

Bowes, Palmers Green & Southgate Green Area Forum – 23 October 2013

Answers and further information has been supplied by Danny Hammond, Senior Engineer Highway Services -

### **Palmers Green Triangle Questions -**

- **A clock is to be installed. This is probably a good idea, but it depends what the clock looks like, and we residents of Palmers Green would like to be given a choice between alternative designs rather than having one foisted on us, whether by the Council or by the Green Lanes Business Association. Is it possible to provide a photograph of what is being proposed? If so, could you email it to me ahead of the meeting?**

A Resident Priority Fund Application has been approved and is currently being negotiated in terms of Clock style and structural integrity. The applicant (Green Lanes Business Association) has highlighted a specific supplier / manufacturer of the clock and discussions have requested that further designs be produced by this company to provide assurance of design - both structural and aesthetic. The applicant is adamant that the works are retained locally in an attempt to promote local business. Before this application progresses, further meetings / discussions are to be had and it is important that the clock design is consulted to all Stakeholders.

- **I've heard that the toilets are to be covered over (good idea), but also that the Edwardian railings around the toilets will also go. This would be a pity, as they're rather attractive. On the other hand, it would be a good idea to get rid of the more modern railings that surround the traffic island.**

The architecturally important railings are being removed, to safe storage in anticipation of future refurbishment and direction of installation. The modern pedestrian guardrail around The Triangle are to be retained, until such time a safety study has been carried out to ascertain feasibility of removal.

### **Further information relating to works at Palmers Green Triangle**

- Toilet Block works - Corporate Construction & Maintenance.
- Minor Improvements - Benches, litter bins, asphalt surface course maintenance, removal of existing concrete planters and provision of new planters - Highway Services - Redevelopment & Environmental Works.
- Christmas Tree base installation - Highway Services - Redevelopment & Environmental Works.
- RPF Application - Raised Beds - Highway Services - Redevelopment & Environmental Works.
- RPF Application - Clock Tower - Highway Services - Redevelopment & Environmental Works.

Toilet Block Works - These works have been ordered by Corporate Construction & Maintenance. The work incorporates the removal of all above ground furniture and the closing of the openings using concrete slabs. Ventilation and future access for inspection has been incorporated within the proposed access cover. Traffic management and permitting for the 2 weeks works has been provided with assistance from Highway Services and it's Works Contractor. The architectural railings are to be stored in a safe place until a decision is made on how to use them in the future.

A meeting was convened last Friday 11th October on site between Richard S, Kirkman & Jordain Director Phil Hayward, Mark Leaver (EBRA), Costas Georgiou (EBRA) and I to discuss proposals. I am unaware of any additional consultation. Further information could come direct from Corporate Construction & Maintenance.

Minor Improvements & Christmas Tree base - These works have been ordered by Highway Services. Forming part of the meeting previously mentioned, discussions were had between Mark Leaver, Costas Georgiou and I to discuss and agree: the removal of existing bench seat, the re positioning of some new benches, the removal of the concrete planters, the relocation of the existing litter bin & the proposed position of the Christmas Tree. Highway Services are to assist CC&M by completing some asphalt surface course of the Toilet Block openings to include maintenance where it is deemed necessary.

Going forward, it was agreed that upon completion of the minor improvements mentioned above, Mark, Costas and I would meet again to determine i) whether there was a need for new planters on The Triangle and/or ii) How many planters, and of what design were wanted on The Triangle. Further meetings and consultation with stakeholders will be incorporated before works commence.

RPF Application - Raised Beds - Forming part of the meeting previously mentioned, discussions were had between Mark Leaver, Costas Georgiou and I to clarify the application detail. Agreement was made that the application could progress in principle, although it would be dependent on a discussion and agreement with Highway Services' Grounds Maintenance Officers.

RPF Application - Clock Tower - Forming part of the meeting previously mentioned, discussions were had between Mark Leaver, Costas Georgious and I to clarify the application detail. Agreement was made that the proposed manufacturer of the clock could provide a more detailed design and provide comfort that the structural integrity of the clock is sound. Additional work needs to be done, including further meetings and consultation with stakeholders.