
NOTTING HILL EAST NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

Spring 2017

Issue 3

Hello everyone, and welcome to our new spring issue of the Notting Hill East Neighbourhood Forum (NHENF) newsletter.

You've heard at our last three AGMs and in various publications about our Neighbourhood Plan preparation. We are in full swing and are getting close to hosting a public consultation, where you all will have a chance to give us your feedback.

We've reminded you all of the dual roles of the WNA - Westbourne Neighbourhood Association, and NHENF - the Notting Hill East Neighbourhood Forum. The first was established many years ago as a resident's amenity society, and the second, in 2014, as a forum which is eligible to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan. These two bodies will continue to co-exist.

At our April 26th AGM, we had elections of committee members, and several resignations. Sadly, our chairman Andrew Jordan has stepped down. We owe him a debt of gratitude for his sage guidance over the past 9 years. Our treasurer, Humphrey Morison, has also stepped down. We wish to thank him for the time he has devoted over many years as an active committee member, and for his role in keeping our accounts in order.

Our re-elected committee members are: Richard Perkins, David Rea, Andrew Pilkington, Sue Quentrec, David Hothersall, Suzanne Forte, Sarmila Bose, and Sheila Keating. Our newly elected committee members are: Scott Robinson, Traci Weaver, and Jessica Staddon. We have a committee meeting scheduled in the

next few weeks, and will post our individual roles and responsibilities onto our website, so you will know who to contact with any questions or initiatives you may have.

As we have said before, our membership subscriptions are £10 for individuals, £15 for families, £15 for small businesses, and £50 for larger businesses with more than 20 employees. These funds go towards printed and presentation materials to keep you informed, and equipment and supplies for neighbourhood events. To keep our printing costs down, e-mail is our preferred form of communication. For those of you who don't have e-mail, we will be asking a nearby member if they'd be willing to be your communications buddy, and help us to keep you informed. We hope we can reach a point, with additional donations, where we can fund some public improvements. Our committee is an unpaid group of volunteers, who give their time in the interest of improving the neighbourhood.

With best wishes from all of us,

Your Committee

AGM News

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

At our Annual General Meeting, we had displays of our Neighbourhood Plan in print form, and gave a visual presentation of its main objectives. We defined for you the two main components of the Plan: Policies and Projects. Policies are those things that will be considered

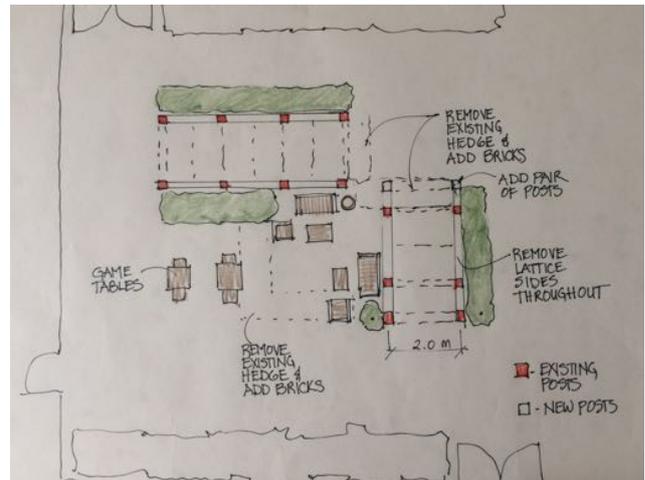
when determining the outcome of planning applications. Projects are those things that will require funding, and will improve our public spaces. We were happy you had questions for us, and seemed supportive of the direction of the document. We will be having a three day consultation soon, so that you will be able to delve into this information in more detail.

PUBLIC REALM

Following our Plan presentation, we updated you on various public realm items. Thanks to the assistance of Councillor Guthrie McKie and Councillor Adam Hug, representatives from Westminster's Parks came out to look at Shrewsbury Gardens. Repairs to the path will begin shortly. The trees need pruning, and a quote of £1,200 has been received, but the council needs to review their tree budget. In response to our consultations with you, we followed up on some of your ideas, such as a coffee cart in Shrewsbury Gardens, and a piece of gym equipment and some outdoor game tables in St. Stephen's Gardens. The coffee cart is possible, as long as it is 7 meters from the Public Highway. We have sampled a vendor's coffee on Harrow Road and will look at others. Our thought is to try this on weekend mornings and see if it is a success. In the summer months, we can consider an ice cream stand. We still envision nicer seating, better plantings, and if residents decide it is a good idea, a separate area for dogs to run and play.

