

## Appendix 3

### **DICKENS SQUARE PARK REGENERATION PROJECT**

#### **SECOND COMMUNITY MEETING 27 November 2017**

Venue: Rockingham Community Centre, Rockingham Estate

#### **Present for Southwark Council:**

Barrie Hargrove, Cabinet Member for Communities, Safety & Leisure.  
Deborah McKenzie, Policy & Programme Manager  
Rowena Scrimshaw, Service Development Officer (Parks)

#### **Present for LDA Design:**

Andrew Harland, Chair  
Edward Scobie, Consultant

**Present for the community:** There were 20 attendees, representing a broad range of interested groups, and individual consultees.

#### **Material displayed:**

Display boards were exhibited in the room, comprising the visuals in the LDA Design document - *Dickens Square Park: establishing design principles (November 2017)*. The visuals showed the existing character of the park and sketch design options. It was explained to attendees that the sketch design options were purely indicative, for discussion purposes, and that the final design could be different. Attendees were able to ask questions to LDA Design representatives present.

Posters (with feedback Post Its) were also displayed, relating to the Southwark Council Highways improvements project on Harper Road, together with the Southwark Council Regeneration scheme for refurbishing the shopfronts of the parade of shops on Harper Road. Feedback on these projects was subsequently given to Joanna Lesak (Highways) and Jillian Houghton (Regeneration), the project managers for these two schemes.

## Meeting:

1. The meeting was chaired throughout by Cllr Hargrove, who welcomed everyone present.
2. Deborah McKenzie spoke about the history of the project, and the consultation process. She explained that previous consultations and research had led to the development of a conceptual master plan in 2010. This was first consulted upon in July 2017 and the responses analysed. LDA Design landscape architects were appointed in 2017 and prepared sketch designs which reflected the opinions made in the first consultation. These sketch designs were the subject of the second consultation.
3. Rowena Scrimshaw introduced herself as the new project manager, who had taken over responsibility for the project in October 2017, reporting to Deborah McKenzie. She explained that further community consultation meetings would be held in 2018, as the design was developed. She encouraged all those present, together with any of their friends or contacts, to attend further meetings.
4. LDA Design gave a PowerPoint presentation on the document: *Dickens Square Park: establishing design principles (November 2017)*. It was an interactive session, with attendees able to raise questions during the presentation, with additional input from Deborah McKenzie.

General issues raised included:

Request for lighting in the park: Deborah McKenzie explained that this can be considered but the council tends not to install new lighting in previously unlit parks. This is because lighting can lead to increased night time use of parks and associated anti – social behaviour. There is also the argument that lighting can give park users a false sense of safety in open spaces that are secluded at night.

The lack of things for the community to do: Deborah McKenzie explained that this was being addressed in the consultation and would be reflected in the final design.

5. Attendees were divided into three groups, who were provided with a questionnaire, seeking opinions on the key elements of the design, as reflected in the design sketch options. There was a brief discussion of findings afterwards.