

## Community Liaison Group Minutes – Meeting #12

15 February 2023

6.00-7.20pm

Hybrid Meeting via Microsoft Teams and in person at Berol House, 25  
Ashley Road, London N17 9LJ

### **Attendees**

Councillor John Bevan – Northumberland Park ward (Haringey)  
Councillor Kira Lewis – Higham Hill ward (Waltham Forest)  
Councillor Sinan Boztas – Lower Edmonton ward (Enfield)  
Cellina Momudu-Doswell – Residents of Edmonton Angel Community Together (REACT)  
Martin Capstick - NLWA  
Trudi Axtens – NLWA  
David Cullen – NLWA  
Jane McRobbie - ACCIONA  
James Sachon - AECOM

### **1. Introductions**

1.1 Attendees introduced themselves.

### **2. Safety moment**

2.1. NLWA began the meeting with a safety moment.

2.2. A CLG member asked if the slide could be shared given the importance of the subject matter.

2.3. A CLG member asked if NLWA had considered providing relevant information to Cash Converters.

### **3. Matters arising and review of previous meeting minutes**

3.1. NLWA provided a progress update on the actions from the previous meeting. No questions or additional comments were raised.

3.2. NLWA reported that there were some technical issues preventing people joining on Teams.

### **4. Social Value**

4.1. ACCIONA provided an update on their activity to date and future plans.

4.2. A CLG member asked about how the Women into Construction Employment Programme was advertised and if it could be advertised more widely (Libraries, job centres, community groups, cash converters). NLWA responded that they have been going through each Borough Councils' internal teams, but will take on board the comments for future activity.

- 4.3. A CLG member asked if NLWA had been engaging with the College of Haringey, Enfield and North East London (CONEL) and Meridian Water Skills Academy. NLWA confirmed that they have been and ACCIONA confirmed further discussions are being held with Meridian Water and CONEL, exploring more ways to work together.
- 4.4. A CLG member asked how the project was engaging with people where English isn't their first language but have construction skills. NLWA responded that they would consider all options when advertising opportunities but given the size of the community they serve they have to make a decision on how to get the best value from the available resources. ACCIONA went on to say they will consider how they can reach wider audiences who are interested in construction skills.
- 4.5. A CLG member said that feedback they have had from local schools is the engagement to date has been constructive. Another CLG member asked that more is done to engage people at school gates. NLWA said they are always seeking to balance the needs of the project with the available resource.
- 4.6. A member of the CLG on Teams asked a question in advance which was taken at this point. The question was - What is NLWA's plans to explain their purposes for primary and secondary school children's residents, rather than the centre for education which is on the plan. E.g. – would they consider visiting primary and secondary schools in Enfield particularly in Edmonton to explain themselves to young ones and maybe taken a bit further and teaching about recycling, fly-tipping etc. in details.
- 4.7. NLWA responded that there is activity to visit schools across the boroughs in north London with their programme which is largely focused on careers at the request of schools. More plans to share resources with schools that will enable lessons on topics related to waste management and waste reduction are planned to be launched this year.
- 4.8. A CLG member asked if NLWA could do more to educate people (especially young people) on the impact of fly-tipping. Another CLG member suggested NLWA should visit every primary school locally to explain what the Authority does and what the NLHPP is.
- 4.9. NLWA responded that the Authority has a lot of messages and forms of communications for people but to ensure best value the action needs to be targeted. Existing campaigns focus on working with secondary schools around careers and work with primary schools will need to be more targeted.
- 4.10. A CLG member said that budgets for other organisations providing information on waste management has been cut so less information is being shared with the community. They asked if NLWA could work closely with other providers to ensure maximum reach in the communities.

## **5. Project Update**

- 5.1. NLWA gave an update on the progress across the project, including playing the latest construction video.
- 5.2. A CLG member asked if the construction video link could be sent again to members.
- 5.3. A CLG member asked if NLWA could do an Open House event (or something similar) at Berol House. NLWA agreed to look into it and spoke briefly about their work with Open Doors in the past (the construction industry equivalent to Open House).

**5.4.** A CLG member asked what more NLWA can do to engage with older members of the community who aren't naturally drawn to the careers elements of the project.

**5.5.** NLWA agreed that more could be done and will look into this. NLWA asked CLG members to suggest any particular local groups or organisations they should focus on first.

**5.6.** A CLG member asked if more could be done to reach the poorest members of the community. For example, running a fuel poverty workshop. NLWA said it will discuss this with the wider NLWA waste prevention team.

## **6. Community engagement and social media**

**6.1.** NLWA gave an update on recent activity and future plans. NLWA asked for people to identify any additional groups they could be engaging with.

**6.2.** A CLG member asked if NLWA had engaged with Haringey Sixth Form College. NLWA confirmed this was happening and agreed to send the CLG member an update on the engagement in writing.

## **7. Authority update**

**7.1.** NLWA gave an update on the wider work of the authority including the windfall payments to each borough.

**7.2.** A CLG member said that they had heard very positive feedback from a member of the public who had directly benefited from the windfall payment.