

MINUTES

London Legacy Development Corporation

Meeting title: Park Panel November 2022

Meeting date: Monday 14th November

Time: 6pm

Venue: LLDC Offices- Level 8, 5 Endeavour Square, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, E20 1JN

Present – representatives from the following organisations:

- Creative Wick
- Hackney Wick Community Development Trust (CDT)
- Yard Theatre (Hub67 + The Hall)
- Stratford Original BID
- Chandos East
- Park Champions
- Chobham Manor Residents Association
- LLDC Youth Board
- Otter Close RA
- Iron Works Residents association
- Legacy Wharf

LLDC

Peter Tudor (PT)

Jacque Holland (JH)

Rachel Hearn (RH)

Nina Mehmi (NM)

Peter Maxwell (PM)

Apologies:

- Trowbridge Senior Citizens Club
- Omega Works
- Manor Gardening Society at Pudding Mill
- East Village Trust
- Faringford Road Neighbourhood Watch
- Glasshouse Gardens

1. Introductions

1.1. Peter Tudor welcomed everyone to the Park Panel meeting and LLDC's offices.

2. **Mobile Garden** *presentation attached with minutes*

2.1. Presentation from Beatrice Liese on Mobile Garden.

- 2.2. Mobile Garden is a community garden delivered by Groundwork London for Our Parklife and the London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC) at Hackney Bridge. The Garden was designed to move around the Park to different sites marked for development, funded by the LLDC. It is a meanwhile-use project benefitting the community, and is now installed to activate the development sites of East Wick phase 7 before construction takes place in ten year's time.
- 2.3. The Garden was previously at the Chobham Manor site, and has journeyed through Park HQ to be homed at the Hackney Bridge site. Groundwork have a programme of delivery funded and planned until December 2023. The Garden was moved to the site with support from the LLDC, East Wick and Sweetwater and Hackney Bridge. The design was remodelled by Groundwork London, Our Parklife and idverde and built with the in-kind support of Groundwork London's corporate volunteer task days between July and September 2022. A composter has just been built with the introduction of a wormery to the site. The launch was held at the end of September as a part of the Your Neighbourhood Talks event. From May 2023, Groundwork will work with Our Parklife, Hackney Bridge and LLDC as to its future on that site.
- 2.4. The Garden is for all, with no restrictions on who can join the free sessions. Some current volunteers were involved in the original Chobham Manor site and some new volunteers have joined. Sessions operate on a drop-in basis and details can be found online at <https://ourparklife.co.uk/mobile-garden-at-hackney-bridge/>. Sessions include:
 - Tuesdays 2-4pm: Food Growing for all
 - Thursdays 2-4pm: Build & DIY
 - Fridays 130-330: Little Shoots Family Session
 - Occasional Saturdays 12-2pm: Mobile Garden sessions

Questions (Q) and Comments (C)

- 2.5. C: There was a desire to see long term vision for the garden and strategic plan to protect the asset into the future.
- 2.6. Q: Will cooking lessons be offered? A: Sessions will be planned to be seasonal and include growing, harvesting and cooking the crops. The CDT are doing similar work and trying to get similar initiatives up around Hackney Wick. One is looking at a circular economy food hub. There was a request to support other initiatives in and around the Hackney Wick area which Mobile Garden are open to.

3. Stratford Station Consultation *Presentation attached with minutes*

- 3.1. Presentation from Rachel Hearn and Peter Maxwell (LLDC).
- 3.2. LLDC is acting as convenor and project manager on behalf of LB Newham, TfL, Network Rail. These partners are exploring the options for the long term future of Stratford Station, from the 2030s onwards. The study area for the consultation is broadly the regional station and the international station plus the surrounding area.
- 3.3. The first phase of the Stratford Station consultation was held in September 2021. The second phase has now completed and over 750 people submitted their views.
- 3.4. The consultation will inform a business case going to government to seek further funding to do more exploration. The responses to the consultation will help the strategic direction of the business case.
- 3.5. Stratford Station was the busiest station in UK during Covid. This is likely to be because there are many different reasons to visit and use Stratford Station in addition to commuting and the platforms are already at capacity.

