

Southfields Grid Residents' Association

Minutes of Open meeting held on Tuesday 30th January 2018

1. Apologies

Exec Committee: None

Southfields Councillors: Terry Walsh

2. Southfields Improvement Plan – Abigail Hone

An update of the Southfields Improvement Plan was provided by Abigail Hone (Senior Transport Planner serving Richmond and Wandsworth Councils).

- The overall timeline was presented:
 - Sep 17: Existing consultation reviewed and project designers commissioned
 - Oct 17: Survey commissioned including parking, pedestrians, cycles and vehicles
 - Dec 17: Design group put in place which includes AELTC, Southfields Business Forum, Wandsworth Living Streets and local residents' associations
 - Jan 18: Design group meetings held to review and feedback on the design
 - Feb 18: Design will be reviewed by Wandsworth Council Overview and Scrutiny Committee to approve the design approach
 - Feb 18 – Jun 18: Detailed design preparation including private forecourt feedback (Abigal with visit businesses with SBF), advertising TMO's (Traffic Management Orders) and construction plan development
 - Jul 18: Construction begins (post Wimbledon Championships)
- Second draft of design is due on Friday 1st February and will then be put on the webpage for the project (www.wandsworth.gov.uk/southfields_station) along with details of the issues raised during the design group discussions and the resolutions decided.
- Once the design is publicly available then it will be possible to comment on it however the fundamental design principles will not be changed.
- Hostile Vehicle Mitigation (HVM) is required (by the police) around the station entrance. The existing railings will be removed and replaced by seating and bike parking which will combine HVM with something useful.
- A pedestrian crossing on Replingham road was proposed however there were a number of objections to this and it is now being reviewed.

A number of discussions points / issues were then raised including:

- Amount of cycle parking spaces to be made available. Although the railings by the station (where cycles are parked) will be removed additional cycle parking will be added to ensure no overall loss of cycle parking spaces.
- Would it be possible to provide free drop off / pick up parking by the station? Abigal stated that this is not currently in the plan but is something that could be considered.
- Would it be possible to provide short term free parking for people coming to shop in Southfields? Abigal had already raised this with Wandsworth Council but has been told this is not possible.
- Would it be possible to have more planters? This has been discussed however due to the issue of who maintains these the idea was dropped. The proposed green wall above KFH has also been dropped. However, a green wall outside the tube is being discussed with TFL.

Margaret Brett also reported that:

- The community bench outside of Café Nero will now be retained in the latest plans.
- Consideration for a community noticeboard is also included in the latest plans.

3. Minutes and Matters Arising – Last Open Meeting - Charles

Relevant items will be covered during the meeting.

4. Key Points from Last Executive Committee Meeting - Charles

Relevant items will be covered during the meeting.

5. Southfields Events - Charles

Window Wanderland – 3rd / 4th February

- The event will be held again next week on the Sat 3rd and Sun 4th February from 5.30pm onwards and will cover the “greater” Southfields area including the grid, the triangle and Wimbledon Park.
- During the event anything can be put in the windows or room that is viewable from the street (although some form of lighting is preferable).
- 90 houses have signed up so far.
- SGRA will be providing a hub in the church hall on both evenings from 6.30 to 8.30 where refreshments will be available.

SGRA Spring Tea Party

- The SGRA Spring Tea party for elderly residents will be held again this year on April 14th in the church hall from 3 until 5.30pm.
- Food and refreshments will be provided by Salt and Pepper.
- Entertainment will be provided by Cygnet.
- Local MP and councillors will be invited to the event.

SGRA Summer Picnic

- The annual SGRA summer picnic will be held in Coronation Gardens on Sat 7th July.

6. Planning Update - Margaret

The following planning updates were reported:

- There is a revised planning application for a 14 dwelling development in Ravensbury Terrace, the previous application having been refused in 2015 (2016/5183). The developers have reduced the height but this is still above the local houses. Wandle Valley Forum has objected because of the impact on the river and the riverside.
- The B&Q site in Wandsworth is to be redeveloped and planning permission has been given for 517 new homes, of which 184 are to be affordable.
- Decorative Antiques are to move into 43 Replingham having been evicted from 243 Wimbledon Park Road. More shops may follow.
- Cound is being taken over by another estate agency.
- A new estate agency is to go in above the Z Group shop front.
- Townends and Savannah sites are still to let with no confirmation of future plans.
- NatWest Bank is to close at the end of June.
- There is still no confirmation regarding relocation of the Post Office.

