

Tottenham Hotspur Business Community Liaison Group

Tuesday 15 August 2023

Attendees

THFC

- David Knowles, Public and Community Relations Manager (DK)
- Richard Serra, Property Director (RS)

LBH Councillors

- Cllr John Bevan (JB)
- Cllr Ibrahim Ali (IA)
- Cllr Ajda Ovat (AO)

LBH Officers

- Maurice Richards
- Chris Gill
- Greg McDonald
- Ian Cruise
- Brian Ellick
- Dorata
- Rob Krzyszowski
- Robbie McNaugher

Resident Association Reps

- Kate Worley (KW)
- Barbara Cordwell
- Tino Leone (TL)
- Lisa Flowers
- Lyn Silver
- Augustine Aneke (AA)

Other

- Hyacinth Foster
- Jen McCandie (JMC)
- Will Stone (WS)
- Mike Burnage
- Moaz Nanjuwany (MN)

Apologies

- Cllr Kaushika Amin

(1) Minutes

- (a) The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

(2) Events at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium

- (a) DK updated on recent events at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium including Red Hot Chili Peppers and Wizkid. The Club distributed 100 community tickets for Red Hot Chili Peppers and 1,100 for Wizkid which were distributed to community groups, local projects, and residents. There were no noise complaints for either event or reports of issues from local Councillors.

- (b) DK said the Club also hosted a pre-season friendly against Ukrainian side Shakhtar Donetsk with 55,000 spectators in attendance. The Club worked closely with Haringey Council to ensure that tickets went to Ukrainian residents in Tottenham and Haringey who have resettled locally as a consequence of the conflict. Ukrainian children also led out the players as mascots.

(3) An alternative masterplan for High Road West

- (a) RS presented the Club's Alternative Masterplan for High Road West.
- (b) KW asked how the Club would ensure there is no net loss in housing units. RS responded that we would factor in the Goods Yard and Printworks schemes which also provide for housing. KW asked for a detailed breakdown of housing figures and a timeline.
- (c) IA asked what evidence there was that the community had concerns about the Lendlease scheme. RS said this was clear from the number of objections submitted during the application process Lendlease undertook when seeking planning permission.
- (d) IA said that he would be disappointed if the library was 'swallowed-up' within the Grange and asked for assurance that the role of the library would not be diminished. In response RS said that far from being diminished, the library would be enhanced by its position within The Grange, a Grade II listed building and one of the most important heritage assets in the area.
- (e) IA said he was concerned that social housing would be placed by against the railway line.
- (f) JB said he would not be expressing a view on any scheme but whichever one was chosen needs to ensure sufficient egress from the Stadium and appropriate crowd safety.
- (g) AA said he would like to see parking at The Grange and that should be renovated to a sufficient standard if it is to accommodate the library.
- (h) AO asked for further information about social housing to be communicated in due course. She expressed concern that the library was being relegated to within The Grange.
- (i) TL said that there would be few residents left on the Love Lane estate within 2 years as many will be rehomed elsewhere.
- (j) In response the Club committed to communicating further information about housing numbers and the Library at the Grange.

(4) Printworks

- (a) RS presented the Club's plans for the Printworks.
- (b) AA said that the facilities were fantastic, and it looked very impressive.
- (c) JB said that he was disappointed that there is no cinema operator involved as he thinks it would have been popular locally.
- (d) MN asked whether more vertical gardens could be added to the scheme.
- (e) IA said that the scheme looked exciting, and that the retention of the original architecture was impressive. He asked whether the Club were speaking to existing retailers and RS confirmed that the Club was and would always look to relocate businesses where possible.

- (f) TL asked about time frames. RS responded to say he was keen for the scheme to move quickly.
- (g) LS said she would like to see more provision for young people and teenagers and asked whether roller skating might be added to the scheme. It was pointed out that there is already a roller skating park in Bruce Grove.

(5) Hotel

- (a) RS updated to say that the Club's revised application for a hotel had been submitted to LBH for planning approval. TL asked about timelines. RS said that we would want a hotel in place for 2028 should the UK's application for Euro 2028 be successful.

(6) Events 2024 – non-material amendment

- (a) RS updated on the Club's application to amend planning permission to provide flexibility between music concerts and other third-party events in 2024. RS outlined that the Club's application for 2024 would be the same as the one made for 2023.
- (b) IA said it was positive that the BCLG had been informed and that he would welcome a decision beyond 2024 as soon as possible. KW noted that parking enforcement for all third-party events had to be improved.

(7) AOB

- (a) ML emphasised the importance of the community benefiting from upcoming NFL games and suggested that the NFL work closely with local foodbanks and businesses. DK and WS committed to taking that away as an action.
- (b) WS outlined plans for a joint project between Tottenham Hotspur Foundation and the NFL. It was agreed that NFL and Marc Leckie, Chief Executive of Tottenham Hotspur Foundation, would present fans in more detail at the next meeting.
- (c) DK and JMC outlined plans to engage local businesses with NFL Fans First Training. DK said he would update at the next meeting