To fund either an outdoor table tennis table, and/or a piece of exercise equipment to go onto the existing paved area in St. Stephen's Gardens, along with a simple reconfiguration of the existing pergola to allow a larger patio for outdoor chess and other games, we will apply for various available grants. As Justin Glanville says in his blog, "The Best Urban Parks Are More Immersive Than Pretty". You can read his article here:

<http://justinglanville.com/2014/10/the-best-urban-parks-are-more-immersive-than-pretty/>



St. Stephen's Proposed Pergola Reconfiguration with added tables and chairs.

A little over a year ago, we walked around our area with two individuals from Westminster: one from the department of Public Realm and one from Highways. We pointed out the necessity for a crossing at Ledbury Road, somewhere near Westbourne Grove. We pointed out the lack of litter bins, (note some new ones have arrived!) and the overflowing larger bins on Artesian Road. We also turned their attention to the condition of the pavements. We followed up this visit with a pavement survey, and were told that pavements will be repaired where there is a 20 mm difference between two adjacent paving stones. If you notice this anywhere, they can be reported on Westminster's website, by going to

"Report an issue with roads and pavements"



We would like to engage with our local schools, and one project may be the creation of new, simpler signs relating to the disposal of dog litter bags.



Among your suggestions to us was a community notice board. Our Bayswater Ward Councillor, Richard Holloway, has initiated this process with Westminster North Planning. One proposed location is outside of the Westbourne at the corner of Chepstow and Artesian Roads. We are researching styles now.



CARNIVAL

The Golborne Police Department sent out a request for feedback about the Notting Hill Carnival, and we circulated that to you for your comments. If any of you didn't receive that, the questions included the following shown below.

If you wish to submit feedback, please answer these questions or write to:

golborne.snt@met.pnn.police.uk

1. What is your general feedback around the Carnival 2016? Did you attend, if not why? Do you work or have to travel through the Carnival footprint?
2. What would you like us to do to improve policing of the Carnival or have concerns around the security of it?
3. What impact does the Carnival have on you and what could your local police do to reduce that impact?
4. Any comments or feedback to the Carnival organisers?

LOCAL BUSINESSES

We remain committed to supporting and helping our local businesses. It is they who offer the convenience of goods and services nearby. The first way we might help is to work with our council on any policies available that could reduce the burden of high business rates, or to designate special zones, for example, live/work zones to encourage artisans. Another thought is to create a neighbourhood "brand", with the rest of Notting Hill. This brand might include a unique physical element, such as a daily advertising display on a projecting sign, as an alternative to the sandwich boards on our pavements. We will be engaging with our businesses directly, along with a branding or retail consultant, to see how we might develop these ideas.

MEMBERSHIP

As we announced, we have a list of approximately 220 members, but we don't hear from many of you, so we aren't sure how many memberships are still current. If you haven't renewed your membership by paying your subscription this April, please do so, and please try to get a few more neighbours to join. Higher membership means more community engagement, and better communications.

Please send us your views to:

info@nottinghilleast.org.uk and continue to check our website:

www.nottinghilleast.org.uk

Our Objectives

To promote, enhance and improve the existing unique qualities of our area, our **policies** and **projects** would:

1. Allow expansion of residences to the rear, below, and above, within certain frameworks
2. Try to reduce the anomalies in the implementation of policies, so they are more understandable, consistent, and just.
3. Protect the historic features of our buildings, and encourage the reinstatement of lost features
4. Encourage energy conservation and prepare for climate change.
5. Clean up and de-clutter our streets by promoting better design solutions for information, furniture, and other equipment.
6. Eliminate street litter, by providing adequate bins and management of those bins.
7. Make traffic flow more efficient.
8. Reduce harmful air, light, and noise pollution.
9. Introduce a sustainable tree policy and add to our stock and diversity of street trees.
10. Conserve and improve our public garden spaces so that they remain attractive and safe places for social interaction and community events.
11. Make our community safer and more conducive to personal interaction, by shifting emphasis from vehicular dominance to other users. (Slow Streets)
12. Foster and enhance the sense of community, by building on the momentum and participation that our plan preparation has generated amongst our residents.
13. Promote and support our small businesses by creating a brand identity for the neighbourhood and preventing harmful change of use policies



