

Note of QPR Meeting between Councillor Cowan, Councillor Jones, Councillor Harcourt, Councillor Vincent, with relevant officers and QPR's professional team – 2 Sept 2014

Attendees:

Councillor Cowan, Councillor Jones, Councillor Harcourt and Councillor Vincent
QPR: Tony Fernandes, Martin Donnelly
Anthony Green Spencer: Antony Spencer
Officers: Juliemma McLoughlin, John Finlayson, Tom Cardis and Kim Derro

A meeting was held on 2 Sept 2014 with QPR and their professional team.

Record of Meeting:

- QPR introduced their professional team and gave an overview of their plans for a new stadium and their ambitions for the Old Oak Opportunity Area.
- QPR keen to remain in its traditional heartland. Been searching for a larger stadium site (30-40,000) for several years. This only one that ticks all the boxes. They have a significant local fan base.
- Masterplan by Sir Terry Farrell in line with the Vision document. A new multi-functional stadium, and associated sports/leisure/arts facilities, would be an asset for the communities of west London and a place making catalyst for regeneration.
- QPR are proposing in partnership with Network Rail and the public sector to address development infrastructure. Will enable the scheme to be properly integrated and phased.
- Opportunity to progress things swiftly, and to get substantial amounts of housing built as soon as possible.
- Cllr Cowan provided an overview of the new administration's manifesto commitments as they apply to the proposed regeneration scheme. Greatly increased emphasis and priority on delivery of more affordable housing with housing types and tenures to be genuinely affordable to a range of incomes in line with the London Plan, and an expectation that marketing of new homes would be targeted at local people and Londoners rather than foreign investors. Also described ambition to work with a strong partner in QPR to get local people into jobs. Stressed the Council was a business friendly administration.