

## MOORINGS NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM MINUTES

**Date: Tuesday 26 September June 2022 | Venue: Held at the new Moorings Sociable Club**

**Present:** Deborah Frimpong (Chair), Derek Sewell (Vice-Chair), Rachel Sewell (taking the minutes), Pat Robinson, Keith Jones, Ray Woodage, Dave Rugg, Ozge Ali, Con Lobo, Daniel Wells, Uzma Ali, Tracey Megson, Paul West, Chiamka Muoneko, Mary Simons, Ray Woodage, Oke Adeze, Robert Zak, Yvonne Sharp, Natalie Boyd

**Apologies:** Sue Pollock (Treasurer), PC Klaudia.Lachowska, Claire Hallinan, Beatrice Anaman

Area	Notes and Actions
Recent activities and next steps	<p>i) Our recent activities include the changing rooms Keith gave a report on the recent activities in the area: We have had a couple of swimming events at the lake and a couple of stalls where we got quite a bit of feedback, such as; the sports field isn't used enough, young people want to see more sports on the field and therefore more useful for changing rooms. It was suggested that maybe we could have a volleyball court in the car park. There is a possibility of doing more swimming in the lake.</p> <p>The changing rooms: We are hoping that Greenwich may help us with using renewable energy. Our survey shows that people want consistency and continuity when it is open. It will be important to be clear about opening times and stick to them. We hope to possibly link to a college and use the facility as a training facility.</p> <p>There was a short discussion about the outdoor swimming and whether it was safe to swim in Birchmere. They are waiting feedback to determine and costings and whether there were more attendees from outside Thamesmead.</p> <p>There was also a discussion about how the cafe will be run. <u>Action:</u> We were assured that Peabody will continue to consult residents regarding the Cafe.</p> <p>Discussions were had about problems at Southmere, having to pull abandoned animals from the lake and the continuing problem of the lack of habitat for the swans. Peabody is willing to look into this further if they are given the information. Peabody keeps us updated on anything that is happening. <u>Action in light of further discussion about this issue during the course of the meeting:</u> Peabody to liaise with Paul West (Swan Patrol) to ensure that his concerns are noted and that an agreeable course of action is taken by both parties.</p>
	<p>ii) The Making Space for Nature workshops Ozge gave a short report: The course was to improve gardening skills and encourage healthy eating. It was well attended with about 130 at each meeting. <b>See Appendix 1</b> for feedback results (to come).</p>
	<p>iii) London City Airport and their consultation DS reported that as a Forum we have made a public representation to oppose all the proposals in their current form due to increased noise which they were unable to mitigate. <b>See Appendix 2</b> The consultation period has now closed. They write 'We thank all respondents who took the time to offer us feedback on our proposals. This feedback will be</p>

