

Cluster Review – Environment and Transport

Attendance at review meeting: STREETSCAPE - NRS ISSUE 1

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Date of Review

23.04.04

Special Achievements

Street closure protocols experimented with and consultation on results undertaken. Streetscape has been improved through work on local railway bridge, and a council initiative called Cleaner Greener, in partnership with public and private organisations. A streetscape proposal for Golborne Road has been initiated. Hanging baskets, murals and lighting have been installed in various locations. The recruitment of a North Kensington Environment Manager will be instrumental in meeting outstanding targets. Additionally, an assistant to the Graffiti Officer has been recruited.

Barriers

Partnership working regarding the bridge has been difficult. The process was protracted, and resulted in delays.

The timing of the funding stream has caused the graffiti and mural projects to underspend. It has also caused delays for lighting installation projects.

Action for Improvement

The street closure protocols will require sensitive implementation and careful monitoring of the long term waste management consequences (such as residents using commercial waste refuse collection facilities)

The Golborne Road streetscape improvements will require thorough consultation with stakeholders

The bridges in the area still require decisions by others on investment and renovation.

Registered social landlords should be invited to become partners on more streetscape projects.

Possible Solutions

The relationship with the bridge owner has been established. It is important to keep this relationship going with a view to future projects.

Funding scheduling should reflect the physical realities of outdoor public art installation during the winter months.

An assistant to the graffiti officer has been recruited, which should increase the capacity for streetscape improvement.

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Attendance at review meeting: PUBLIC TRANSPORT – NRS ISSUE 2
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Special Achievements

An arrangement has been proposed whereby a business in the borough will provide money to fund a feasibility study for the bridge at Westbourne/Acklam.

Talks have begun with KCCT regarding the provision of a 'hopper' bus.

Barriers

Transport for London have estimated the cost of the feasibility study for the bridge and the scope. RBKC are not satisfied that the study is costed correctly and are dissatisfied with the scoping.

There is a funding gap for the hopper bus initiative

TfL are proposing to increase the size of buses on some routes while reducing their frequency. This goes against RBKC advice.

Possible Solutions

RBKC and TfL are in discussions at the moment regarding the study for the bridge, and it is hoped that a solution will be reached in time to benefit from the offer of money from Westbourne studios.

Apply to funding sources for hopper bus shortfall

Action for Improvement

Lobbying of TfL to provide better North South bus routes will continue.

Funding should be secured to provide a KCCT hopper bus service

Arrangements and scope for the bridge feasibility study should be determined.

Improved partnership working between transport agencies and the KCP should be facilitated.

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Attendance at review meeting: PARKS AND OPEN SPACES – NRS ISSUE 3
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Special Achievements

The Tavistock Park development programme has been completed and the Tavistock Improvements Group has devolved.
Parks in the North have received attention and the standard has improved
Improvements to under 4's play area near Little Wormwood Scrubs completed
An organic garden has been set up in Kenley Walk.

Barriers

The setting up and maintenance of 'friends' groups is not straightforward.

Little Wormwood Scrubs issue is a political one, and RBKC do not own the park.

Access to land makes the setting up of organic gardens difficult, and there are community safety issues to be considered.

Action for Improvement

The setting up of more friends groups would enable residents to engage with RBKC and to direct the development of this service.

A register of land available for use by community groups should be created, or a contact person designated.

Possible Solutions

NHHT have worked with Hammersmith and Fulham to carry out improvement works at the Little Wormwood Scrubs. RBKC may become involved in this process.

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Special Achievements

The AQMP has been approved by council

The Flagship energy efficient house is nearing completion.

Recycling wardens have contributed to a 46% increase in the number of residents who say they have increased their recycling rate in the last two years.

A draft strategy for parks and open spaces will be ready by September 2004

The Cleaner Greener Initiative has taken practical steps towards partnership working and improving the streetscape.

Barriers

It is difficult to identify and engage with partners particularly in the transport sphere.

Possible Solutions

Progress has not been made on the LEZ. One cluster champion suggested that the partnership could help raise the profile of this issue.

Action for Improvement

The process is too paper driven and in addition to apportioning funds, the KCP needs to be able to give attention to identifying cross cutting issues and achieving more practical outputs.

It is difficult to get people to accept responsibility for an issue and to drive through change.

The bureaucratic process requires a lot of time, while it also serves to reduce the clarity of the process.

Residents should be involved more and we should communicate our achievements more effectively

We need to involve Golborne United and Dalgarno SRB more

The linkages between the NRF, CS and LDF should be made clearer.