put the PID reader it should be next to their office at 99 Wallis Rd with all info transferred onto the website. Can we act now to put this up?

Rachel Blake Tower Hamlets councillor stated that the LLDC have an outdated plan, although contractors say that they will be more vigilant and follow safe building guidelines but their subcontractors need to be more responsible and accountable.

9. Hackney Council Planning Permission

Hackney Council will partner with Stour Space to create affordable studios and workspace at Old Baths and partnering with Arbeit to transform Trowbridge Centre into low cost workspaces and community centre.

Hackney Council will send planning reference number so people can send positive feedback and support the planning proposal submitted to LLDC

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- Drop in meeting to talk to the LLDC 's planning officers about revised draft local plan on 17th December at Trowbridge centre.
- New concrete batching site is planning to be erected in Fish Island meaning a lorry turning into the road every 3 minutes near the Bobby Moore Academy

- LLDC -Joint venture to look at long terms plans for the site, concrete batching on a limited scale to go straight to A12 rather than Pudding Mill.
- LLDC to review communication area of residents to include residents Cadogan Terrace.
- Event on 15th November to encourage business to be more social coinciding with Social Enterprise day. Hackney Enterprise Borough has been labeled as a social enterprise borough and this conference is to help businesses do better in social responsibility.
- The developers of the David Silk site on Wallis Rd next to Beer Merchant's Tap should be invited to attend the next CIG meeting.
- Pro Bike Service say a big Thank you! to all who responded from the callout to replace the stolen bikes from the school. They are holding a fundraiser at Stour Space on 11th December to raise more money.
- New Autumn program launched at the Yard Theatre

The next CIG meeting is at 9.30am on Friday 14th December 2018 at Hub 67