

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 to LB Hammersmith & Fulham **Period: April-September 1999**

The Forum meets regularly and addresses issues of importance to the quality of life in the Borough that relate to Agenda 21. During the reporting period in question, issues addressed included the following:

Transport

Anthony Lambert, Chair, Transport sub-committee conducted several surveys during the period concerning the decision to reopen Hammersmith Bridge to private vehicles. These were at variance from surveys conducted by the Borough. However, we have welcomed the bus priority system.

White City

Anthony Lambert, Chair, Transport sub-committee examined the proposed White City development. He reported that it was 'excessive', noting the anticipated rise in local vehicle movements by 20,000 car movements each day. The Forum remains sceptical of claims that the development will avoid the predicted high levels of congestion. We consider the manner of public consultation to have been inadequate.

Recycling indicators

David Wardrop, representing the Forum, liaised with Rod Brown, the Borough's Principal Environment Protection Officer in choosing reliable recycling indicators. Using the consultation document titled *Waste Minimalisation & Recycling-in the Community* as a guide, it was agreed that the following three indicators would best reflect the aims of the Forum as outlined in earlier meetings:

- 1] amount of household waste recycled
- 2] housing estates and mansion blocks with collection of recyclables or bring sites
- 3] businesses with Council recycling bins

The Forum formally reminded the Borough (Mr Brown) of its earlier policy position (18 April, 1996) on allied matters. For the record, this can be summarised as follows:

Regarding trade users, (we recommend) targeting the Chamber of Commerce as well as the easily identified 'big hitters'. The Chamber has strong grassroots links with the business community and good practice advocated through it can be disseminated through the Chamber and to the wider community to whom, after all, the commercial community is responsible.

London Agenda 21

Gabby Rowberry and David Wardrop represent the Borough's 'environment lobby' on this London-wide body.

Thames Tideway Action Plan - June 1999

The Forum has, over the years, pursued the issue of the protection of the Thames foreshore in the Borough. Since 1997, it pressed for strong local support for a strategic plan for the river. It entered into correspondence with the Borough and with Tony Coleman MP in this matter.

Don't choke Hammersmith & Fulham!

The Forum worked closely with Borough officers and other local groups to raise public awareness in the Borough.

Healthy Living Centres

The Forum maintained close contact with the Borough on this development. It contributed financially to the outreach programme in the White City area. Together with others, it awaits news on the success on the Council's application for grant support for further work.

LA21 WorldWideWeb Site

The Forum has progressed towards setting up its own website, linked to the Borough's own site.

Development Information Centre

Mary Corrall and Louanne Tranchell, members of the Forum, have exhibited material in the Development Information Centre introducing the Forum and its work. This will be repeated. Working with the Centre, a sub-committee was set up to develop a "pinboard" on which visitors to the Centre could identify needs and opportunities in the Borough, and add their names to a volunteer list.

Education in Citizenship

The Forum continues to monitor the Government's initiatives in this field. Following the publication of the Crick Report, the Forum has set out to hold a meeting 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.

On the suggestion of Cllr Johnson, the Committee agreed that it should discuss holding a meeting with 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. The (previous) Chair has written to Christine Whatford, Director of Education.

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. (Since the, the Hon Secretary has written to David Morris, Director, HAFAD)

Matt Dunkley, Chair

David Wardrop, Hon Secretary

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