Neighbourhood Plan on display at the AGM, April 26, 2017

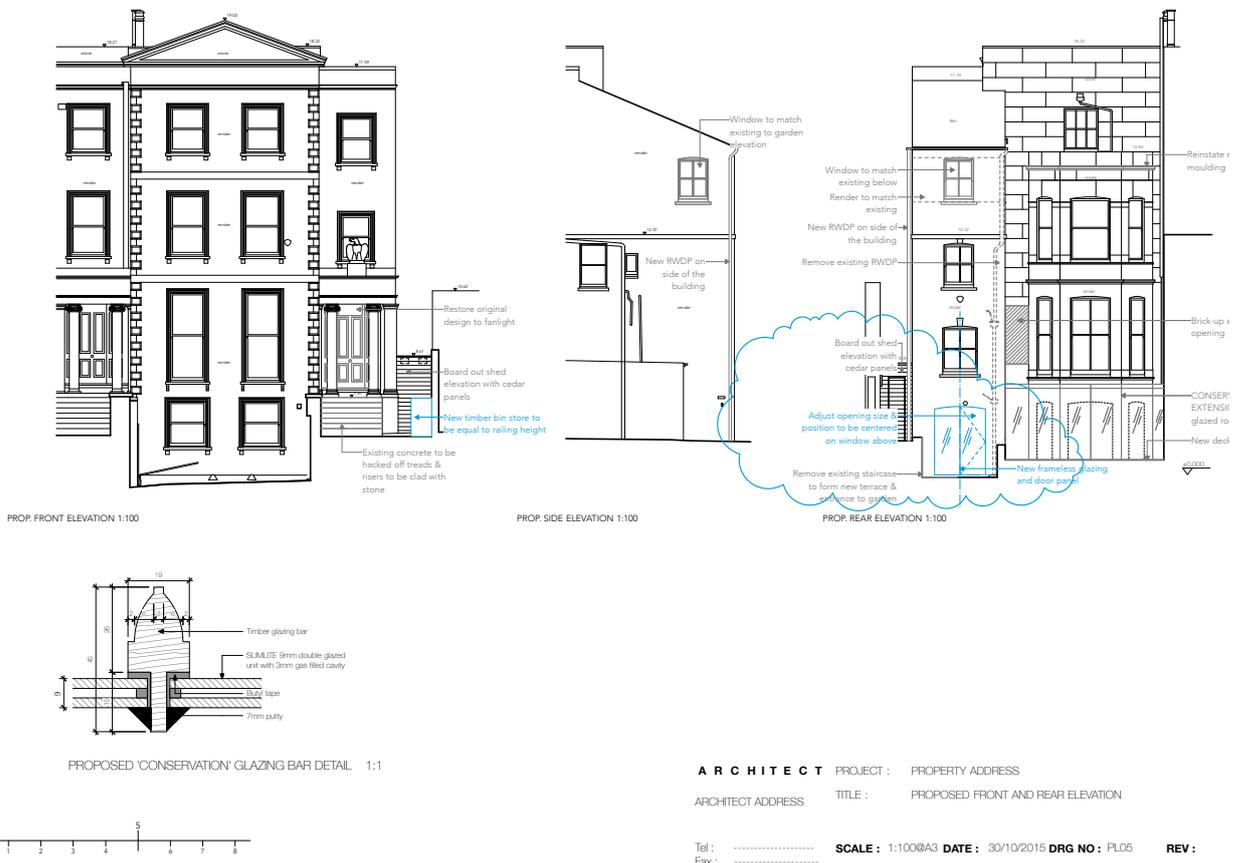


Planning Applications

The poor quality of some of the planning applications received continues to interfere with the ability to evaluate the proposals. In general, the guidelines from Westminster's planning portal should be followed. In addition to the Westminster guidance, we suggest the following, as it applies to your application:

