

**RUSHEY GREEN ASSEMBLY
MEETING**
Saturday 11 January 2020, 12pm – 2pm
Lobby
Civic Suite, London SE6

Record of Meeting

	Items	Actions
1	Welcome, Introduction & Format of meeting	
	Cllr James Walsh welcomed everyone to the meeting and went through the agenda.	
2	Catford Regeneration Update	
	<p>Officers from Team Catford were invited to update the meeting on their work. A brief overview of the role of Team Catford were explained. The team lead on the engagement and communication for the Catford master plan, place making and meanwhile usage, using council assets in the Town Centre for the benefit of local people getting information from local people and relating them back to the council. Majority of the information the team uses comes from Commonplace which was launched 3 years ago.</p> <p>Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team Catford has held 134 community engagement events since 2017, talking to local residents and different stakeholders about the framework and vision for Catford Town Centre regeneration and collecting residents’ feedback. • In May 2019, Lewisham Council shared the emerging themes from the draft framework plan and a wide range of comments in essence of over 2000 feedback collected from online and face to face consultation. This includes around 562 relating to public spaces in and around Catford, 538 relating to road (mostly on the South Circular Road) and 465 relating to pedestrians • All the comments collected were passed to the appointed architects and they have used the feedback to inform the initial drawings for the Town Centre. The drawings were presented back to the public for their comments last year to and was used to ask more specific questions. <p>Sites</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The regeneration will span across 4 strategic sites across the Town Centre. • These are the central site which includes Lawrence House, Old Town Hall, Catford shopping centre and Milford tower • Areas around Catford Station, Catford Bridge and the areas in between • Areas currently owned by third party - Catford Island where Lidl 	

<p>Store is currently based and Halford and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wickes store sites <p>Public spaces</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public space was a recurrent question that was raised during the consultation. Creating a welcoming space for everyone was seen to be important to respondents. The proposal for open space will include the options of a sequence of smaller open spaces, sheltered spaces or two large open spaces, more greenery as well as car free pedestrianised areas. <p>Civic Building and Facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• People were also asked to consider civic buildings and facilities. Once the south circular road has been relocated, it is proposed that all council employees currently in Lawrence House will be relocated into a refurbished old Town Hall.• There would be a requirement to add community spaces within the new facility which will be of benefits to the community.• In respect of the design of the building, there was a strong view in favour of a sustainable eco building, welcoming well designed building and a business and creative space. <p>New Homes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• With a growing population across the borough over the coming decades, thousands of new homes will be needed to meet these demands.• The team spoke to people about the vision to build up to 3000 new homes in the town centre and what this might look like. Response shows there was a general acceptance that more new and affordable homes were needed for the growing population• People asked questions about the relationship between the existing buildings, the character of Catford at present and the proposed massing• Around 14% of respondent had mixed views about high density living. <p>Town Centre Uses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Architects were keen to understand what people want to see in the Town Centre so they could design the buildings and spaces in the right way.• People were asked to state what could bring them to the Town Centre. Food and drinks were said to be important as well as a mix of independent pop up shops and market <p>Traffic and Transport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Although there was no specific question on this, however this topic came up several times. So the team flagged this up so that the council can begin to consider this as a possible addition.• People wants to see an improved transport links, a desire to see the Bakerloo Line Extension and its potential to support the increased capacity.• The pressure on existing transport services were also flagged up. <p>Air Pollution</p>	
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3	Rushey Green Neighbourhood CIL Priorities	
	<p>A brief explanation of the Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL) process and an outline of the discussion workshop was provided by the chair. A presentation on the NCIL process and next step was delivered as follows:</p> <p>What is NCIL?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCIL is a levy that the council apply to developers to ensure that the resources needed to provide facilities to the community as a result of that development is available • Since 2015, the council has collected around £8million from developers borough-wide • Regulations attached to the use of NCIL fund dictates that a proportion of this fund can be used to address local priorities in the areas where the development has taken place • Lewisham has decided that up to 25% of this money will be set aside to be spent locally <p>What can the money be spent on?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The fund can be spent on almost anything so long as the spend can be justified that it mitigates the impact of development • Officers has undertaken work to consider how NCIL has been spent in other London boroughs • Some examples of how similar fund was spent in Camden were presented. • For instance, in Camden, up to £48,000 was used to provide afterschool facility for young people over 3 years • £65,000 was spent to redesign and provide 32 extra bed spaces at the Royal Free Hospital to become a dementia friendly space, £50,000 was put towards the restoration of a listed building and £150,000 paid towards the running cost of Primrose Hill Community Library. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Others spending examples cited includes £800 allocation to Kentish Town Thames link platform planting, Belsize Resident Association notice board, restoration work at a museum and running services for a library • The council hopes to work with residents to determine how the fund is best determined in Lewisham. <p>Workshop / Priority Setting</p> <p>A brief discussion how the workshop session will be delivered was explained.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The five most commented on issues extracted from the online Common place survey were presented to the meeting • Five table were laid out with each table task with holding a discussion to determine ideas of projects that could be eligible for the particular priorities • Part of the discussion will involve reviewing the priorities that people have submitted through the common place consultation platform • At the end of the discussion, people would be asked to agree five to six priorities against which application can be made. <p>Commonplace consultation – What priorities did Rushey Green submit?</p> <p>The top five priorities identified through the Common place platform were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • transport and streets • community safety • open / green spaces and nature • air quality and • Community facilities. <p>There is a further opportunity for the assembly to add a sixth priority should they wish to do this.</p> <p>A question and answer session followed this presentation.</p>	
4	NCIL priority workshop / discussion	
	<p>The meeting was provided with some guidance on a number of ideas that they could consider for a sixth priority. This could include a traffic study to help move another piece of work forward that the council might consider. People would also have the opportunity to have a conversation on the five top priority and whether there is an opportunity for a crossover in some of the ideas submitted in the online consultation.</p> <p>An issues with the Commonplace online consultation recording were highlighted. One example cited was where food poverty raised by one person but liked 24 times. The number of clicks that people have agreed with this comment was not accounted for in the final count. This resulted in the chair taking the decision with his colleagues to defer the agreement of the priorities to the next meeting in March.</p>	

