

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT FORUM HELD ON TUESDAY, 13TH JUNE, 2023

MEMBERS: Councillors: Nicki Adeleke (Chair), Chris James (Vice-Chair), Maria Alexandrou, Hannah Dyson, and Nia Stevens.

Officers: Sarah Cary (Executive Director of Housing, Regeneration and Development), Martin Rattigan (Head of Environmental Protection and Bereavement Services), and Harry Blake-Herbert (Governance Officer).

Also Attending: Lindsay Rawlings (Edmonton Hundred Historical Society), John West (The Enfield Society), Chris Horner (Southgate District Civic Voice), Neil Paddon-Smith (Meadway Conservation Area Study Group), Mustafa Ibrahim (Enfield Town Conservation Area Study Group), Andrew Newman (Clay Hill Study Group), Carol Fisk (Trent Park Conservation Committee), Dave Cockle (Enfield Transport Users Group), and a member of the public.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from: Doug Wilkinson (Director of Environment & Street Scene), Dennis Stacey (Bush Hill Park Conservation Area Study Group), Juliet Barnett (Trent Park Conservation Committee) who was substituted by Carol Fisk, Paul Hutchinson (Grange Park Conservation Area Study Group), and Denise Gandhi (Southgate Green Association).

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

AGREED the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 25 April 2023 as a correct record.

Members of the Forum asked if there was an update on who owns Mossops Creek; Martin Rattigan agreed to follow up on this.

3. TOPIC DISCUSSION

Members of the Forum discussed a variety of topics they wanted to see considered for the 2023/24 Environment Forum Work Programme.

The Chair asked that members work towards having 2-3 items per meeting.

The use of pesticides/chemicals was discussed as an issue that a member of the Forum would email officers to ask about separately.

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The Forum provided some specific lines of enquiry they would like to receive updates on/ discuss at the meetings, with regards to the items put forward for the work programme, as attached below.

Telecom/mono-poles were described as an issue that the council had little control over, that was dealt with more by the Planning department, that residents could lobby their councillors about, and that Sarah Cary, Executive Director of Housing, Regeneration and Development, would look at and feedback on the potential for working towards having more control over, as part of the Local Plan.

The Chair agreed to circulate the briefing she had received from the Planning team/ department on telecom poles to members of the Forum.

With regards to an 'any other business' item being added to the agenda, the Chair said that she would allow minor announcements at the end of meetings if time permitted, and that if members wanted to give larger updates or had specific issues, relating to items on the agenda that they wanted to see discussed, they should contact her in advance of the meeting to see if such discussions could be arranged.

Members of the Forum asked for the maintenance of a table of actions, for these actions to be followed up with, and to receive updates at meetings when tasks assigned to officers are completed.

4. WORK PLANNING

Members agreed the items that would be put on the Environment Forum 2023/24 Work Programme, as attached below.

Sarah Cary, Executive Director of Housing, Regeneration and Development, agreed to review the items proposed for each meeting to see if they were feasible/ could be better rearranged.

5. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Members noted the dates of future meetings as shown on the agenda.

The meeting ended at 19:59.

Environment Forum 2023/24 Work Programme:

<p style="text-align: center;">Monday 18 September 2023</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Climate Action Plan and air quality – members asked for updates to include particulates, particularly comparisons between tyres and brakes vs fuel particulates, and hotspot trends for these, as well as feedback on the impact of school zones and LTNs 2. Town Centres – members asked for updates to include Enfield Town and Edmonton Green developments 3. Street Scene & Public Art – members asked for updates/ discussion to include telecom poles and street furniture more generally, the management of verges, the carbon footprint associated with relaying pavements, highways repairs and maintenance, and an update on the design guide/ material being used. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 28 November 2023</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rewilding and Tree Planting – members asked for an update on how the introduction of cattle is progressing, and the maintenance of the newly planted trees 2. Public Transport – members asked for representatives from TFL & GTR to be invited, and for specific feedback on improving interchange between bus and national rail stations; an example was given of the 456 bus being restored to its natural terminus at Cruise Hill Station 3. Local Plan Update
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 10 January 2023</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fly tipping, recycling, and waste management – members asked for this to include feedback on fly tipping hotspots, how Enfield's fly tipping and recycling rates/ statistics compare to other boroughs, and what is being done to deter fly tipping and increase recycling 2. Cycling/ journeys and places – members asked for this to include updates/ feedback on recent feasibility studies and consultations and schemes/ organisations in the borough that aid adults with cycling 3. Food production and allotments 	<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 16 April 2024</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Climate Action updates from community groups 2. Cemeteries and Parks Management – members asked for feedback to include how Enfield's four registered parks/ gardens would be taken off the at-risk register 3. Heritage – members asked for an update on the list, and how they can ask for things to be added to it

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