1. Documents all loaded the right way up, clearly titled in the portal load.
2. All lines on the documents should be dark enough for proper viewing.
3. A one page photo collage of the rear, clearly labeled, including context (neighbours). Page size not limited to A4.
4. A one page photo collage of the front, clearly labeled, including context (neighbours). Page size not limited to A4.
5. One, large format if necessary, drawing of existing, with clear labels, of legible size.
6. One, large format if necessary, drawing of the proposed, with clear labels, of legible size, showing plan, elevations and sections as required to adequately describe the proposal. Sections should be keyed to their location on the plans.
7. Clear indication of ownership on the plan, with boundary lines shown in red.
8. Location plan and floor plans - north should be up on the page.
9. NHENF also suggests a SUDS statement indicating how any runoff will be mitigated, and a Heritage Statement of front and rear, describing materials to be used and locations of these materials. These should be cross-referenced on the plans, elevations and sections, labeled in legible size.
10. Quantity of documents should be limited to produce an application that is reasonably readable by anyone.

SAMPLE DRAWING SHOWING LEGIBLE INFORMATION



Neighbourhood events and other happenings

We had our winter party on November 22nd, where we challenged you all to another planning exercise - this time proposals for the bus routes and parking layout on Chepstow Place. Each group presented their good ideas to the rest of the party, and, happy to have this brain teaser behind them, moved on to the more celebratory phase of the evening.

Upcoming Event Dates

Spring Swap Day

Saturday, May 20th

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Under our marquee - North end of Sutherland Place (at Talbot Road)

This is an opportunity for you to clear out your cupboards and donate items that may be wanted by your neighbours, and to pick up some lovely items free of charge.

Neighbourhood Walk

Sunday, May 21st

3 p.m. - Meet at the Westbourne - Corner of Westbourne Grove and Chepstow Road

Learn how Louis Lucien Bonaparte influenced our area. This walk will finish at the Prince Bonaparte Pub.

Little Big Lunch

Sunday, June 4th

12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Location TBD.

Bring something to eat and share, a chair to sit on, and enjoy a spring lunch with your neighbours. This year, we will have children's events, so we hope our families will join us for a few hours of fun and games.

Hope to see you at all of these events. If you aren't already a member and would like to become one, please complete the membership form on the next page, and bring it to any of these events, or you can deliver it to Cye Elliot as noted on the form.

Really Useful List

- *Experienced decorator and paper hanger, with degree in interior design. Excellent results.*
Rupert Rutherford - 079828 490706 or 0208 743 1844
- *Antique furniture restoration and conservation*
Piers Keating Restoration - 01963 440705 or 07476 755806
- *All-purpose builder*
Peter Cyparski - 07738 830970
pcyparski33@gmail.com

Recommended by Sheila Keating

- *Plumber*
Alpine Plumbers LTC, Felix Marco 07957 294830
Gas Safe
- *Garden Builder and also Christmas Trees*
Hew Stevenson, Shoots and Leaves 0208 563 7733 www.shootsandleaves.co.uk

Recommended by Suzanne Forte

- *Plumber*
Elgan Davies 07870 161434
Recommended by Sarmila Bose

Thai Massage. Firm professional approach and wonderful benefits
Om -14 Chepstow Road
Recommended by Richard Perkins

If anyone wishes to recommend a good service provider, please email us at:

info@nottinghilleast.org.uk

And, as one step in dealing with our pollution problem, please don't forget

**WHEN YOU STOP,
SWITCH OFF!**

Please remind any vehicles you see idling in our streets.



Notting Hill East Neighbourhood Forum Membership Form

I certify that I live, work, or have a relevant interest in the Notting Hill East Neighbourhood Forum area.

Signed:.....Print Name

Address..... tick if business owner or worker ()

Email..... and/or Phone Number

If you have any special skills that you would be willing to contribute to the group, please note them here:

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Suggested minimum contribution

Single member	£10	Small business	£15
Family membership	£15	Large business (more than 20 employees)	£50

Completed forms and subscription cheques (made payable to WNA) may be posted to, or left with Cye Elliot at 1 St. Stephen's Mews, W2 5QZ, brought to our AGM, or transferred into our account: Sort Code 60-02-08, Account number 7861-4023, Reference - your surname, street number and street name. (very important)