

Opposition Priority Business: Greater London Authority & Mayor for London Funding – Mini Holland Proposals

Enfield Council thanks the Conservative Mayor of London for the millions it has received from the Greater London Authority in funding over the last four years unlike the previous Mayor, as well as the money pledged to help finance future schemes for example:

- Improvements to the A1010 from Ponders End to Enfield Wash including the refurbishment of the Hertford Road Business Centre and community events funded via Outer London Fund Rounds 1 and 2;
- Market Gardening;
- Tree Planting;
- New Pocket Parks;
- Road/Transport improvements paid for via LIP Funding;
- Pledged funding for the new Meridian Water Railway Station as well for the third track;

In addition to the above, the Mayor of London, Boris Johnson announced in March that Enfield would be awarded £30million as part of the Mini Holland programme to invest in cycling and street scene improvements. This large sum of money during a time of austerity is fantastic news for the borough. We are in a privileged position with this money, therefore we must not waste it and the scheme must benefit the borough's residents and businesses.

The Mini Holland money has the ability to deliver investment for Enfield's businesses, provide a safer way in which to cycle, be a catalyst to increase the number of residents cycling and exercising, create segregation between motorists and cyclists and improvements to our infrastructure and street scene. However, Enfield's record in delivering regeneration and other large projects is not as good as other boroughs. We have the opportunity with the Mini Holland scheme to get it right this time but we will only get it right by working with the residents and businesses of Enfield.

Recommendations

To agree that the next Administration should carry out the following actions:

- Create a cross party project board to oversee delivery of the Mini Holland scheme.
- Ensure that regular updates on the Mini Holland scheme are given to the Sustainability and Living Environment Scrutiny Panel.

- Recognise that to deliver the aims and objectives of the Mini Holland scheme, Enfield Council has to gain the support and participation of the business and residential community.
- Deliver on the pledge that the Mini Holland project would be consulted upon, which is contained within the submission document (a document signed by both party leaders).
- Implement a genuine and meaningful consultation programme that consults with residents, businesses, schools, resident associations, clubs and the Conservation Advisory Group at the very least.
- Ensure that concerns raised by consultees are listened to by Officers and that where necessary, the Mini Holland proposals are amended (as a result) to increase resident and business buy in for the project.