

[Minutes typed by Samantha Sugden]

## HDP improvement group

Lido

7 July 2022 18:00

Chair: Constable Crowcroft

In attendance

Deputy Mézec

Deputy Porée

Deputy Warr

Apologies

Deputy Coles

### 1. Welcome and Apologies

A welcome was extended to the new deputies. Thanks offered to Marcus for the use of the Lido.

### 2. Matters arising

- Green street

On-going concerns that Green Street is not wide enough and hazards caused by the two-way buses were noted along with observations that Green Street should be fully one-way.

The Chair informed the group that the new Minister for Infrastructure will be appointed shortly, and it was hoped that they will be supportive of these issues in Havre des Pas.

Action: Extend an invitation to the Minister for Infrastructure and the Director General of Infrastructure, Housing and Environment to attend the HDP Improvement Group

- Seaside festival

The event is programmed to take place on the weekend of 23rd /24th July. Entrance will be charged at £7.00 with no charge for children aged under 10 years. Eligible residents can enter without charge (wrist bands will be issued from The Prince's Bar, when offering proof of address.) Letters from the festival organisers have been distributed to households.

The group expressed an interest in the profitability of the festival and were assured that the open-book accounts will be shared with the group.

Concerns regarding noise were raised and it was noted that music at the festival will stop at 09:00 but that other business may continue according to the conditions of their licence.

- Parking issues in HDP

Planning application for a car park at the Sovereign car hire site was turned down. The Constable intends to meet with the environment minister to discuss these planning decisions.

- Lido kiosk opening  
The group are disappointed that the Lido Kiosk is not open. This follows confusion regarding the requirement for a 'Steering Group'. Residents suggested that the Lido and bathing pool should be a heritage site and not with Jersey Property Holding.

### 3. Update on Green Street Development from Andium

The development is on track to be completed by July 2023. Handouts were distributed showing what the site will look like.

147 apartments are being built, vast majority with one or two bedrooms and around ten 3-bed apartments. All will be affordable homes, meaning there are limitations on the rent, currently 80% of market value. Andium informed the group that the apartments would be fully accessible, generously sized and that ground and first floor apartments are fitted with wet rooms.

Andium are in discussions with organisations regarding possible use of the community space. The space could provide a site for the HDP Improvement Group meetings and benefit the whole of the HDP area by providing a social gathering and community centre. The Current community centre is underutilised, but a booking system is available via Andium

The development has planning permission for residents only parking – but residents are unlikely to use all the spaces therefore permission can be sought to make these spaces available to others.

In response to a question from a resident, Andium explained that weekend working was permitted, but not usually after 13:00. It is generally considered appropriate as long as they are not causing a nuisance. Residents were encouraged to raise objections the with contractors who will address their complaints.

Residents expressed concern regarding the amount of development in the HDP area, especially compared to other area and Parishes.

### 4. Neighbourhood improvement area

The original plans are being reinvigorated. The August HDP Improvement Group will be asked to discuss the plans and prioritise. The central plank of the scheme was one way along HDP and this could be revisited.

### 5. AOB

- The resurfacing work has not been completed. Residents would like road markings designating the 20-mile zone. It was suggested that a crossing outside the Prince's Bar is needed.

- Rates assembly approved some funding for the Neighbourhood Improvement Areas (NIA). Ideally a partnership arrangement with the states to match funding for the HDP NIA will be achieved.
- Buses have reverted back to the normal route. Residents would like feedback on the recent restrictions to the buses in Green Street and this could be directed to the Minister for Infrastructure.
- Residents raised concerns about the proposal to develop more flats in Green Street on one of the very few plots of land which can be used for parking. A member of the La Plage board informed the group that the site is underused, with only 70% spaces taken, currently rented at £150 per month. Residents were invited to take part in the open consultation
- Young people who congregate in HDP tend to be dealt with reactively and little is little done to interact. People visiting the bathing pool often feel a feel a low-level intimidation. Problems with ASB were echoed by the lido tenant who pointed out that, despite all the cameras in the area, none captured a recent significant incident of vandalism. This was felt to be unsatisfactory – especially in light of the reassurance constantly given regarding community policing and the installation of new cameras. It appears current measures are not working.

ACTION: An invitation will be extended to the SOJP community officer to attend the HDP Improvement Group.

- Efforts should be made to raise awareness of the HDP Improvement Group meetings. Residents proposed that a notice board should be provided. If the group had a budget a leaflet drop could also be initiated.
- In closing, the new deputies were invited to share what they intend to do for the area. In response deputies offered a one-minute address.
  - David Warr  
Would like to see South Hill Park developed into a great area for residents. The HDP improvement were congratulated, and Deputy Warr observed that this group is a good model for the rest of St Helier South and would like to see similar groups formed.
  - Deputy Mézec  
Noted the issues from previous meetings he has attended including problems with bus services. He will raise Green Street issues with the infrastructure minister and would be prepared to bring an amendment to the Island Plan in support of the NIA scheme. He will also hold open constituency meetings, centrally in St Helier South, but if possible also rotating locations across the district.
  - Deputy Porée  
Is looking forward to working with people and hearing the concerns they raise. In the HDP meetings she has attended she has noted concerns about traffic and repeated issues with parking. This is a beautiful part of St Helier and it is in everyone's interest to preserve it

## 6. Close

The Constable brought the meeting to a close and it was noted that a letter of thanks would be sent to the previous deputies to thank them for their service.

