

**Kensington Academy and Leisure Centre
Residents' Forum**

EMB Meeting Room – Wednesday 30th November 2011

Minutes

Attendance:

- Laura Johnson, Head of Housing
- Shelley Gittens (Minutes)
- Councillor Coleridge
- Councillor Campbell
- Councillor Blakeman
- Sally Lawson-Ritchie – Aldridge Foundation
- Ullash Karia - Leisure Services RBKC
- Ian Heggs - Education
- LA Architect
- Teresa Miles
- Edward Daffarn – Grenfell Tower Action Group
- Phil Owen
- Simon Blanchflower
- Mary Harris
- Rob Regan - Estate Caretaker & Resident

1. Introduction by attendees	Actions
<p>Declaration of interests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None <p>Apologies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anna Gardiner • William and Wilma Anderson 	
2. Minutes and Matters Arising	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teresa Miles raised a concern that Studio E are part of the councils Architect Appraisal Panel and that they should have declared an interest to the project prior to being appointed. Councillor Coleridge and LJ said that many of the firms that are represented on the panel also submitted a tender and that the panel is about information sharing. • The minutes from the last meeting were agreed. 	
3. Leisure Offer	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LA Architects and the Head of Leisure took the meeting attendees through the options that have been considered for the leisure centre. A presentation of the latest proposal was discussed, as the design for the facility has changed due to a number of unforeseen issues such as a large sewage network pipe. . • Options 1 and 2 were based on the original design that was submitted for their tender submission • Option 3 introduced a route along the North of the site. To avoid the sewage pipe. However, this was not seen as favourable due to the 	

<p>proximity to Verity Close.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Options 4, 5 and 6 address the sewer issue and the walk way to the south of the building. The new facility will see an increase in area from 6000 sq ft to 8000 sq ft. However the footprint is reduced and the public realm area is increased. The proposed facility mix will see the new leisure centre with 3 pools (1 leisure pool, 1 teaching pool and an 8 lane 25m swimming pool) instead of 2, an 8 court sports hall, instead of 6 and increased gym floor space to allow for more equipment. 2 studios for classes and a SPIN studio. A retail unit is also featured within the latest design, to be housed on the south east corner of the site, however concern was raised around children's safety when crossing the road to get to the unit, as the road is often used as a 'rat-run'. Concerns have been noted and a transport consultant is part of the architect schemes, so this will be raised for discussion. TM/ED – There are currently 3 units of temporary accommodation for young people leaving care on the leisure centre site. What will happen to these 3 units? Why can't these 3 units be re-provided within the new residential area? LJ – At the present time it was not the intention to re-provided the units on the new site, as there are other more suitable units available in other parts of the borough. However there will be a Planning requirement to replace lost residential accommodation so further discussion on this and with Family and Children's services on what they want needs to take place. Concerns were raised about the noise levels that the academy and the Leisure centre will generate. An Acoustician is part of the architect team and will be assessing the noise levels as part of the project. Modern buildings tend to be better sealed and therefore less noise is heard. TM raised concerns that the new pools will not be available for those with disabilities. Disability access has been considered and the new leisure is fully compliant with accessibility for those with a disability. ED asked how much it would cost not to build a new Leisure Facility and for it to be refurbished. UK pointed Mr Daffarn to the Q&A's that are available online on the KALC web page and was also distributed within the meeting. 	<p>Planning</p> <p>LJ</p> <p>Studio E/ LA architects</p>
<p>4. Education Update</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have been working with the architects about what is wanted for the outline design for the Academy. Still have not been able to organise the meeting with the 3 ward councillors, the Education Advisor from the Aldridge Academy and Marie Gethridge. Meeting with education partners about the expressive arts specialism. To look as the curriculum. When visiting primary schools, literature will be provided to explain what the entrepreneurship specialism means. This specialism endorses high standards, along with social justice and community engagement. The recruitment for the Principal of the Academy is starting early, to be 	<p>PB</p>

<p>appointed by the end of 2012. As soon as this person is in place, they will be tasked with consulting with the local community in preparation for the Academy opening.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ICT provider for the Academy will be appointed early 2012. Cllr E Campbell stated that it is very important for young people to learn skills as well as attain academic achievement in relation to the specialism's and how this will be embedded within the Academy's ethos. TM: Will staff be striking should they not be happy, as has been the case this year and will there be provision for the Children should they be affected by strike action? PB stated that when a new school is set up, the standards are set from the outset and these things will be looked at in conjunction with the new Principal and staff. The visit to Chelsea Academy will be re-scheduled for early 2012, as it was cancelled due to very low numbers and conflicting availability. In relation to the Autistic Spectrum Disorder Unit, Mrs Harris raised that Education should consult/take advice from 'Full of Life' who are a specialist provider that works with people with learning disabilities. Ian Heggs noted that the organisation is a beacon of god practice. 	<p>PB</p> <p>IH/PB</p>
<p>5. Communications</p>	
<p>Cabinet Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cabinet Meeting regarding the decision to be made about the scope of KALC (whether the Leisure Centre will go ahead) and the amount o money the council are willing to commit to the programme will take place on Monday 12th December at Kensington Town Hall. It was requested that information regarding this is to be placed within the notice boards within the estate. RR and SG to coordinate this. <p>Newsletter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The latest newsletter will be available shortly and will be posted within letter boxes and on the KALC web page. This will inform people of the cabinet Meeting and progress to date. A walk around the site is being organised with Studio E before Christmas, dates will be circulated and those interested, please email SG. <p>Design Exhibition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A design exhibition will take place after Cabinet to take people through the decisions that were made and also through the designs to date. The dates for these will be published shortly. 	<p>SG/RR</p>
<p>6. AOB</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> January's meeting will be re-scheduled due to diaries and a new date will be circulated. The date is likely to be Wednesday 25th January 2012. 	<p>SG</p>
<p>7. Future Agenda Items</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> January – Arboriculture Architect February – Combined Heat and Power Plant March – Planning application 	