

POAG Minutes – 5th July 2024

Meeting Name: Planning Obligations Advisory Group – July 2024

Date: 5th July 2024

Time: 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Location: Teams (Remote)

Attendees	
Emma Williamson (OPDC – Chair)	Martin Page (LB Brent)
Tom Cardis (OPDC)	Paul Lewin (LB Brent)
James Hughes (OPDC)	
James Stanfield (OPDC)	Isabel Elder (LB of Ealing)
Eleanor Fawcett (OPDC)	Catherine Howe (LB Ealing)
Liam Caulfield (OPDC)	
Iain Savill (OPDC)	Matt Patterson (LB of Hammersmith and Fulham)
Helena Dunn (OPDC)	

Apologies	
	Amy Coady (OPDC)
	Martin Holley (LB Brent)

ITEM		
Introductions		
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introductions were given. 	
Minutes of POAG Previous Meeting		
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adoption of minutes from April POAG with minor amendments. <p>Minutes were agreed.</p>	
CIL/S106 Update		
3	<p>JS noted the spreadsheet issued with the agenda. Advised that OPDC was still working on inputting data into Exacom and, once in use, would allow more detailed reports to be shared.</p>	
Review of SSPs		

4	<p><u>Brent SSP 24-22 - Bramshill Road Open Space and Harley Road Trees</u></p> <p>MP/PL introduced the item and outlined the elements of the proposal. The scheme will see significant improvements to the Open Space, including importation of new topsoil and the installation of new street trees. Brent Officers noted the delivery will be internal and this will save on costs.</p> <p>EW noted that she was happy that residents had been fully engaged on the project and the interventions were welcome.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • POAG recommended the allocation of £85,000 from Healthy Streets contribution from Bashley Road (20/0037/FUMOPDC) to the project: SSP 24-22 – Bramshill Road Open Space and Harley Road Trees <p><u>SSP 24-23: Park Royal Public Art</u></p> <p>EF introduced the item and gave a presentation setting out the details of the SSP. The presentation set out the approach to improving placemaking in the Park Royal Creative Enterprise Zone, with a focus on Standard Road, noting grassroots public realm improvements as showcase for local talent, supporting the market and creating greener pockets. EF noted an approach to make budget stretch and to capture as many ‘quick wins’ as possible, working in collaboration with LB Brent and LB Ealing’s Highways Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • POAG recommended the allocation of £17,791.02 from the Public Art contribution from Western Avenue, Park Royal, (19/0006/FUMOPDC) to the project: SSP 24-23: Park Royal Public Art. <p><u>SSP 24-24: North Acton Gyratory – Feasibility Study</u></p> <p>TC introduced the item and set out that the funds requested will go toward the fees addressing the current feasibility study, which was commissioned on 1st March 2024 and the next stage of work, which will follow on from the current study. TC advised the current work is focussed on cataloguing the existing transport issues in the gyratory area, especially the barriers to active modes, and will identify preferred options to take forward to the next stage. TC advised the bulk of cost is modelling. IE requested that there is further internal communication at LBE to ensure internal aware of SSPs progressing to POAG.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • POAG recommended the allocation of £185,958.25 from the North Acton Gyratory Improvements contribution from 	
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	<p>Holbrook House (161133OPDS / 17126OPDCS) to the project SSP 24-24: North Acton Gytratory – Feasibility Study</p> <p><u>SSP 24-25: Minerva Road Sustainability Hub</u></p> <p>EF introduced the item and set out the background, and the project timeline, whereby a ‘circular economy’ hub could operate as a meanwhile use until at least January 2026, ahead of the delivery of the envisaged energy centre.</p> <p>CH noted the opportunity for coupling the SSP with other circular economy projects in OPDC and LBE’s area. It was clarified that OPDC has met with local sustainability groups in Acton to review the project.</p> <p>JS noted that it was intended to swap funding sources for this project and the project for consideration under SSP-24-26, given the respective timelines for project delivery and funding expiry, to ensure that money does not have be returned. Noted that this would be reflected in the POAG minutes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • POAG recommended the allocation of £28,800 from the Carbon Offset contribution from Land at Bashley Road (20/00037/FUMOPDC) to the project: SSP 24-25: Minerva Road Sustainability Hub <p><u>SSP-24-26 Old Oak Park Royal Energy Network (OPEN)</u></p> <p>LC introduced the item, set out a background on the progression of the heat network to date and noted that the SSP proposed an allocation to address legal fees to conclude the commercialisation phase of the project and provide legal support throughout the development phase to late 2025.</p> <p>POAG recommended the allocation of £121,200 from the Carbon Offset Contribution from the Land at Bashley Road (20/0037/FUMOPDC) and £28,800 from the Carbon Dioxide Offsetting Sum from Holbrook House (171246OPDCS/161133OPDS) to the project: SSP-24-26 Old Oak Park Royal Energy Network (OPEN).</p> <p><u>SSP-24-27 North Acton Controlled Parking Zones</u></p> <p>JS introduced the proposal and set out the background to the Old Oak and Park Royal CPZ processes, the latter of which is nearing completion with LBE Highways, with consultation complete and adoption upcoming. IE noted the funds would support the provision of the CPZ and its enhancements. EF noted this would integrate with</p>	
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	<p>other SSP projects in the area. IE also noted the spend would fit with s106 clauses.</p> <p>POAG agreed the allocation of £26,965.35 from the Transport contribution Holbrook House (171246OPDCS/161133OPDS) to the project: SSP-24-27 North Acton Controlled Parking Zones</p>	
5	Update on Project Statuses	
	<p>JS shared an update from OPDC Delivery colleagues regarding the progress of the Heat Network (SSP-23-01); namely, UKPN are waiting for approvals from NR to undertake road surveys, and that no further draw down of funds would be required until October 2024.</p> <p>EF shared a powerpoint presentation regarding the progress of SSP-20-02: Wayfinding Implementation. This noted that initial scoping was completed but further input from highways was required for delivery post-Covid.</p> <p>Information was also shared regarding SSP-20-01 and SSP-24-18: Wesley Planning Fields. EF noted that workshopping and consultation had recently concluded.</p> <p>EF provided a further update on SSP-23-03: Victoria Gardens, Cerebos Gardens and Midland Terrace. EF noted that £75,000 in match funding had been secured for playground improvements from the HS2 Communities and Environmental Fund, and that community consultation had been completed in June 2024. Designs are currently being updated following this community input and delivery by Ealing Parks is expected in 2024/25.</p> <p>IE noted that a full update on Ealing schemes was provided and could be included with the minutes (Appendix 1). She noted no response was received by Ealing parks. JH noted this would be circulated to attendees in the minutes.</p>	
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	<p>AOB</p> <p>IE requested that the SSP form should be amended to include a field where promoters can state what engagement has been done internally with Borough or OPDC colleagues. EW noted this change was positive and the form would be updated.</p>	