

**Meeting of Corringham, Fobbing and Homesteads Forum
Held on 14th February 2016 at 7.30pm in Corringham Library**

Present:	Jenny Meads	JM	Acting Chair	}	Committee
	Penny Partridge	PP	Dpt. secretary		
	Bill Dawson	BD	Treasurer		
	Pam Tate	PT			
	Alan Phillips	AP			

Andrew Roast	AR	Councillor
Roy Jones	RJ	Councillor

Marie Buckley	TBC	
Mathew Ford	TBC	
Samson Odubanjo	Thurrock Health Watch	

Malcolm Knight	MK	Fobbing Friends	}	Residents
John Fox	JF			
Dave Plant	DP			
Rita Dawson	RD			
Tony Sharp	TS			
Lynn Fox	LF			
Peter O'Rourk	PO			
Alex Ridley	AR			
C. Sharpe	CS			
Roy Eaton	RE			
Trudie Eaton	TE			
A Skayo*				
R Sanda*				

Trevor Hutchinson	TH	DPWorld/London Gateway
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* Whilst every care is taken, we apologise in advance of any misspelling of names

1. Apologies

Danni Tate, Judith Acreman, Carole Sharp, Debbie Stewart, Hazel Parr

2. Minutes

Agreed

3. Matters Arising

JF brought up the Christmas lights. He wanted to reiterate that this will only happen with the full support of the councillors and the forum.

TBC Traffic Management

The forum welcomed Matthew Ford and Marie Buckley from Thurrock's traffic management department.

MF explained that he was there to ask for the forum's thoughts and ideas on how to spend the contribution from London Gateway. In September they had drafted an options programme to go to councillors for possible implementation. Plans of the area were distributed to members. There are four topic areas to be considered:

- Improvements to sustainable travel
- Maintenance
- HGV parking and access
- Highways improvement

At this point Trevor Hutchinson introduced himself as representing DP World. He explained that their contribution was 1.2 million.

A list of 23 proposed/possible schemes was distributed. The list should not be considered exhaustive.

It should be noted that some of the highways improvements were extremely large and would more than wipe out the fund. Additionally some of these items are already in the planning stage and separate funding agreed.

A member asked if there was a timeframe. MF explained that nothing had been started as they were consulting and prioritising. They want to hear people's ideas.

TH – This is a one off payment and people should remember that London Gateway is only 13% developed. The 1.2 million must be used strategically, bearing in mind future issues that may arise. There are a few items outstanding that DP World are funding, such as low noise surfacing.

MH – we should consider how best to use the money. For instance would an area wide limit help? Lorries are using Wharf Road, could the roads be improved to stop HGV's going through the residential area.

A member pointed out that if there was a road closure the vehicles would use any road available. It is for the police to direct them and Lampits Hill is the secondary route.

MH – We are asking forums to raise ideas and forward these. A critical area is the parking and routing of HGV's. TBC is interviewing for 4 staff members to address these issues.

A long discussion took place exploring ideas, such as physical barriers, weight limits, cameras etc.

Members were again concerned about the HGV's parked on the Manorway. MB explained that TBC are trying to take the road back into its control, but this could take years.

TH – DP World do send people out to move the trucks on. It seems that they park there to be near facilities such as retail. If we let TH know the registration numbers of offending vehicles he will write to the hauliers. There is a lorry park at Iron Latch, by the burger van and they are looking to put an additional temporary lorry park at space 82 on the map. They will eventually need a total of 800 lorry spaces.

A member asked if the general public would be able to respond to the consultation. MH replied that, due to numbers, they were consulting with ward members and forums.

A member asked if Fobbing Friends could be included in the consultation. MH said that he was happy to do so and would give his contact details to the chair.

Given the complexities and lengthy discussions about this matter it was proposed that a group of forum members should meet on the forum's behalf to go through the 23 options methodically and report back. This was agreed to all in attendance and the following agreed to meet: Alan Phillips, Tony Sharp, Dave Plant, John Fox, Roy Jones. They will bring their ideas to the May meeting.

Matthew Ford and Marie Buckley were thanked for their contribution.

5. Treasures report

No transactions to report

DP said that he had a request from a resident to pay for some lights, which had been dislodged. Currently he is hoping that Thurrock Council will pay for this.

6 Public Forum

No Items

7. Ward councillors report.

Andrew Roast

Don't forget to take part in the Thames crossing consultation. This closes next Thursday.

Pleased to report that the funding for the Fobbing bus for 2016/17 has been secured, with a slight route change.

Roy Jones

The local plan roadshows are continuing.

RJ has had a lengthy response to his request to extend the double yellow lines on the Springhouse Road/St Johns Way junction. The investigation is continuing.

RJ is concerned at the speeds of vehicles on the Manorway. Surveys have been undertaken and the average speeding vehicles are private cars. He is asking for traffic cameras.

Potholes - The highway inspector has visited the Corringham area and found no significant defects except the Sorrells/Gordon Road junction. Giffords Cross Road is to be resurfaced. RJ urged members to keep reporting potholes.

There is a drop in session at Grays library on 21st March regarding the future of the fire service

7. AOB

A member brought up his concerns regarding the number of young people playing football in the early hours of the morning by the Adizone. The lights are on all night long.

RJ has put in a request for the lights to be looked at. He will ask for the direction the lights face to be checked too.

A discussion took place about the lack of facilities for young people in the area, given that youth services have been cut.

AR brought up the subject of the police. Essex Police have been shown as inadequate. We need to bring them to account. The Chief Constable will be returning to Thurrock Council to report to them. People are still concerned at the number of burglaries, and are advised to be vigilant.

DP reminded the committee that he had submitted a quote for flowers and is waiting for a response. This will be taken up with the committee.

The new subway is being officially opened on 26th March at 1pm. This will form part of the Hardie Park Spring Fete.

A member asked if the minutes could be sent out as a word document, instead of a pdf file. It was explained that it is good business practice to use pdf's so that they can't be altered.

The next meeting is planned for 11th April and this will be the AGM. However, many members expressed concern that this will clash with the very important meeting about the Frost estate. Over half of those present said that they will be attending the Frost estate meeting. This information will be passed onto Danni Tate.

Next meeting 7:30, 11th April 2016 at Corringham Library.