- 3.6. Lessons from London Bridge are that these large scale projects need long consultation and strategic planning.
- 3.7. The Urban Design Framework – essentially an early masterplan - looks at a whole range of aspects:
 - Connecting people, jobs and homes
 - Train and bus station facilities
 - Bridges, streets and open spaces
 - Jobs, shops and homes

Comments and Questions:

- 3.8. Q: Is this achievable and is funding in place? The process seems very complicated and lengthy. A: The project is about developing the business case therefore there are a number of different options informed by public feedback. It is potentially over 10 years before this would be delivered, so it is difficult to be definitive at the very start of this project. This will then form the basis of the significant funding applications. There is a need to understand the requirements of locals, residents, businesses etc.
- 3.9. Q: What is the opening date for MSG Sphere and what impact will that have on the station. A: If MSG Sphere is delivered this will include a new North East entrance as part of that planning application.
- 3.10. Q: Will Stratford International ever be put to use for international travel. A: LLDC understands that High Speed 1 are continuing to review this.
- 3.11. Q: Will the proposed station redevelopments be able to take place without limiting the operation of the station? A: Given the potential scale of the works, some impact will be inevitable. The station will likely remain open but certain parts would need to be closed for periods of time during construction.
- 3.12. Q: Will Westfield be providing funds for the works? A: There isn't a financial commitment from Westfield at this stage but they will be a part of the conversation.
- 3.13. Q: Is Westfield Avenue being considered as part of the consultation? A: Planning consent for the proposed Westfield Avenue scheme is currently being sought, and the Stratford Station consultation makes the assumption that the Westfield Avenue improvements will already be in place by the 2030s.
- 3.14. Q: How will Stadium event day pedestrian experience be improved by the redesign A: New entrances to the station, particularly one on Montfichet Road, will be utilised during match days etc and enable access to the stations without entering Westfield. The Stratford Walk project also looks at traffic management in part and looks at greener interventions in the short term. Slides with this detail attached with minutes.
- 3.15. C: An interest was shown from the CDT in the creation of more community workspace and would advocate that that would not be competing with Westfield and be looking at something more locally relevant. Would be interested at looking at models of how workspace is linked to housing. Linking to LLDC's Innovation District circular economy principles need to be embedded in the area.
- 3.16. C: There was a suggestion that Carpenters Estate and UCL interim use site could be doing tester activities that could be embedded in the new development to create opportunities for people living in Carpenters Estate and businesses there.
- 3.17. C: Information was requested on how students at Middlesex University might be involved in the design.

- 3.18. C: Stratford BID have a big focus on improving access. Wayfinding in the area is incredibly important including a map in Meridien square, which is land owned by Network Rail and TFL.
- 3.19. C: It was noted that the Elizabeth Line has nine stations that are not accessible due to platform heights not being level with the trains.
- 3.20. Consultation questions can be found at: <https://stratfordstation.commonplace.is/en-GB/proposals/at-the-moment-station-quarter-is/step1>
- 3.21. Other commentary around the station: <https://stratfordstation.commonplace.is/en-GB/proposals/what-were-thinking/step1>

4. Legacy Youth Board

- 4.1. Update on Legacy Youth Board brand from James Kaguma – *presentation attached with minutes*
- 4.2. Over the past few months, the Legacy Youth Board have partnered with two creative agencies to help develop a new collective brand that's relatable to young people in the local areas.
- 4.3. The Legacy Youth Board also wanted to create a brand that's representative of the youth board's members; one that speaks their truth, communicates their vision and builds excitement and trust for the redevelopment process at the Park and surrounding areas.
- 4.4. Ideas were developed through creative brainstorm sessions. This gave the creative agencies a deeper insight on what it's like to be a young person with such positive impact in our local communities.
- 4.5. The new brand is: Elevate. The Legacy Youth Board believe it's bold, new and welcoming. Most importantly, it's a brand that was created in direct collaboration with the Youth Board members that shape it. Elevate represents a collective of diverse, young leaders from East London shaping progressive change for their community. It's a new and exciting, youth-centric take on what it means to influence key decisions at London's most promising developments.
- 4.6. The brand's vision is to:
 1. To have consistent accountability to the community we represent;
 2. Offering the best personal & career development opportunities our audience can benefit from; and
 3. Fostering inclusivity, community and belonging.
- 4.7. The Legacy Youth Board plan to co-design the model for Elevate with stakeholders between now and the youth conference in March 2023 where it will be launched to young people.
- 4.8. The Brand launch on was held on 21 November at the Good Growth Hub.

