

BEAM PARK COMMUNITY FORUM MEETING (HYBRID) MINUTES
31ST JANUARY 2024 6PM

Item No.	Description	Action Owner
1.0	INTRODUCTIONS	
1.1	Officers in attendance: (SH) Siobhan Haigh, L&Q Community Development Lead (ST) Simone Taylor, L&Q Regeneration Lead (SO) Susan Offei, L&Q Community Development Manager (CR) Caroline Richardson, CP Social Value Manager (FH) Farrah Hussain, CP Head of Development (HK) Hema Kana, CP Assistant Development Manager (TO) Titilayo Oluwatudimu, CEO of Emmanuel Primary School (TM) Cllr Trevor McKeever, Labour (KJ) Ken Jones, Office of Jon Cruddas MP	
1.2	8 residents attended in person 49 residents attended via teams	
2.0	Presentation from Artists	
2.1	ST gave overview of the Art Strategy and introduced Jake and Natalie who were in attendance to present their art proposal to the Community Forum. Both artists had been selected by the art panel and invited to attend.	
2.2	Following the meeting, residents have been asked to vote in a poll who they would prefer to take forward the artwork. Closing date for the poll is 6 th February.	
3.0	Development Update	
3.1	FH gave overview of development and updated on delivery of some of the key services:	
3.2	Medical Centre due to open around April this year. NHS services have the keys and are working towards opening. The centre will have capacity to	

	<p>serve 20,000 patients. There will be standard GP services as well as community health services spread over 2 floors. 22 consulting rooms and enhanced treatment rooms.</p>	
3.3	<p>Community Hub/Multi-Faith Centre due to open in 2025 and will offer community space and services for the community to access.</p>	
3.4	<p>Central Park the heart of the masterplan is due to be completed summer this year. The park is 3.5 hectare in size and lays either side of the Beam River.</p>	
3.5	<p>Playground update - Due to flooding the playground will be relocated. This will start to happen in the next few weeks when you will see activity on site. Plan attached to show new location which is the green area in between the new school and the MUGA.</p>	
3.6	<p>Other possible services coming include a café, pharmacy, training facility for dentists and a gym. The development team have confirmed that there are no plans for a nightclub at Beam Park.</p>	
3.7	<p>Train Station – KJ who works for the Office of Governance updated there is continued dialogue with the Greater London Authority and Transport for London. No final decision has been made yet. The next step is a revised business case is to be presented to Department for Transport and C2C in April 2024 for their approval. Engagement with relevant stakeholders persists as efforts continue to lobby for the station.</p>	
3.8	<p>Emmanuel Primary School – TO advised the new school will be opening September 2024 to welcome its first intake of pupils. There will also be a 20-place nursery. There will be an open day, and this will be shared with all residents when date is confirmed. If any residents are interested in the school governor positions, the recruitment starts within the next few weeks. Please visit the school website for further information and how to register expressions of interest.</p>	
4.0	<p>Community Events & Activities</p>	
4.1	<p>Events for the year ahead are being planned. This includes the main Summer and Winter events but also activities for the children during half terms and events to mark major milestones such as the Central Park opening.</p> <p>Residents asked to contact L&Q officers at BeamParkEnquiries@lggroup.org.uk if they would like to be involved in the planning of future events.</p>	

4.2	<p>Beekeeping Project - HK spoke about Beekeeping as a project that she would like to introduce at Beam Park to encourage biodiversity and support the environment. Presentation attached. HK has been a Beekeeper for over 5 years and has worked with a charity in East London to set up a hive and thinks it would be a great idea to do something similar at Beam Park by working with members of the community and training local residents to manage the hives. This is a great opportunity for residents to learn about beekeeping and the benefits that it has to the environment, as well as enjoy soe sweet honey at the end of the season. If residents are interested, please contact BeamParkEnquiries@lqgroup.org for further information of how to get involved. Details will also be shared in the next newsletter.</p>	
5.0	<p>Future Community Forum</p>	
5.1	<p>SH stated the next Community Forum meeting would be held on the 24th April as all the meetings are held quarterly. Between now and the next meeting, communications would go out asking residents to express their interest in the spaces available for forum members, Vice Chair and Chair.</p>	
5.2	<p>For the positions of Chair and Vice Chair, if there is more than one person interested there will be a vote.</p>	
6.0	<p>Housing Management Tracker</p>	
6.1	<p>ST explained that once the forum is set up all housing management issues will be monitored on a tracker. The aim of the tracker will be to monitor items reported and then used to track updates ahead of the next meeting. This method will allow for there to be a clear audit trail of how the items are being actioned. Only items that affect more than one household such as communal/block issues will be recorded at the forum. The tracker will be introduced once the forum has been officially set up.</p>	
6.2	<p>Residents were reminded to continue to report all issues both individual or communal directly to L&Q so these are on the system.</p>	
7.0	<p>AOB</p>	
7.1	<p>Bins - 23 Bins will be provided for the estate, and this is in process.</p>	
7.2	<p>Disabled Parking Spaces –plan showing location of disabled parking spaces on the estate sent to resident as requested.</p>	
7.3	<p>Repairs/Maintenance – Click following link for details Repairs and maintenance L&Q Group (lqgroup.org.uk)</p>	
	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p>	
	<p>Wednesday 24th April 2024</p>	