	<p>There was a further request from the chair that the comments left on NCIL Common place is merged with those collected by Team Catford as a shaping exercise for future consideration by the assembly.</p> <p>Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All the ideas submitted on the Team Catford and NCIL Common Place platform will be pulled together and made available to people who will be making application, helping them to draw down what people have said is a priority for the area • There is around £200,000 to allocate in Rushey Green. This was said to be a one-off funding. • There could be further opportunity of further funding made available depending on the success of the first phase. • Some issues with the online consultation raised at this meeting will be corrected. The council will check-in with wards which have already agreed their priority to check they are happy with the priorities agreed. • The revised information will be re-presented to the next assembly on 14th March • An open call for projects will be launched and will run for 8 weeks in early 2020 • Workshop will be run to support organisations / groups to help develop ideas / project proposal. 	
Community update and any other business		
<p>A</p> <p>B</p> <p>C</p> <p>D</p>	<p>Healthy Neighbourhood Programme Cllr Krupski updated the meeting on the Lewisham Healthy Neighbourhood programme. The borough is being divided into 18 cells for the HNP programme. Because of the Catford Masterplan, the probability of the area being chosen as one of the healthy neighbourhood area is less likely. This was probably why Transport and Streets were high on the priority list for NCIL for the area.</p> <p>A question was asked about whether the Calabash Centre is closing down. Cllr Walsh informed that the centre remains opens and there are no plans to close it. Although, the centre support people with a higher needs, there are not enough African Caribbean people who requires such service to make it sustainable. This was the reasoning behind the moves to try and bring in other community group / service to make it more sustainable.</p> <p>Lewisham Pensioner's Forum will be holding its annual health fair on January 29th. The theme for this year will be caring for carers. The programme is yet to be confirmed. All are welcomed to attend. There will be various speakers and taster sessions on offer at the event.</p> <p>Lewisham Youth Theatre have launched a new project for young people. Young people aged 16 to 24 years who has time during the day and is interested in creative skills and thinking about setting up theatre project is welcomed to attend.</p> <p>Lewisham Irish Centre are holding a free community breakfast every</p>	

<p>E</p> <p>F</p>	<p>Wednesday morning between 9.30 and 11am. The breakfast is open to anyone in the community at the Irish Centre.</p> <p>Advice Lewisham are providing free advice on housing, welfare benefit etc., at the Irish Centre on the first Friday of every month.</p> <p>The council will be holding the Holocaust memorial day on 27th January at the Broadway Theatre. The event is annually commemorated in the borough. All are welcomed to attend. There would be an entry fee of £1.50 at the door. All the proceeds will be going to charities.</p> <p>The chair thanks all in attendance and brought the meeting to a close.</p>	
	<p>Declaration of interest</p>	
	<p>There were no interest declared at this meeting.</p>	