	<p>helpful in informing our thinking as we further develop our proposals, and will form the basis of the Statement of Community Involvement that we submit with a future planning application.'</p> <p>We have done all we can and DS will report any response.</p>
<p>Report from the Police Safer Neighbourhood team and to note areas of concern</p>	<p>The police were not able to be in attendance, we, therefore, took questions/concerns to be passed on to them.</p> <p>Take questions/concerns</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Why was the police helicopter out most nights keeping people awake?</li> <li>2. Have troubles ceased with regard to anti-social behaviour and dealing around the Moorings?</li> <li>3. Car gatherings are back at Morrisons Racing round thamesmead using the area as a racetrack. They have been around several times in the last week. What can be done about it?</li> <li>4. Over the summer there have been at least 3 serious car accidents on the major roads around the Moorings. While speed is often a factor. The roads tend to be in poor condition with limited signage and having damaged street furniture - who do we report these things to and call for a review?</li> <li>5. What happened regarding the police drop in at the social club?</li> <li>6. What the results of the recent survey?</li> </ol> <p>In addition to these questions, these concerns were raised...</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Concern was raised over a failure to be able to contact anyone from the team regarding a recent hit and run as well as some petty theft.</li> <li>8. There have been motorbikes racing around during the summer, after 11pm, but a little better now.</li> <li>9. There was a concerned raised over the antisocial behaviour of families in Thamesmead and of open drug dealing around the lake.</li> </ol> <p>Questions for Peabody</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10. There are young boys riding bikes while younger children are playing. Where can people go to ride their bikes? Could we use the golf course as designated for the bikes? Perhaps build a track, charge small amount per hour.</li> <li>11. What are the plans for the old golfcourse? DW said that Peabody will send info around to see what people want regarding rivers paths and the golfcourse.</li> <li>12. Peabody employ wardens. Can they go round Southmere too? Peabody are planning joint patrols between them and the Police. How frequently are they taking place?</li> </ol> <p><u>Action:</u> The police team respond to the above questions and concerns as they are able to at the next public meeting.</p> <p><u>Action:</u> DW to coordinate with the right people to answer the questions and concerns raised.</p>
<p>Report by Terry Adams on the use of the local shopping units</p>	<p>Terry was not in attendance, therefore we took some questions for him.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. When is the new post office opening?</li> <li>2. Are there any new shops opening soon in either along by Wilko' or in the town centre.</li> <li>3. Ray spoke about wanting to re-start the furniture recycling and would like to use the old bed shop. Would that be possible? He does have a business plan.</li> </ol> <p><u>Action:</u> DW/Peabody to arrange a time in the future when he can come to ensure that we do have his correct details.</p>

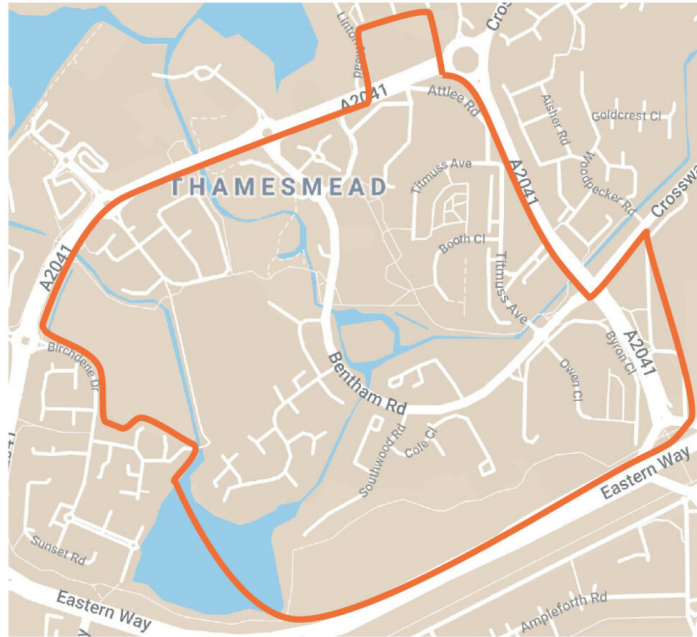
<p>Trip to the Houses of Parliament - next steps.</p>	<p>We have the money from the councillors - thank you. The next step is to organise a small team to plan it. If anyone is able to help with the planning please contact the chair or vice-chair. It needs to be done within the next 6 months or we will lose the money.</p> <p><u>Action:</u> Item to be raised at our next committee meeting. Deadline to volunteer - 1 November.</p>
<p>Report from the committee</p>	<p>DS gave a quick run-through of the last Committee Meeting - Tuesday 28 June 2022 at the Moorings Sociable club</p> <p>MATTERS OF NOTE</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. We clarified our roles as a committee emphasising that every member needs to participate.</li> <li>2. It was agreed we would continue with our current focus - Creating a safer and cleaner neighbourhood and making the Moorings Socialable Club a success.</li> <li>3. It was also noted that we need to review the current constitution around Neighbourhood Planning given that our designation will expire after its 5-year period. (June 2024)</li> <li>4. We also consider some matters of good practice, including a conflict of interest policy. Uzma helped us by explaining about the Peabody Community Fund and supplying some helpful templates.</li> </ol> <p>There was a time of discussion during which these points were raised...</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The cafe in the sociable club has closed. Temporary option and then going out to tender. Don't know when it will open.</li> <li>2. DW asked if questions could be submitted before the meeting so that we can bring progress reports and answers etc. Peabody needs to hear our voice so that they can provide more answers.</li> <li>3. KJ stressed that we need to respect what has been done and recognise all that Peabody is seeking to do. We are here to support Peabody and they are here for us.</li> </ol> <p><u>Action:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure that we give Peabody 2 weeks' notice before the forum meetings.</li> <li>• The committee to ensure that they start investigating what happens when our designation expires.</li> <li>• Peabody to ensure that the details are made known on how to submit a tender to run the cafe.</li> </ul>
<p>Tidy Central Thamesmead</p>	<p>At the beginning of the summer, we hit hard the area by Crossways - through our involvement, RBK has taken that on as theirs and has promised to care for that twice a year.</p> <p>When we make a voice things do get done, but it does take a long time.</p> <p>At our recent committee meeting, Keith was going to organise some more events. A discussion was had about what area to tackle next and it was raised that the area from the roundabout up to Greenhaven is very littered. Also round by the Leisure Centre is a lot of litter and the bushes need to be cut back.</p> <p>Action</p> <p>Find out who is responsible for the hedges by the bus stops/stand.</p>
<p>AOB</p>	<p>Peabody has issued a booklet sharing their next plans for the next 5 years. Peabody asked for an ASB task group, Keith and Ray volunteered.</p> <p>Group for being involved in filmmaking. Chocolate films, Peabody will send relevant info.</p> <p>Peabody wants to activate the Sociable Club space and are wanting to engage with men. They are considering men's health.</p>

