

Lionel Road Liaison Group

11 May 2009

Introduction

The lists below are based on the points made by local residents attending the meeting held on 11 May 2009 at the Kew Music Museum. As proposed and agreed at the outset the discussion was structured around six themes, although it was acknowledged there were links between these themes. The lists below focus on questions and points raised by individuals rather than the discussion that took place on some of them. This paper should be read in conjunction with the meeting notes.

A. Stadium facilities

- Community hub activities/facilities good but is a 20000 seat stadium necessary?
- Very close to Conservation Areas – concern about impact
- Is a 20000 stadium necessary if current crowds average 5000 – 10000?
- It would be useful to see the Football Club business plan
- Brentford Area Action Plan clearly says stadium viability needs testing before it is included in Local Development Framework
- Proposals will bring needed economic and employment opportunities to area – the social enterprise hub will be a great boon to voluntary and charitable sectors
- Location on edge of Brentford and means main impact on Chiswick residents
- Location not the correct place
- Development and Community Sports Trust will bring a real “buzz” to area
- Very cramped and over developed - a piazza/plaza might give a more open feel

B. Traffic and Parking

- Congestion on Kew Bridge already
- Can stadium be catalyst with Transport for London to get improvements?
- Can this get Kew Bridge station improved? Really good idea
- This project will add to congestion 7 days a week
- Crowd access on match days will create enormous problems, especially to the south
- Transport for London very inaccessible – get Council to set up a Scrutiny Committee
- Beware the impact of shuttle bus arrangements
- Increased train capacity will help

- Roads cannot cope with traffic generated by extra flats and hotel
- Lionel Road must not be closed – there is no alternative route for Wellesley Road and Stile Hall to M4
- 60% fans travel to games by car
- Parking management needs detailed plan around a very large area – controlled parking zones on match days will need looking into
- Coach drop off and pick up impact needs examining
- Emergency vehicles will need access
- Multi storey park on site may help
- Arrangements at Westfield working well (Development has acted as a catalyst to improve traffic flow around Shepherds Bush)

C. Design, height, density

- Not enough school places
- Too many cars will come
- What demand is there for 1 and 2 bed apartments?
- Overdevelopment of housing
- How will stadium be paid for?
- Barratt Homes bought land for football club to develop
- New health facility needed
- Site needs to have more public open space
- Lots of overcrowding in borough but this won't solve it as no affordable or larger units are proposed
- Need more public open space on site
- Tower blocks too high
- Impact on nearby conservation areas and Kew World Heritage Site needs assessing
- The impact of groups of high buildings over a very wide area needs assessing – where should tall buildings go is an important general consideration
- What will be the impact on local residents who live in the development?
- Fittings and materials need to be of high quality

D. Pedestrians

- Worried about anti –social behaviour of fans, particularly along riverside
- Important to have high visibility of links/routes
- Detailed plan for crowd control on match days
- Impact of pedestrian movements – and whole scheme – on conservation areas needs assessing

- There is great potential that the footfall that this project will create will stimulate businesses in the surrounding area, particularly on the High Streets
- Plans for the footbridge between Kew and Syon Park might be progressed

E. Fountains and Griffin Park sites

- Proposals take away the open space feel of current Fountains site – but this was questioned
- Current Leisure Centre in great need of improvement
- Why not have the Community Hub facilities on Fountains site
- Need to look at site briefs for Brentford Diamond area
- Chiswick High Road shopping facilities poor and unlikely to get better – pavement too narrow, poor parking and better shops elsewhere

F. Sustainability

- Solve the transport problems in the area
- Has a contamination land survey been done at Lionel Road given current inappropriate use?
- Waste transfer role needs sorting on a west London basis – this is a GLA matter
- Need to look at business and employment consequences for current users of site

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