At a meeting of the West Area Committee (Planning) held on Thursday, 28 May 2009 at 7:30 pm at the Feltham Library.

#### Present:

Councillors Bowen, Cooper, Harris, Hills, Howliston, Hutchison, Jabbal, Andy Morgan-Watts, Drew Morgan-Watts, Nakamura, Stewart, Williams and Wilson

### **Apologies for Absence**

Councillor Pitt.

#### 101. Declarations of Interest

### Item 4 - Feltham Arenas

Councillor Stewart declared that she was the executive member for leisure and so would not speak on the item.

Councillor Hutchision declared that she had spoken to Feltham Football Club but had not discussed this planning application.

Councillors Cooper, Hills, Hutchison and Jabbal declared that they were members of the Sustainable Development Committee, and so would reserve their final judgement on this item.

### Item 5 - Feltham Airparcs

Councillor Stewart declared that she was the executive member for leisure and so would not speak on the item.

Councillor Bowen declared that due to his executive role he would not speak on this item.

Councillors Cooper, Hills, Hutchison and Jabbal declared that they were members of the Sustainable Development Committee, and so would reserve their final judgement on this item.

#### 102. Area Committee Elections

See Report of Democratic Services (Agenda Item 2)

### Chair of the West Area Committee

The meeting received two nominations for Chair, these being Councillors Nakamura and Jabbal. The nominations were then voted upon as follows:

For the election of Councillor Nakamura as Chair of the West Area Committee, proposed by Councillor Hills, Seconded by Councillor Cooper.

For	Councillors Hills, Cooper and Nakamura	3
Against	Councillors Howliston, Harris, Wilson, Drew Morgan-Watts,	8
	Stewart, Williams, Hutchison, Jabbal and Bowen	
Abstain	Councillors Andy Morgan-Watts	1

This motion was not passed and so the committee then voted on the second nomination.

For the election of Councillor Jabbal as Chair of the West Area Committee, proposed by Councillor Williams and seconded by Councillor Wilson.

For	Councillors Bowen, Hutchison, Williams, Stewart, Jabbal,	10
	Drew Morgan-Watts, Wilson, Harris, Andy Morgan-Watts, Howliston.	
Against	Councillors Cooper, Hills and Nakamura	3
Abstain	None	0

It was resolved- that Councillor Jabbal be elected Chair of the West Area Committee.

Councillor Jabbal, having been elected chair then presided over the remainder of the elections.

# Vice-Chair of the West Area Committee

The Chair called for nominations for the Vice-Chair of the West Area Committee. Two nominations were received: Councillor Hutchison being proposed by Councillor Jabbal and seconded by Councillor Harris; Councillor Cooper being proposed by Councillor Hills, and seconded by Councillor Nakamura. The nominations were voted on as follows:

For the election of Councillor Hutchison as Vice-Chair of the West Area Committee.

For	Councillors Drew Morgan-Watts, Harris, Wilson, Andy Morgan-Watts, Stewart, Williams, Hutchison, Bowen, and Jabbal.	9
Against	Councillors Cooper, Hills, Howliston and Nakamura	4
Abstain	None	0

**It was resolved-** that Councillor Hutchison be elected as Vice-Chair of the West Area Committee.

### Co-optees to the West Area Committee

**It was resolved**- that Mark Fielder and Maggie Goodwin be co-opted onto the West Area Committee for a further year, and that the third position should not be advertised this municipal year.

# Section 106 Sub Group

Councillor Cooper mentioned that the committee had previously said that a Section 106 sub-Group was not desirable. He said that it was his view that a sub group would reduce the Committee's control over Section 106 spending.

It was resolved- that any S106 powers be retained by the West Area Committee.

### Community Investment Advisory Panel

No nominations were received and so no appointment was made. This appointment will be made when a nomination is received.

# Link member to Hounslow Homes Area Forum

Councillor Howliston was proposed by Councillors Cooper and Hutchison. The vote was unanimously in favour of his appointment.

**It was resolved-** that Councillor Howliston be appointed as Link member to the West Area Committee

### Hounslow Borough Police Consultative Group

**It was resolved-** that Councillor Williams be appointed as the West Area representative at the Police Consultative Group.

### Housing Strategy Forum

It was resolved- that Councillor Hutchison be appointed to the Housing Strategy Forum.

The Area Committee elections being over Councillor Hutchison took the chair for the remainder of the planning meeting.

# 103. Minutes of the Meeting 7 May 2009

The minutes of the meeting 7 May 2009 were confirmed as accurate.

# 104. Matters Arising

#### 39 Orchard Avenue

Councillor Jabbal asked if any progress had been made with regard to the enforcement action at 39 Orchard Avenue.