A number of consultations are currently ongoing:

- Proposed Heathrow expansion.

This is being run by Heathrow and covers the northwest runway and principles for expansion (this does not include details of future flight paths). Local events to see the plans are in Putney 16 Feb 12-8 in the Community Church in Werter Road and Wimbledon 22 Feb 12-8 at the Antoinette Hotel in the Broadway. Separately the parent company of BA has made a submission to the Transport Select Committee making the case for more night flights. Comments until 28 March at www.heathrowconsultation.com.

- The London Plan

The Mayor of London is consulting on his proposed London Plan which is the vision for the next 25 years. The Wandsworth Local plan has to conform to the London Plan so this will directly influence local planning. It is proposed to make Southfields a town centre. Planners advise that this does not make any difference to us, it is just a new hierarchy introduced in this plan.

However, it will lead to intensification of housing development. This means garden development, in-fills and upward extensions. It also allows for small basements and includes a focus on providing smaller units which may lead to the conversion of the houses into flats. Also there is less consideration of the local character of the area or of sensitive and sympathetic development. Comments until 2 March. Details here:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/planning/london-plan/new-london-plan/what-new-london-plan>

- ULEZ (Ultra Low Emission Zone)

The Mayor is also consulting on extending the ultra-low emission zone now operating in central London to within the north and south circular in 2021. The consultation runs until 28 February and will affect all vehicles not meeting required emission standards. The charge is £12.50 per day and there are no residents' discounts. Details here:

<https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/environment/air-quality-consultation-phase-3b/?cid=airquality-consultation>.

Local councillor Guy Humphries stated that Wandsworth are objecting to the plan as it cuts Wandsworth in half.

A question was raised if the SGRA should provide formal responses to these consultations. This will be considered but is difficult due to the range of opinions held.

- Tideway Tunnel

The start date for the works at Putney Foreshore have been delayed to allow for a more cost effective and less invasive solution for the piling. The next meeting of the King George's Park working group is on 22 Feb 7-9 at the Brewers Inn on Wandsworth High Street. The mature trees at the north east end of the park have had to be felled as part of the works.

7. Financial Update - Chris

Chris provided the following financial update:

- We are three quarters of the year through the financial year and virtually all the street collections have been completed.

- Expected spend this year is in the region of £5,000. 60% of this is costs of the newsletter and 25% on events (tea party and picnic).
- Goal is to make newsletter self-sufficient based on advertising.

8. FOWP Update – Nick

Nick provided the following FOWP updates:

- It was reported that no eels were seen in the lake last year. The environment agency will be contacted to understand why.
- There are 7 species of bats in the park however one of their habitats in park was unfortunately cleared over the Christmas period.
- FOWP will be meeting with Thames Water on the 1st March to discuss pollution in the lake which is affecting the levels of fish.
- On 24th/25th February tree planting will take place in the park with 600 trees being planted.
- FOWP are hoping to organise another Capability Brown weekend this year on September 8th / 9th. With the 8th being set aside for sporting events and the 9th for arts and music.

9. Southfields Business Forum Update - Gill

Gill Habershon from Southfields Business Forum gave the following update:

- Sainsbury's store changes are still in progress but planning and development activities progressing very slowly and no real clarity on plans and timescales. Delays to this could impact Southfields improvement plan.
- Gill thanked for the support given to the Christmas Lights event (organised by SBF) and apologised for the error on the timing of the switch on of the lights. Guy Humphries thanked the SBF for arranging the Christmas lights and Christmas lights event.

10. Green the Grid Update - Nina

Nina Kowalska gave an update on the Green the Grid initiative.

