

Associate Cabinet Member Work Programme 2020/2021

Councillor Katherine Chibah, Enfield West – Elected July 2020

Groups Chaired as ACM

Environment Forum – the Forum has met nine times since July 2020. It has covered a diverse number of matters relating to the built and natural environment across the borough.

Trent Country Park Stakeholder Group – The Group has met twice since June 2020 and with two additional informal walk abouts (online during lockdown and in the Park in non-lockdown). Meetings enable residents and other stakeholders to share views with event organisers for festivals in the summer period as well as raising other issues of concern about the park with relevant bodies.

Broomfield House Partnerships and Liaisons Boards – COVID pressures including property service supporting the NHS, staff capacity, and budget constraints mean that the feasibility options work to facilitate repair and redevelopment were paused last summer without fixed proposals. Options evaluation, including engagement with Historic England and residents will resume in the late spring of this year.

Cabinet Meetings

ACMs are non-voting attendees of cabinet meetings. I have attended cabinet meetings and contribute to report discussions by raising issues relevant to matters in Enfield West. I will continue to do so that the viewpoint of Enfield West is heard before reports are voted on at Cabinet.

Key areas

1) Parks and Events

Actions:

- To continue to encourage feedback from community engagement via the TCP meetings / walk abouts.
- To facilitate dialogue between stakeholders, event organisers and officers as well as other parties with involvement in the park such as Thames Water.
- To feedback views expressed and discussion outcomes to cabinet and relevant portfolio holders.

2) Environmental Issues

Actions:

- Encourage feedback from residents through community engagement via the Environment Forum to be fed back to planning committee as per its constitution.
- Feedback to Cabinet / Portfolio Holders on matters discussed with Environment Forum stakeholders. Items included so far; Under 18s and Concessionary Travel; Bus Economics; Impact on Covid 19 on public transport; Expansion of the ULEZ; Public Realm changes to support walking and cycling; Community Initiatives to promote environmental sustainability (Firs Farms Wetlands; Enfield Society Tree Planting and Rewilding); Government Housing Retrofit Programme; Schools Retrofit Programme; Air Quality in the Borough; Development of the Green Infrastructure and Parks Strategy; Enforcement in the Green Belt; Major Applications in Conservation Areas; Workshop on Housing Needs, Capacity and Design of Buildings; Future Landscape of Planning (including white paper and extension of permitted development)

3) Town Centres, Growth Planning and the Pandemic

- Town centres in Enfield West are a key priority and include Enfield Town, Palmers Green, Arnos Grove, Southgate, Cockfosters.
- In addition to previous pressures, our town centres are struggling due to Covid 19. When it comes to proposed developments, key considerations include balancing increased populations from new developments, the needs of local businesses and the necessary community infrastructure needed in our town centres.
- Further key considerations for proposals include; height, affordability, suitability and character of developments, especially in historic town centres.

Actions:

- Through cabinet members, to support all ongoing engagement and shaping of future plans to support the local economy either throughout lock down measures, or as the economy begins to recover.
- To continue working with cabinet members to review proposals for high streets and town centres, providing context, insight and feedback gained from community engagement via the Environment Forum and other resident engagement.