Annex 4: Summary of the three public sessions and the Environment Round Table meeting

Muslim Cultural Heritage Centre
The first public session held at the Muslim Cultural Heritage Centre was attended by at least two residents from the Grenfell Action Group who voiced their significant dissatisfaction with the Council for allowing the KALC development and the associated public use of the multi use games areas and football pitches by the Westway. These residents felt there was a lack of Councillors’ engagement and that the action plan was a formality that would not result in any real change or improvement for residents. Another attendee wanted to see more improvement to housing stock through regulation.

Ecology Centre
The second session was held in the Ecology Centre in Holland Park and the conversation centred around how greening measures could be used and required by the Council to tackle climate change and air pollution as well as improve drainage and general amenity. One resident was concerned that “there are not enough greening plans for such a polluted borough” although there is “a massive scope, especially in the Westway area”. Residents at this session were generally supportive of the joint plan and had recommendations on how to raise awareness of the issues to the general public. The majority of the conversation addressed how tree planting should be part of the action plan as well as how electric vehicles and their infrastructure could be promoted.

Brompton Library
The Brompton Library held the last session attended by a resident who does not believe that climate change is man-made and strongly voiced his opinion that the plan to tackle air quality should not be joined with climate change. Another resident strongly voiced her concerns over the impacts of development in the borough, particularly those associated with demolition and construction traffic. There was support from attendees that the joint sources of poor air quality and greenhouse gases should be targeted and that the Council should take whatever actions necessary to protect its residents.

Environment Roundtable meeting
The discussions at the ERT were positive and there was widespread support of the Council joining air quality and climate change policies and actions. The attendees had many technical questions and comments fielded by officers. The attendees also raised concerns over the costs to implement the proposed actions. There were also a number of suggested actions which have been shared with the relevant internal stakeholders.