Green the Grid is a group who have got together with the objective of making the grid front garden friendly by increasing the number of planted front gardens. Nina reported that:

- The group have recently done a front garden survey. The results included that only 8% of front gardens are currently planted which leads to issues of loss of wildlife and potential drainage and flooding issues.
- The group have applied to Wandsworth council for a grant to kick start the initiative with the aim of launching activities in the spring including two planting days and a front garden competition in conjunction with SGRA.
- Greening activities will also be encouraged in paved gardens which the addition of plant pots and planters.
- Goal of the group is to increase by 5% the numbers of houses with greener front gardens which equates to 125 houses.
- Public meeting to be held in early March and volunteers to help with the initiative are needed.

11. Communications Update - Charles

Charles reported that:

- New SGRA logo has been agreed.
- Revamp of the website is still in progress.
- SGRA Facebook now has over 800 followers.
- The Nextdoor social media site is now also be used to advertise SGRA events. This currently has 291 members in Southfields.
- The new editor is now in place for the SGRA Newsletter and the next issue should be available before Easter.

11. Southfields Speed Gun Update – Guy

Guy Humphries provided an update on the Southfields Speed Gun.

- Previously only one Speed Gun was available throughout the whole of Wandsworth.
- Following the Crowd Funding activities an additional Speed Gun has been purchased for use in Southfields (the only ward to have its own) and it was handed over to the Southfields SNT team today.
- The SNT would like to get the public involved in the use of the Speed Gun (in conjunction with the SNT) and will be advertising when and where it will be used.
- Warnings (and subsequently fines) or fines will be given out depending on the offence committed.

12. Crime Update – Clive

Clive reported the following crime updates:

- October: 9 crimes reported in Southfields Grid & Pirbright Road out of a total of 123 for the Southfields ward.
- November: 28 crimes reported in Southfields Grid & Pirbright Road out of a total of 138 for the Southfields ward.
- The SNT newsletter was also recently distributed by James Elvy. If you would like to be on the email distribution list for this please email James on James.C.Elvy@met.pnn.police.uk
- The next SNT public meeting will be held on 10th March at 10.30am at St. Barnabas.
- Almost weekly SNT drop-in meetings are also held at St. Michaels church.

13. Wandsworth Civic Awards - Charles

Charles congratulated Margaret Brett and Peter Jackson who recently received civic awards from the Mayor of Wandsworth for their services to the community.

12. Any Other Business

Wandsworth Young Person Award

Guy Humphries reported that Wandsworth Council are looking for nominations for the Young Person Award so please nominate anybody you believe would be deserving of this.

Appendix 1 - Dates of Future Open Meetings

All meetings commence at 7.45pm unless otherwise stated.

Date of Meeting	Type Of Meeting
Tuesday 20 th March 2018	Open
Tuesday 22 nd May 2018 (7.30pm)	Open and AGM
Tuesday 24 th July 2018	Open

Appendix 2 – Attendance List

Name	Role
Charles Runcie	SGRA Executive Committee - Chairman
Nigel Rawson	SGRA Executive Committee - Secretary
Amelia Obertelli-Moriarty	SGRA Executive Committee
Ann Kerr	SGRA Executive Committee
Guy Griffith	
Diana Brennan	
John Habershon	
Gill Habershon	
Margaret Brett	SGRA Executive Committee
Aidan Magill	
Mary Buckley	
Karen Gregory	SGRA Executive Committee
Peter Jackson	
Clive Williams	SGRA Executive Committee
Sheila Boswell	
Spencer Childs	
Elizabeth Lloyd Owen	
Nick Steiner	SGRA Executive Committee
Chris Puleston	SGRA Executive Committee - Treasurer
Graham Skyrme	SGRA Street Rep
Abigail Hone	
Guy Humphries	
Jackie Pearce	
Roberto Chiarott	
Janice Adamson	
Serena Potter	
Gerry Skeens	
Mike Caswell	SGRA Street Rep
Susie Morrow	
Ruth Tattum	
Ian Tattum	
Sam Nicholas	
Kim Caddy	
Bona Lewis	
Lesley McCaul	SGRA Street Rep
Andrew Dunley	
Rosemary Langford	
Chisha McDonald	
Simon Ben-Nathan	
Nina Kowalski	