Date for next meeting	Next meeting... 1st November (committee meeting) 29th November (Public forum) Notes: Natalie
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Friday 2 September 2022

To London City Airport

I am writing on behalf of the Moorings' Neighbourhood Forum. This letter has been circulated to our 181 members and reflects our views on your proposals. Most of our members live within our designated area in Central Thamesmead around the Moorings' estate.



We want to thank you for such a detailed report outlining what you are and are not proposing. We are fully aware that, as a local business, you need to be profitable to bring value into the area. However, any changes you make have a direct impact on our lives. It is our intention to raise our concerns with your proposals as they currently stand.

Even in our homes, we often have to stop our conversation as we wait for a plane to pass overhead, having just taken off from London City Airport. In light of your proposals, we believe that will be a sharp increase in noise pollution.

These are our following concerns following each of your proposals:

1) An increase in the annual number of passengers from 6.5 million to 9 million. This can only mean one of two things.

i) More flights. While these increased flights will remain within permitted limits, most of these will still be with the more noise-polluting aircraft.

i) Larger aircraft, which will be noisier.

Our members are also concerned with the over-all impact of carbon emissions that these flights will mean until you are able to replace the whole fleet.

2) An extension to operational hours on Saturday to allow flights to take place through the afternoon and potentially into the evening, but no later than 22:00 (currently 12:30). We greatly value our afternoon of peace but this will be destroyed if flights continue on Saturday afternoons.

3) Consequential modifications to daily flight and other limits, including:

An increase in the number of flights permitted between 06:30 and 06:59, from 6 to 12. While we appreciate that these will be with the quieter aircraft, you are still planning to double the number of flights.

More flexibility for delayed departures and arrivals in the last half hour of operations each day (currently limited to 400 per year). Again, by allowing this flexibility, it will inevitably mean that our quiet times will be further eroded.

One of our members purchased a sound level meter and measured one of your planes going overhead at around 82dB. His findings substantiate our concerns about increased noise pollution. It is on account of these reasons that we, as a community, cannot support your proposals in their current format.

You mention 'sound mitigation strategies' such as secondary glazing for some affected residents. However, this still does not alleviate the overall noise pollution. This only reduces some noise within the home. Residents do not spend their whole life inside. Quieter enjoyment of their local environment should be available at weekends as at present.

We look forward to working with you in order to alleviate our concerns.

Kind regards,



Derek Sewell  
Vice-chair Mooring Neighbourhood Forum