

Planning & Environment Report – January 2020

Barnet Growth Strategy – The final document has been adopted by the Council it reflects some of our comments and is greener than the original.

Local Plan – This is to be released in its draft form this month.

Local List – This has been finalised and includes a lot of the buildings we recommended. Those volunteers who contributed to the work have been invited to a celebration on 13th February at Hendon Town Hall.

London Plan -The Planning Inspector looked at the proposal and recommended it be watered down especially where it relates to the Green Belt however Mayor Khan is keeping to his original proposals for the Green Belt.

Monken Hadley Common – A Bill to change its governance has been submitted to Parliament. We received useful advice on it from the Open Spaces Society (of which we are a member), and are reassured that OSS will be scrutinising it.

High Barnet Station Development – The Planning Application is still to be submitted. ‘Hands Off High Barnet’ want another Open Meeting in March so we will attend when date is confirmed.

Pavilion in Tudor Park – We have written to Theresa Villiers asking for her support to restore the Pavilion which is over 100 years old and has fallen into despair. The renovation could be linked with Victoria Park and the new swimming pool. The Community Plan could recommend enhancing pathways linking facilities and this is a prime example which would benefit from improvement.

Victoria Quarter –The site has been sold to another developer who want to nearly double the number of units and just provide flats- no houses. The New Barnet Community Association objects to the proposals and we will support them.

High Street Pavement Build-outs – The bulk of the work has been completed but trees still need to be planted and street furniture put in place and areas of the road and pavement need finishing. Council say they will be back on site 20th January.

Whalebones – The planning application has still not been given a Planning Committee date.

Other Casework

- Drury Road – Planning approval given for an extension
- Kingmaker House – Planning approval given for additional flats
- Woodside Park Station Car Park – Planning approval given for ‘Pocket Living’ flats.
- G5 Masts proposed behind Barnet College and at entrance to Whalebones – Refused planning permission.
- Totteridge Academy has put in an application for a city farm.