
MOUNT PLEASANT NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

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It has been a busy August in terms of members' work, despite the holidays. You've all been real stars!

1. OUR PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON PLANNING ISSUES

Many thanks to all of you for leafletting the neighbourhood! A spectacular effort. To date we have distributed 2,000 requests for local input!! Very well done!.

Gaven Duffey (Calthorpe Project) circulated leaflets in Frederick Street, the Ampton street area, the Carpenter's Arms and Granville Square... excellent work above the call of duty! Many thanks to Gaven for such enthusiasm! (and he's not even an official member!)

Thanks also go out to:

Lucy Shimidzu (whole of Cubitt Street),

Anne and Tony Randall (Pakenham Street)

Ciaran Touhy (Calthorpe Street east and Wren Street)

Judy Dainton (Calthorpe Street west, Grays Inn Road, Calthorpe Arms, Trinity Court and also the Betsey Trotwood, The Bowler, Pine Street and the Eagle),

Sean McDonagh (Mullin Tower and Mount Pleasant Studio (hostel))

Maxine Withers (all of Rosebery Avenue, the chemists shop and the doctor's surgery).....many many thanks Maxine for all your hard work!

Elena Hanson (mansion blocks on Grays Inn Road)

Ann Winchester (Holsworthy Square)

Graeme Weston - Laystall Court and Mount Pleasant

Oliver Bennett - Farringdon Road and Attneave Street.

There are still gaps. We have 1,000 leaflets still to give out. We need more people to do some leaflet drops. The areas we have not touched are:

- **Margery Street estate. MOST IMPORTANT THAT WE LEAFLET THIS AREA. Anyone willing?**
- New Calthorpe Estate - Julie Riley - can you do this now you're back from hols!
- Gray's Inn Buildings - pretty impenetrable - anyone got any contacts in there?
- Cavendish Mansions - ditto - anyone know a resident? Any access?
- Warner Street, Saffron Hill etc - Ian Stallard - can you do this? Can anyone else help?

Posters. 15 posters put up (see below). I am getting another 15 laminated posters this week and need people to put them up on lamp posts.

Areas already covered:

Calthorpe Street, Calthorpe Arms, Pakenham Street, Calthorpe Project, Carpenter's Arms, Granville Square, Betsey Trotwood, mansion blocks Grays Inn Road, Holsworthy Square, Laystall Court

Areas that need posters on lamp posts:

Farringdon Road, Warner Street, Cavendish Mansions, Margery Street Estate, Mount Pleasant, Pine Street car-park.

I know this looks like a lot of work - but remember we do need to make sure that local people know what we are doing and that they are invited to join in. When we finally produce our plan, we don't want lots of local people saying "*no-one asked me!*"....

We need to make sure as many local people as possible feel that they have been included and that the Forum does truly represent them and is always willing to listen to their opinions. It is one of our legal duties to consult the public... but apart from that we do need to be seen to be truly democratic and properly involved with local opinion for our Neighbourhood Plan to succeed.

Also, we probably won't be doing anything as massive as this for another year... so it really is worth making the effort now to reach out to as many people as we can.

2 OUR TRAINING SESSION ON SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 10TH.

This training session is being organised by Create Streets and we are paying for it from our grant money. It looks to be a lively and interesting series of sessions! Please make sure to come!

Calthorpe Project, Grays Inn Road, 3pm - 7pm on Saturday September 10th

Please try to arrive by 2.45pm so we can start promptly

- Introductory session (*about 10 mins*)
- Main planning issues for our area (general topics and specific details including progress on Royal Mail development site) (*about 1hr*)
- Talk from member of West Hampstead Neighbourhood Forum (*about 20 mins*)
- Group workshops (*about 45 mins*)
- Summary and to-do list (*about 10 mins*)
- Food, drinks and social get-together (*about 45 mins*)

There will be question and answer sessions throughout the afternoon

Please let Judy Dainton (judithomas@blueyonder.co.uk) know that you will be attending.

3.OUR NEXT PUBLIC FORUM MEETING IS ON MONDAY SEPT 19TH

Any agenda items people want to discuss? Let Judy know before Sept 12th when the Agenda will be circulated.

The main Agenda item will be an open discussion about planning issues surrounding the closeness of new commercial re-developments cheek-by-jowl with existing residential streets. What compromises need to be made? How much should commercial development be encouraged? How much should residents be protected? A paper will be sent out with the Agenda.

Under the Agenda item of the MPA report, we believe some residents from Pine Street may want to talk about their particular problems with commercial development.

The meeting will be held at the Margery Street Community Hall. The meeting will start at 6.45pm.

4.POST OF TREASURER.

As you know Claer has resigned as treasurer due to pressure of work and we do thank her for her involvement with the Forum. We're pleased that she will still remain a member. Now, we need to appoint a new Treasurer. Please let us know if any of you will be willing to stand. It's not a very difficult or time-consuming job.

5.WE ARE STILL NOT MAKING ANY PROGRESS ON UPDATING OUR WEBSITE.

Now the holidays are over can Ed, Julie, Graeme and Oliver please get together (maybe with Andrew Burns) and make a decision about what we do?

6.WE SAID WE START A LOCAL DATABASE.

We haven't done so. Who is good at data-bases? Who wants to have a go?

7.WORK ON STATISTICAL CHARTS.

Josie, Ciaran and I have made no progress to date because of the holidays. We hope to have some charts and analysis for the Forum meeting on Sept 19th.

That's it for the moment. As always....lots to do and....as always.... too little time! Many thanks to all of you for your participation and your hard work. Onwards and Upwards!

Judy Dainton and Forum Executive.