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**19.00 Thursday 19th August 2021**

**Steering Group (SG) Pre-Meeting Notes**

**SG Members**: Shazad Mohammed, Fiona Allen, Varsha Patel, Ranjan Narayanasamy, Rekha Mehta and Duad Amin.

**HFTRA**: Paddy Lynne.

**ITA**: Raj Kumar, John Harvey and Rish Rahane.

**MyYard:** Rachel Dimind

**Apologies**: Ken Woods, Bill Beardon, Shamim Manji, Erica Fontaine, Amita Jagai-Kempster and Sharon Reid.

1. **Survey for Controlled Parking Zones (CPZ)** – Unfortunately MP Gareth Thomas’ office can no longer support SG members request for CPZ. They have advised nothing can be done until the roads are adopted, and the roads cannot be adopted until the regeneration programme is fully delivered. John and Shaz are going to conduct a survey to gain an understanding of people’s opinions regarding CPZ.

The SG will invite Julian Higson, Interim Housing Director to the next meeting – to seek his support regarding the CPZ.

1. **Meeting in person** – SG members are keen to have a face-to-face meeting at the British Legion, maintaining social distancing and as long have people have had their vaccinations.
2. **Fun Day** –SG members wanted to thank MyYard and Young ChangeMakers for all their efforts in putting together the fun-day activities. Rekha thought that the day was very well organised and it was really pleasant to see so many young children and adults helping out. Rachel believes it to be the best year of engagement, which included young adults and Ranjan supported this and added that he can see how the youngsters have been positively influenced. SG Members also thanked Nesan Thevanesan (Interim Head of Resident Services) for the support provided, which has included securing portaloos and having a caretaker available for the day.

Raj also noted that this was the first summer in five years that he did not receive any complaints about the behaviour of young people on the estate.

A discussion took place about what stage the Council’s Tenant Participation team would be involved in organising community events.

1. **Trip for adults** – Rachel made the offer some time ago about a day trip for the adults on GF and hopefully encourage some residents who don’t currently get involved to participate more. Rachel can arrange transport for 16 people but if demand is high, another trip can be arranged at a later day. Rachel would like to advise that she is happy to assist with the connections of MyYard, but the trip would need to be facilitated by someone at GF. It was decided that the trip would be to Kew Gardens and the proposed date is 22nd September 2021. Raj to share this information with Anthea asap to ensure this offer is advertised in the next GF newsletter.
2. **Phase 1 Progress Update** – Raj met with Mary Hannington last week who confirmed that she will address queries on “Phase 1 Progress Update” at next week’s full Steering Group meeting. Additionally, Steering Group members expressed concern that the white bricks that are to be used for the internal courtyard area may be prone to getting dirty and mouldy, be hard to maintain and may attract graffiti. SG members advised that they had previously expressed these concerns and had seen a a prime example of deterioration (of white finishes) on a buildings at the Rayners Lane estate.

Rekha mentioned that Higgins had offered a tour of some of their work on other sites in London. However, Raj explained that due to the Covid-19 lockdown / restrictions, this opportunity had been missed and also Phase 1 is progressing well on-site. It was appreciated that Rekha, Varsha and Shobhana had visited the Phase 1 site on Saturday, where Joan was present to supervise the tour.

1. **Next Meeting Thursday 26th August 7pm** – Raj will send out the agenda after this meeting and the notes will follow in the morning.

The Zoom invite for the meeting will be sent out on Monday.