

## Draft Notes

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**Meeting:** Residents' Forum Meeting 7      **Venue:** Chelsea Academy, Hortensia Road  
**Date:** Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2009      **Time:** 18.30

### Attendees:

Cllr Mark Daley chaired the meeting.

The panel consisted of:

- Andy Yarrow, Principal Chelsea Academy - AY
- Dominic Hattee, Wates Construction – DH
- Charmaine Knowler, Buro Four - CH

### Agenda items:

#### 1. Welcome

Cllr Daley welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### 2. Education Update

AY gave a verbal report to the meeting, updating attendees on the development of the Academy during the Autumn Term. Key points included:

- The large number of applications received for Academy Year 7 places
- The fully comprehensive nature of the student cohort, reflecting the inclusive admissions criteria (which were summarised at the meeting)
- Special events that have marked the Academy's first term, e.g. the inaugural assembly and service; the Topping Out ceremony
- The induction process for new students and their parents
- The Academy Open Evenings and Days for prospective students and their parents
- The main and extended curriculum offer

Questions were asked about a number of issues including:

- The proportion of students who come from Christian families (about 25%)
- The Academy's behaviour policy, especially with regard to students' behaviour outside of the Academy, e.g. on journeys to and from school. (The Principal reassured those present that this is a matter taken very seriously and that students and their parents are regularly reminded of the expectation that students should be excellent ambassadors for the Academy, especially when wearing uniform. That said, from a legal point of view, responsibility for students' behaviour and welfare on journeys to and from school rests largely with their parents.)
- Students' mode of travel (largely bus and on foot)
- The future use of the MUGA areas at Lots Road, in terms of both hours and numbers (to be determined following future consultations)
- The refuse disposal plan in terms of both frequency and timing of collections, particularly seeking reassurance that there will be no collections before 7.00 am (this will be a RBKC commercial waste disposal contract, the precise details of which are to be determined)

- Parking for Academy staff (there is none)

### **3. Building Progress**

DH gave a verbal report to the meeting updating attendees on building progress. Key points included:

North (Burnaby St end) Block - Brickwork is now complete and "fit out" is progressing (this is basically the completion of the finishes such as decorating and joinery). A sample classroom has been completed to establish the quality and type of the finishes.

South (Lots Rd end) Block - The structure has now been completed at Main Roof level and a Topping Out ceremony to celebrate this milestone was held on site on 11th December 2009. The Sports Hall is now taking shape with the full extent of the open space now evident.

Sewer Diversion Works – Lots / Upcerne Rd Junction. These works are now complete and awaiting formal sign off by Thames Water. Wates do not anticipate any further need to carry out works in this location.

Tower Crane - The remaining Tower Crane will be removed from site around March / April 2010.

The site has been awarded a score of 37.5 out of 40 by the Considerate Constructors Scheme.

### **4. Matters Arising**

None