

ROEHAMPTON PARTNERSHIP

Minutes of the meeting of the Roehampton Partnership (RP) held on Thursday 9th September 2021 at 7.00 p.m. in Whitelands College, Roehampton

Present:

Councillor Jeremy Ambache (Chair)	Wandsworth Borough Council (Roehampton and Putney Heath)
Deacon Kathy Johnson	Roehampton and Putney Methodist Church
Councillor Claire Gilbert	Wandsworth Borough Council (Roehampton and Putney Heath)
Fr Alberto Pelucchi	St Joseph's Church
Mr Tom Rowson	University of Roehampton (Chief Operating Officer)
Rev Joshua Rey	Holy Trinity Church
Mr Joseph Langden	Regenerate and Youth Representative
Dr Kieron Earney	Roehampton NHS
Mr Matthew Tiller	Western Area Housing Panel

In attendance:

Ms Jenny Yates	Labour Party Activist
Mr John Horrocks	Local Resident
Zakiya Campbell, Minute Taker	University of Roehampton

1. Welcomes, RP membership and apologies

Councillor Jeremy Ambache (JA) welcomed Partnership members to the meeting. He introduced Jenny Yates and John Horrocks to the meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from Marc Newey, Pamela Harris, Councillor Sue Mckinney, Steve Fannon, PC Lucie Smith, PC Sheikil Barnett, Farrah Black and Natasha Beckwood.

The Chair reported that Dermot Cremin had agreed to step down from the Partnership as the patient groups he represented are no longer functioning.

It was agreed that Kieron would feedback to the Chair if any new patient groups had been formed.

2. Minutes of June 21st 2021

Minutes from the last meeting were agreed as a correct record of the meeting.

3. Matters arising

Development of RP website

It was also reported the website would be launched in September 2021.

Improving transport

The chair asked the group to review progress on the proposed actions from the last meeting.

Proposed Action	Note
1. Invite TFL to Roehampton Partnership meeting	Complete and JPi agreed to report back progress at future RP meetings. JPi
2. Set up a fully accessible 'hopper' bus that picks people up from their doors and drops them off exactly where they need to go.	Fleur Anderson is following up with Heidi Alexander. Agreed that the Partnership would consider progressing at a later date. <i>Jeremy noted that the partnership could put in a proposal. Agreed that Matthew would champion a proposal/ conduct research with other local residents and identifying the needs of local residents on the estates. Matthew to discuss further with Fleur Anderson</i> MT
3. Develop a proposal for being able to catch a bus and take your bike on it	Fleur Anderson is following up with Heidi Alexander. CG raised this with TFL at the August meeting, asking if there could be a pilot programme to trial this in Roehampton. They noted that this is unlikely. Folding bikes are allowed on the current bus network - CG noted that these can be expensive to buy, and that there are many such services in other global cities - TFL agreed to keep Roehampton in mind if they ever trial such a service. CG and JPi
4. Develop a proposal for smart road charging	Noted that smart road charging was governed by national policy therefore Partnership Members agreed not take any further action.
5. Extend the ultra-low emissions zone to Roehampton	Noted that ULEZ was governed by national policy therefore Partnership Members agreed to not to action this.
6. Develop a proposal for a safe, high quality cycle lane on Roehampton Lane	JA and JR to work on 6 and 7 – see box 7. JA and JR
7. Develop a proposal for a network of cycle routes and better walking a pavements linking Barnes, Putney, Roehampton and Kingston	JR and JA and Miriam Howitt have meet and we are other consulting Roehampton cyclist on a proposed plan. Meeting agreed with Cllr John Locker Wandsworth Cabinet member who deals with Transport for 9 th October. <i>Main areas for improving cycle routes and are as follows:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Priory Lane,</i> • <i>Roehampton Lane linking to Red Rover Junction</i> • <i>Hammersmith Bridge.</i> • <i>Roehampton High Street linking Ashburton Estate</i> • <i>Putney station</i> <i>Agreed that the Partnership would encourage walking and cycling in the local area. It was also agreed that John would</i>

