

NOTES ON THE BARBICAN RESIDENT'S MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8/5/12

PRESENT

Andrew Douglas	Deputy Head CLSG
Ned Yorke	Bursar CLSG
Howard Hillier-Daines	City Surveyor's Department
Sarah Styles	Barbican Estate Office
Randall Anderson	Residential Consultation Committee
Gillian Laidlaw	Mountjoy House
Claire Sharples	Thomas Moore House

CONTENT OF MEETING

MAIN HALL EXTENSION

The principle purpose of the meeting was to update residents on the progress of the project to extend the Main Hall with a single storey extension filling in the adjacent sunken garden.

The school reported that the school has received permission from the COL to proceed with the planning of the extension. There has been some slippage in timing, so rather than run open sessions for residents to look at more detailed plans in June as originally scheduled, the school will do this in early September when the new school year begins, dovetailing these with the next School/Residents meeting. Residents were reminded that the Headmistress has already held a meeting with Members representing Barbican residents to inform them of the school's plans.

Howard Hillier-Daines tabled sketch plans of the extension as it is currently envisaged and informed residents that the next step will be to engage an architect so that more detailed plans and visualisations should be available for a September meeting and open sessions.

Residents reported that these plans had been brought up at various House AGMs. No objections had been voiced but residents are concerned about what the roof of the extension will look like and whether it will result in increased noise. Some had also expressed concerns about the possibility that the extension might be planned so that external lettings of the Main Hall could be increased. It was explained that purpose of the extension was simply to improve facilities for existing in-school activities and assurances were given regarding sound-proofing and noise.

There was discussion of the type of roof that might be envisaged with residents commending the new "green" roofing of the Museum of London. Howard Hillier-Daines said that roofing of this kind is

certainly a possibility and that he and Ned Yorke will make a visit to the Museum to have a look at what they have done.

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- Residents of Mountjoy can see plastic bins of PE equipment on the area adjacent to the All Weather Playing Surface which they consider to be unsightly. It was asked if they could be moved so they are out of sight. AD and NY will take this up with the PE department
- It was noted that a number of Barbican residents are acting as public examination invigilators in the school. This was agreed to be good for relations and Sarah Styles will consider ways of publicising this good news story in the various Barbican publications
- The shabby Low Grass area which has been commented on by residents in the past will be spruced up by the laying of an authentic looking artificial grass surface