

Notes on a meeting of FitzWest at the Fitzrovia community Centre on May 16th 2017

Present:

Sharon Banoff	SB	Chair	Steven Medway	SM
Nick Bailey	NB		Vivien Hughes	VH
Wendy Shillam	WS		Yoram Blumann	YB
Barbara Corr	BC	Note taker		

Planning Document: WS gave an update. It has now been sent to the Head of Planning, to Mayfair, to Councillors of the southern ward of FitzWest and has been put on the internet. There has been much response from cycling groups and the Westminster Cycling Campaign, many drawing attention to the lack of cycle parking.

Oxford St Consultation Process - update WS/YB: There is an extension for comments until June 18th. Consultations on the 7th and 17th of June at the Wigmore Hall. (more info?) There is a comment by WS on the FitzWest website: <http://fitzwest.org/wordpress/uncategorized/oxford-street/>. More individual responses needed. SM said the New West End Company are consulting on a 10am until 10pm closure of Oxford street to traffic (This is not TfL's policy) and are looking at the Bahnhofstrasse in Zurich as an exemplar: <https://www.zuerich.com/en/visit/shopping/bahnhofstrasse-zurich>. A link to the New West End Company's vision for Oxford Street is here: <http://newwestend.com/oxford-street-vision/>. (See also this: 'The future of the West End' for the corporate view of our area: http://www.londonforum.org.uk/reports/Centre_for_London_-_the_future_of_the_West_End.pdf) In response the West End Neighbourhood Forums Conclave (is there a link WS?) met and is looking at a joint policy.

High Buildings Consultation: Here is Wendy's response on behalf of FitzWest. More responses needed: <http://fitzwest.org/wordpress/consultations/tall-buildings-consultation/>

Ultra Low Emissions Zone: Here's a link to the survey and Wendy's response to the consultation so far. Please complete the survey and respond: <http://fitzwest.org/wordpress/uncategorized/ultra-low-emissions-zone/>. Apparently WCC are surcharging in Marylebone whenever anyone parks a diesel car. We should be doing the same.

Air pollution: Evidence based work urgently required - air quality monitoring- who will do it? Tony will do a table. SM suggested we look at the green wall in Bird Street near Selfridges. Someone mentioned breathe fresh air benches (this may have been ironic).

Greening-Tesco bags of Help: BC gave an update. When Rebecca, the landscape designer, has completed the drawings and design statement and supplied reference photographs of her completed scheme in the Euston Road we will submit a planning application to Westminster asking for planning permission for 3 years. There is water on site and we have a maintenance committee of keen local

gardeners. SM said he can rally troupes to help. SM very kindly said he would pay the necessary fees to the planners and OS. YB said BC must ask him for money to pay the fees.

Design guide: The draft Design Guide is now on the website: <http://fitzwest.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/06-Design-Guide-Draft.pdf> In answer to a query from VH, WS replied that most older buildings in the area were built under the 1895 Building Act. It is suggested that The Holiday Inn and Media Showroom are cited as examples of eyesores in the 'Eyesore' section of the Guide.

Rubbish: was discussed. Nearly all bins have now been removed and there are rubbish bags on the street. The rubbish disposal scheme run by the New West End Company is due to start in June. SM will ask WCC about bags and let people know where the bins are.

Developments: Developer of the Triangle site has pulled out.

Social media: SM has set up an Instagram account and suggests we send him tweetables.

Funding application: What do we need? Who will help? Ongoing consultation? How best to spend the £5K we may be granted?

Date of next meeting: June 8th and/or July 4th?