5. Park Update

- 5.1. The updated forthcoming events list for the Park is attached with the minutes.
- 5.2. Key Park works in forthcoming period:
 - 5.2.1. Currently resurfacing area between East Bank and London Aquatics Centre with work to be completed before Christmas. Second phase dates TBC.

- 5.2.2. Tessa Jowell Boulevard resurfacing should be complete before Christmas.
- 5.2.3. Canal Park works underway.
- 5.2.4. Endeavour Square History Tree has been in decline and reluctantly LLDC has had to remove it. LLDC is working with the artists Ackroyd & Harvey on a replacement tree and means of suspending the ring. Further information on the long term maintenance of the History Trees was requested. Post meeting update: each of the trees is monitored individually and inspected annually, and fed with a natural liquid seaweed fertiliser where required to maintain optimum growing conditions throughout the year. In addition, the rings are checked and adjusted on a regular basis. Almost all of the remaining trees are in good health and the rings of the Chobham and Endeavour Square trees are in storage whilst the alternative suspension solution is developed.
- 5.2.5. East Wick phase 2 construction has started. Phase 3 is due to start summer 2023.
- 5.2.6. Public realm to be enhanced Waterden Road early in 2023

6. AOB

- 6.1. Park Panel:
 - 6.1.1. Minutes and presentations will be published on-line from this meeting onwards.
 - 6.1.2. LLDC is keen to develop Park Panel and to have a wider membership. Terms of Reference to be discussed at next meeting.
- 6.2. CIL Funding: There are still a number of projects to be decided after November's Planning Policy Group meeting, which makes the final decision on Neighbourhood Priority Fund allocation. Successful projects have been told so they can begin the process of receiving funding sooner and the remainder of the projects will be decided at December's PPG meeting on the 10th. We will update at the next meeting.
- 6.3. Wick First development to begin week commencing the 28 November.
- 6.4. The Line: The Living Line artwork at Bridgewater has been damaged and The Line will repair/replace soon; at Sugar House Island The Line have installed Ron Haselden's neon sculpture Diver for the next five years.
- 6.5. Hackney Bridge: concern was raised about the new owners of Hackney Bridge and why local organisations weren't given the opportunity to bid. LLDC were not involved in this decision. *After Meeting update: Make Shift (Hackney Bridge Ltd.'s guarantor and parent company) went into administration in 2021. Following this, the lender to Hackney Bridge Ltd stepped in to support the site to ensure its business remained operational and the site could continue to be developed. Since then, the lender has been negotiating the sale of Hackney Bridge Ltd and are pleased to confirm that the sale has been agreed and completed to Square Yard Holdings Limited (the team who created flat Iron Square and Vinegar Yard) at the end of October. Square Yard intend to retain the existing team and are looking to build upon the good work done to date. They welcome the opportunity to hear from interested parties so they can better understand how those parties would like to see their community obligations focused.*
- 6.6. Venue Licences: venues at the Park are licensed by the relevant local authority (LBH for the Copper Box Arena, LBWF for Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre; LBN for the remainder). There had been a recent event at the Lee Valley VeloPark which had

concluded after midnight and led to some local noise issues. Licences determine opening times, volume levels etc.

6.7. Marketing: there was a suggestion that QEOP should be represented in a large float at things such as Pride and Lord Mayor's Show parade.

6.8. *Next year's Park Panel meetings schedule attached with minutes.*

Actions

Meeting item	Action	Lead	Update
Mobile Garden	Share presentation	JH	<i>Presentation attached with minutes</i>
Stratford Station consultation	Share presentation	JH	<i>Presentation attached with minutes</i>
Stratford Station Consultation	Send around Stratford Walk slides with this detail		<i>Presentation attached with minutes</i>
Park Updates	Share updates document	JH	<i>Attached with minutes</i>
AOB	Circulate next years meeting schedule	JH	<i>Attached with minutes</i>
	Minutes and Presentations to be published on QEOP website	JH	

Next meetings dates

9th January 2023

13th March 2023