Myfanwy McNally, Area Planning Manager, said that there was nothing to be re-presented to the committee at this point. The planning department would be emailing Councillors with an update on the action following the meeting.

# 105. Feltham Arenas

See report of Director of Planning (Agenda item 4)

Myfanwy McNally, Area Planning Manager, summarised the report, saying that the application was an application for a new building to replace the previous grandstand. The building would be two stories high with a balcony facing the main football pitch. Two further objections had been received concerning traffic on Shakespeare Avenue. The environment agency had not lodged an objection to the scheme.

In response to questions from Councillors Myfanwy McNally said that the nature of the scheme was such that it was not likely that s106 monies would be necessary to mitigate the impacts of the development as assessed against the s106 Supplementary Planning Guidance.

Myfanwy McNally also raised concerns about the potential commercial aspects of the scheme in relation to designation of the site as local open space, but also noted that such activities might be necessary for the success of the football club. She also confirmed that the Public Transport Accessibility Level (PTAL) rating of poor/very poor was the lowest possible level.

Councillor Nakamura expressed concerns about the level of traffic using Shakespeare Avenue once the site was in use as a football club, particularly on matchdays.

Councillor Cooper asked that more details of those objections made be sent to the Sustainable Development Committee, as he felt that their being noted in the report was not sufficient information to allow a well-informed decision to be taken.

### 106. Feltham Airparcs

See report of Director of Environment Agenda Item 5.

Myfanwy McNally, Area Planning Manager, summarised the report, saying that it was an application to re-furbish the leisure centre, including the removal of structurally unsound extensions and their replacement. The proposal would also include a new café and a new home for the Hanworth Library. The proposed development would give an increase in footprint of 166sq. metres. The car park would be remarked.

Myfanwy McNally raised a concern with the proposed plastic dome to be erected over two tennis courts for the period October-April each year. The site is located within Green Belt and as such, the dome was a departure from Council policy.

Myfanwy McNally outlined that there had been a number of comments relating to the access lanes for houses on Uxbridge Road. Further comments were received relating to the tennis dome, the traffic level and floodlights.

Councillor Andy Morgan-Watts said that the car park was very large and did need remodelling. He also commented that the development provided the opportunity for re-naming the centre. He objected to the incorrect spelling of park in Airparcs and suggested the centre be re-named the Hanworth Hub, as it was in Hanworth not Feltham.

Councillors raised questions as to whether the space allocated to the library was sufficient. Myfanwy McNally stated that she thought that the new area was smaller than the existing library and would confirm in any report to SDC. Councillors suggested that the library could be extended into the car park, as this was larger than it needed to be. Councillor Williams suggested that the existing library was larger than it need be and so a loss of some space may not be a large problem.

Councillor Nakamura asked what was being done about the access to the rear of residents of Uxbridge Road. Myfanwy McNally said that the developers were trying to find a solution.

Councillor Cooper questioned the consistency of the way in which green belt policies were applied and asked whether a complete re-build would be against planning guidelines. Myfanwy McNally said that the majority of development within the green belt was unacceptable in principle and that in these cases for development to be acceptable, special circumstances that outweighed any harm would need to be established. Complete rebuilds would be considered on the merits of each application.

# 107. Feltham Marshalling Yards - Airtracks

This item was agreed as urgent as it was very important to the area, and there was a time pressure as the British Airports Authority (BAA) were applying for a Transport and Works Act order which the borough needed to respond to.

Councillor Cooper declared an interest in this item as he worked for BAA. He would not speak on the item.

Myfanwy McNally, Area Planning Manager, said that BAA were applying for a transport and Works Act Order concerning the Airtracks scheme, which would return to use the Feltham marshalling yard site. A new road bridge on Godfrey Road would be installed to allow access to the site. Myfanwy McNally would consult all West Area Councillors on the scheme althought there would not be a formal planning application.

Councillor Cooper said that this was a very important development and suggested that a special meeting be called. Myfanwy McNally said that depending on the timing of the submission a report may be able to be prepared for consideration by the West Area Committee (Planning) meeting on 2 July 2009.

### Resolved-

That a report on Airtracks and Feltham Marshalling Yard be brought to the next West Area Planning meeting, and should this not be possible a special meeting should be convened to consider the report.

# 108. Feltham Centre Car Park

Myfanwy McNally gave a brief update on the Feltham Centre Parking Issue. The Council were currently seeking legal counsel on how best to proceed with this matter, which would then be determined by the Sustainable Development Committee. Councillor Harris stressed the need for urgency as the issue had been affecting residents for more than 3 years.

The meeting finished at 8.05pm

The minute taker at this meeting was Ainsley Gilbert