

## REGENT'S PARK RESIDENTS FORUM

Summary Notes of Autumn Meeting held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2018

The Regent's Park Residents Forum met for the tenth of its biannual meetings in the Herringham Hall at the Regent's University. There was an excellent turnout of forty four representatives attending, drawn from 12 different terraces and areas across the Park. The format of the evening differed slightly from previous meetings in that it was an opportunity for Linda Lennon to introduce herself to residents as the new Director following Max's retirement at the end of March and also to introduce her Senior Management Team

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### NOTES OF THE FORUM DISCUSSION

These notes aim to reflect the substance of the meeting and the general range of views expressed. They do not represent every view expressed, or the policy of the CEPC.

#### Welcome

Following Mark Elliott's retirement from the Commission in August Linda took the Chair for the meeting.

1.	Welcome & Introductions	Linda Lennon CBE
2.	CS11 - Update & Discussion	Linda Lennon CBE
3.	Gardens	Ric Glenn
4.	Security & Traffic	Martyn Floodgate
5.	Broadband	Stuart Ballantine
6.	Commissioner Recruitment	Linda Lennon CBE

#### Welcome & Introductions

Linda introduced herself to the meeting and gave a short presentation covering her previous roles at the Court Service and as Chief Executive Officer of the Parole Board; as Chief Executive of the Royal Parks which included serving as an ex officio Commissioner on the CEPC and most recently as CEO of the London Stadium.

#### CS11 Presentation

The Director gave an update on CS11 following the recent ruling by Mr Justice Cass on the Judicial Review sought by Westminster Council against TfL on the works at Swiss Cottage.

Linda confirmed that she had had discussions with Will Norman, the Mayor's Commissioner for Walking and Cycling, shortly after taking up her role, and that he had attended the Board meeting in July to discuss their plans for CS11 through the Park. She confirmed that following these meetings the CEPC was still waiting to receive additional information sought by the Board. This included updated and current traffic management surveys showing the effects of gate closures not only within the Park but also on surrounding roads, the impact of HS2 on the east side of the Park particularly in relation to Albany Street and any environmental studies on pollution levels.

Linda outlined the various options available to TfL going forward in respect of appealing to the Court of Appeal; revisiting the proposed scheme for Swiss Cottage either by itself or again as part of the whole original route which included going through the Park. She anticipated this could include further discussions and consultations. Linda assured the meeting that should she be invited to any further meetings with TfL that she would share any information with them.

On a related issue Linda also confirmed that the Royal Parks had received overwhelming support from a public consultation on introducing a 20mph speed limit in all their Parks, including Regent's Park. However Parliamentary approval was not now expected before spring 2019 due to other pressures on the Parliamentary diary.

As in past Forums Linda stressed that residents should focus any questions they had on Park wide issues but that both she and members of her team would be more than happy to deal with any terrace specific issues after the formal presentations had ended.

### **Gardens' Manager Presentation**

Ric Glenn gave a presentation on his past career and route from Australia to the CEPC via China, Denmark, Kew Gardens and Cadogan Estates from Australia. His presentation highlighted some of the issues facing him as Gardens Manager including the effects of the climate on maintaining the gardens around the estate. He also updated residents on surveys and research work in relation to pollution and the environment displaying up to date initial findings from research in Park Square.

Questions included drones to do tree surveys; lichen and clean-air; and the Vision as articulated by Todd Longstaffe-Gowan and garden management plans.

### **Head of Traffic and Security's Presentation**

**Martyn Floodgate** Martyn is a recent addition to the CEPC Senior Management Team having taken over from Nigel Rickaby who left in August. His presentation highlighted his past experience of working in the Metropolitan Police and in security at the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, Commonwealth Games in Glasgow and Bacu. He had also run his own security firm and had previously worked with Linda at the London Stadium where he was responsible for stewards and security. Martyn pointed out that he was on an initial three month contract which he was hopeful would be extended. He explained that his current main focus

was on security and that he was currently reviewing all aspects of his teams' working to ensure maximum visibility to residents.

Questions: inner circle (not CEPC), Park watch, traffic flows and rat runs and "What does a TC look like".

### **Head of Streets and Lighting**

Stuart Ballantine's presentation focused on a number of areas that he is responsible for in paving and lighting including the Winter Service plan which is designed to ensure roads are cleared of snow and ice and kept safe for residents use during inclement weather. He also covered issues such as the re-laying of the Florentine paving in St Andrews place.

As in previous Forums Stuart updated residents on developments in trying to get them connected to higher speed broadband including most recently discussions with a company who may be interested in using the Open Access Network which the CEPC has begun installing in some areas of the estate.

### **Commissioner Recruitment**

The Director updated residents on the need to recruit up to another three Commissioners due to Commissioners retiring or stepping down. She outlined the role, the periods of tenure, the selection process and confirmed this would begin in spring 2019. Anyone who was interested should look to send their CV to Linda in the first instance. Further notices about the recruitment timetable would be sent out nearer the time.

Following the presentations there was sufficient time before the meeting's scheduled end for residents to discuss a range of terrace specific issues with members of the SMT.

The meeting closed at 9pm.