

# HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM

## LOCAL AGENDA 21 FORUM

*The Borough's independent platform, taking initiatives today to improve our Quality of Life in the 21st Century*

### **Report on activities, April-September 1998**

**1] *Opportunities for Change*** The Forum wrote to the Sustainable Development Corporation stating our views on its proposals for Education; Environmental consideration in the community; and Ethical Trading Initiatives.

**2] *The Thames*** We agreed that, with others, the Forum should set up a River group. The contribution of children and young people was considered essential. The need to improve access to the river was stressed, especially in Bishops Park which could be used for river traffic when developed.

**3] *Hammersmith & Fulham's Community Plan*** The Forum reviewed the Council's proposals for a Cabinet-style Council.

**4] *National Lotteries Charitable Board*** The Forum's application for funding support for a community video project was refused.

**5] *Bookmarks*** The Forum reviewed proposals for introducing bookmarks for distribution through its libraries, (c.£1300/20,000). It felt that a joint arrangement with, say, Groundwork and the Hammersmith Community Trust should be examined. Alternatively, a pilot programme at a single library could be considered.

**6] *Don't choke Hammersmith & Fulham!*** Anthony Lambert, chair of the Forum's Transport Group chaired an informal meeting to encourage views from the community on issues like transport, air quality and health issues.

**7] *Community Gardens Conference (Bristol)*** The Forum supported representation by the Community Gardens Association (Cathy Maund) at this conference. We are working closely with the CGA.

**8] *One World Week*** The Forum worked with the WDM to set up displays in Hammersmith and Shepherds Bush libraries featuring LA21 material and messages.

**9] *Recycling Indicators*** We have re-opened contacts with the Council.

**10] *Education in Citizenship*** The Forum reviewed the Government's initiatives in this field. It was agreed that it support initiatives to develop citizenship through education, particularly involving children, perhaps interviewing local dignitaries or holding a mock Council meeting. It was agreed that, following the publication of the Crick Report, the Forum should seek to hold a meeting before the end of the year to attract educationalists in the Borough, to explore how the report's recommendations can be realised in the Borough, and to link this with the Forum's action programme. This could be done by meeting local school governors presenting issues linking the Report's proposals with the general thrust of Local Agenda 21. The Committee agreed that a sub-committee comprising Cllr Johnson, Sue Ingham (Urban Studies Centre) and Gabby Rowberry

should steer this project.

**11] Healthy Living Centres** The Forum reviewed proposals for a Healthy Living Centre in the north of the borough. It was agreed that the Forum should welcome this initiative, noting its parallels with LA21, and nominated Lester Holloway to represent the Forum on the planning group. The Forum asked the council to draw up a formal proposal, including financial implications. It also agreed to approach *Students for Sustainability*, seeking whether they might act as ambassadors for the Forum, alongside their work for the *Healthy Living Centre*.

**12] Development Information Centre** It was agreed that Mary Corrall and Louanne Tranchell would form a publicity sub-committee to design an LA21 presence in the Centre. This would focus on a "pinboard" where visitors could identify needs and opportunities in the Borough, and add their names to a volunteer list.

**13] LA21 WorldWideWeb Site** The Forum reviewed the Council's website, setting up a brainstorming group to design an independent LA21 Forum site, perhaps linked with the Forum's idea of a mobile terminal to allow greater public participation in the future of the Borough. After meeting the designer of the *London 21* website, the Committee agreed to provide £200 towards the creation of a site for the Forum, linking both the *London 21* and lbhf.gov.uk sites.

**14] Indicators** The Forum summarises its position as follows:

- i) Transport:** London Buses have supplied data enabling the indicators to be updated.
- ii) Economic conditions:** The LB H&F have supplied data likewise.
- iii) Health:** The EHH Health Authority have supplied data likewise
- iv) Recycling:** We still await information on the recycling performance of the Borough
- v) Quality of Life:** A draft document aimed at assisting HAFAD sound out its members' priorities was discussed. The Chair wrote to Ken Matheson, Access Officer, Planning and Environment Dept.

**15] London 21** The Committee agreed that David Wardrop and Gabby Rowberry should represent the borough as members of the newly-established company, *London 21*. The first meeting of the Shadow board took place on 7 November.

**16] Recycling furniture within the Borough** The forum reviewed the work of *Furnish*, a registered charity, which collects, repairs and distributes about 4 tons of unwanted furniture weekly, seeing its work as consistent with the aims of LA21.