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	<p><i>join the cycling group which will also cover walking and pavements.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">JA/JR/JH</p> <p><i>Claire reported that a location had been agreed for the additional gate at Richmond Park and reminded members that there is a shuttle bus that runs on Wednesdays from Alton School through the park. She encouraged that such information should be circulated in local forums and newsletters. Agreed that Joshua and Mathew would write an item in the newsletter</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">JR/MT</p>
8. Start a community car club	<p><i>TfL is supportive of Community Car Clubs. Car clubs are short-term car rental services that allow members access to locally parked cars and pay by the minute, hour or day. Car clubs offer an alternative model to private car ownership for individuals and businesses. Car clubs reduce the need for private parking and can help more Londoners give up their cars while allowing for occasional car travel within London. London is full of car clubs, ranging from traditional 'back-to-base' returnable models to flexible one-way models, with dedicated parking bays and areas. More details can be found here: https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/car-clubs</i></p> <p>Agreed that no further action would be taken.</p>
9. Develop more safe cycle parking spots in Roehampton	<p>CG gathered a petition on this issue in 2019, and the Council is still working through the consultations required to put in the cycle hangars. Three have already been put in, at Cadnam Point, Overton House and Putney Vale. Several more were approved at the last Western Area Housing Panel (WHAP), and I'm told they will be installed by September - 3 at Sheffield Gardens, and 1 at Arnewood. (2 are being put in on the Ashburton Estate in West Putney ward). NB the new chair of the WAHP Cllr Jane Cooper queried the 4 in Roehampton and was apparently against Council funding being used to put such hangars in place. CG will continue to advocate for both funding sources, i.e. TFL and WBC, to be optimised. WBC's housing department is still working on a hangar at Highcliff Drive, but I was told recently that planning permission is needed for a hangar at this site. WBC is working on consultations on cycle parking at Woking Close and Lennox Estate.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CG/SH</p>
10. Present our Roehampton Partnership on transport to the new developer (when appointed) and the Council's regeneration team	<p>Agreed that proposed action would remain on hold until the new developer had been confirmed.</p>

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11. Write letters to Minister / TFL / Mayor re Roehampton Partnership view on Hammersmith Bridge	MN and JA have written supporting the swift reopening of Hammersmith Bridge to the Minister Baroness Vere and to the Mayor of London Sadiq Khan.

- **Item 6 (page 5) – Community Engagement Strategy and Action plan – Jeremy**

Jeremy reported that he had been in contact with the regeneration team with proposed action plan and would consult the Partnership before the action plan would be submitted to the committee.

JA

4. Alton Regeneration Plan

Discussion / comments on the paper going to the Housing and Regeneration OSC 14th September concerning the plans for the Alton Regeneration – the papers will be on the Council website a week before the committee meeting – the link will be provided to RP members when the papers are published on the Wandsworth Council website

The Chair welcomed comment from the Partnership concerning plans for the Alton Regeneration.

MT noted that clarity on the finances (page 10, section 3) would be helpful as he felt that the information provided was unclear. CG noted that the new development structure would be a joint venture. If the scheme is in deficit then it minimise the amount of affordable housing available. Though the partnership supports more affordable housing it was not thought possible to comment on the difference of view between the council and GLA about the assessment of financial viability.

Concern was expressed about the vacant flats and shops and the plan to demolish the coop building. Also, partnership members thought it was important for the council to improve communication about the progress of the regeneration to local residents. It was thought that the lack of communication on this has contributed to the mistrust by local people.

Matthew informed the partnership about the Alton Estate People’s Plan produced by UCL in collaboration with the Alton Action Group. There was concern that this ‘people’s plan’ may not be representative of local resident’s views. However, Claire mentioned that it is important that the Alton Action Group present their views to next week’s housing and regeneration OSC if they wished JA/CG would help facilitate this.

MT/JA/CG

CG suggested that members should visit Bessborough Road to give an idea of what the proposed new buildings look like.

Community engagement

The Chair welcomed comment on the Community Engagement section of the paper.

It was noted that the appointment of Jonathan Palma (Citizens Advice Bureau) and Jo Baxter, Community Engagement and Cultural Coordinator had been very successful, the Partnership reiterated their hopes that their appointments would be extended. Overall members were happy with plans to enrich the community.

Deacon Kathy raised concerns that the paper insinuated that the Council had solely driven forward initiatives in the community ignoring the importance of grassroots organisations and community building activities.

Kathy also raised that the “mega skips” initiative agreed at Community Week had not materialised and that talks will need to be initiated again.

It was agreed that Jo Baxter would be invited to the next meeting to provide an update on the community regeneration and to emphasize that continuous delays erode trust amongst stakeholders and keeping people informed will help with community engagement.

JA

5. AOB (previously notified to Jeremy)

The Chair informed the Partnership that following Community Week, the steering group had successfully raised £28k and would be welcome bids from community groups/projects in October 2021 and February 2022. The Chair asked members to encourage interested parties to apply.

JA

The group was informed that the Safer Neighbourhoods Community meeting would take place on 28th September 2021.

CG

The meeting concluded at 9.05pm

6. Date of the next meeting – 15th November 2021 at Roehampton Club at 7pm