

Business Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee
18 November 2013
Item 4 – Public Questions and Answers
Agenda Item 6: Call-ins – Pavilion Way HA8 Proposed Disposal

Question from Andrew Dismore AM

- 1. How can you guarantee that the sports facilities in the school would be available to local children to use?**

Response: The community facilities will be available outside of school hours and the requirement for community use will be included in the lease between the council and the school. It is also likely to be part of the requirements within planning consent.

Questions from Ammar Naqvi

- 2. Regarding the restrictive covenant on Pavilion Way Fields, which requires it to be used for sports purposes and maintained at the Council's expense, why has the Council neglected its part of the covenant to maintain the land?**

Response: The site was leased as a sports facility, but this arrangement was not financially sustainable for the community groups. Therefore, without a viable operator, there was not sufficient income to fund on-going maintenance.

- 3. The site is far too small to build a school, even without the proposed block of flats. Were any other locations in the area, such as the Peel Centre in Colindale, considered before the decision to build on Pavilion Way Fields was made?**

There is a site identified within the Peel Centre development for a primary school. This provision is required in addition to the school places that are being proposed at Pavilion Way.

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- 4. Will the Council ensure, if the proposal is forced through, that during the planning process they will uphold the Mayor of London's target of 40% affordable tenure accommodation for the new flats to be built there?**

Response: The proposal will not be forced through; the formal decision making process of the Council will be followed. The ratio of affordable housing will be determined by planners as part of the planning process for the whole scheme.

Questions from Deryll David

- 5. Can the council guarantee that if this free school gets granted, that Burnt Oak Rangers would get access to it after school hours and during half terms such as Easter as well as weekends all day? (8-4)?**

Response: The intention is for the sporting facilities to be available outside of school hours – evenings, weekends and holidays. Once the arrangements for the use of the facilities has been established, the facilities would be available for any local group to arrange to use, including Burnt Oak Rangers,

- 6. Why have the council looked to put a free school at Pavilion Way along with Flats and a sports facility without considering anywhere else like The Peel Centre in Colindale?**

Response: Please see response to question 3 above.

- 7. Have the Council asked the people of Burnt Oak/Hale wards what they would like to do with Pavilion Way?**

Response: No specific consultation has been undertaken with the people of Burnt Oak/Hale about the future use of the site in Pavilion Way. The one-off external government grant funding to develop school and public community provision provides the opportunity to develop the area to provide sports facilities available for public use – thereby enabling its use as currently intended..

- 8. Are the Council paying any attention to the Covenant on Pavilion Way? If so, how are they paying attention?**

Response: By the retention of public sport use on part of the land.

- 9. What will the Council do for the local football teams without pavilions for them to set up football clubs?**

Response: A review of the use of the Council's community buildings is underway.

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10. How many teams or organisations have the Council spoken with about Pavilion Way?

Response: 16 teams and organisations have contacted the Council.

11. How many have they turned away?

Response: Each approach was considered. In view of the failure of previous attempts to operate a viable resource, none of the approaches that were received prior to identifying the education capital investment route resulted in a financially sound proposition in terms of the external capital investment required and the on-going maintenance.

12. Furthermore to that, how many did they discuss and who did they discuss this with?

Response: Discussions were held with five groups, Londinium Athletics, N Cook Football, three other private individuals who should not be identified publicly without their prior permission.

13. If there were any meetings about Pavilion Way, how many residents did you include in these meetings?

Response: There have been no public meetings about Pavilion way other than the Cabinet Resources committee meetings of 6 December 2007 and 4th November 2013.

Question from Terry Revill

14. In the report it says that the sports facility will be managed by the Free School for both School and public use. Could you tell me how many hours it will be open for public use, is there is going to be a charge to the public to use the facility and if there is how much will it cost per hour?

Response: The specific arrangement for the use of the sporting facilities has not yet been established. The Council's intention is to seek a mix of free and chargeable use. Any sporting facility needs to be managed in order to maintain the quality and to prevent vandalism or decline. The overall costs associated with doing this need to be met. This would be the case with any managed sports facility on the site, whether provided as part of the school or through investment by sporting clubs or commercial sports providers. The Council and the Department for Education are keen to work with local residents to ensure that the new facilities are designed for maximum local use.

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Question from Mr Roger Lyons

- 15. What research has been done on the number of Chinese families/children in Burnt Oak/Hale V. West Hendon/Colindale, and all other Barnet Wards?"**

Response: At the time of the census there were 8,259 people of Chinese ethnicity in Barnet with the highest concentration of residents in Central Colindale, Southern Hendon, Western Burnt Oak and Northern Hendon. The Marco Polo Free School is opening as part of the Government's Free School Programme and as part of its application, the proposers were required to demonstrate parental demand. The school will be open to applications from any parent who is interested in the bi-lingual curriculum offer that will be available for their child.