

Notes of a Meeting with Barbican Residents held on Wednesday 18th September 2013

Present

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| Gillian Laidlaw | GL | Thomas More House Resident |
| Tim Macer | TM | Chair, Residential Consultation Committee |
| Gianetta Corley | GC | Gilbert House Resident |
| Sarah Styles | SS | Barbican Estate Office |
| Ned Yorke | NY | Bursar CLSG |
| Sarah Hall | SH | City Surveyor's Department |

(Apologies for absence: Andrew Douglas because of illness)

SH updated residents on the Main Hall Extension project, explaining that the noisy diamond drilling was taking longer than expected because of an unforeseen structural problem. It was agreed that SH would forward to NY a revised estimated date for completion of the external works. This would be passed to SS for residents' information together with confirmation that the tile repair on the Prep roof would be completed over half-term.

GC asked if there was any progress regarding the installation of the proposed electronic barrier at the entrance to St Giles Terrace. SH undertook to provide this information at the next meeting of the Barbican Occupiers User Group which is attended also by TM and a representative of the Barbican Estate Office.

[There being no further questions about the building works, SH left the meeting at this stage].

In discussing matters raised at the last meeting, it was agreed that the school's Marketing Officer would provide SS with the number of residents assisting the school as exam invigilators and language assistants for a possible Barbican Association Newsletter article.

Residents' representatives were delighted to hear that the ventilation plant for the Main Hall extension is to be sited in the G Floor external corridor rather than on the roof of the school building.

It was agreed that, climatic conditions permitting, the gymnasium windows would be closed during evening activities in the hope of reducing noise levels which have been causing a nuisance to some of the residents of adjacent first-floor Mountjoy House flats. NY said that he would be grateful for any feedback on reduction in noise nuisance following the school's several written and verbal approaches to the organisers of the evening activities.

GL asked that noise levels should be taken into account when and if the proposed gymnasium extension work starts in the summer of 2014. NY assured her that full consideration would be given to minimising noise inconvenience to residents as part of the standard planning process.

In the context of illegal car parking, GC asked if the Chinese Church were still hiring the school on Sundays. NY said that it was not and agreed to confirm at the next meeting if an alternative organisation has replaced it. In this case, he confirmed that those involved would be aware that car parking on St Giles Terrace is not permitted other than for registered disabled drivers *[Afternote: another religious group, the Global Harvesters Fellowship now hires the Main Hall on Sunday mornings. Two registered disabled members of this charity group have permission to park near the school entrance on St Giles Terrace].*

The Bolt and Heeks contractors' August newsletter posted on Estate House notice boards had been well received and it was agreed that NY would ask the City Surveyor to arrange for an update to be passed to SS for distribution as before. *[Afternote: Copy to be provided by SH/Doug Finch to SS].*

The poor and possibly dangerous condition of the steps leading down to the terrace west lake was raised by GC. This has been reported to the Barbican Occupiers User Group by the school as a concern because the steps are part of a fire escape route. Responsibility for their upkeep lies with the Barbican Estate Office and SS undertook to pursue this matter.