

Seymour Leisure Centre and Marylebone Library
Online meeting – Thursday 27th May 2021 – 2 to 3pm
Attendees, meeting summary and actions

Attendees:

Councillor Paul Swaddle OBE – Cabinet Member for Finance and Smart City (PS)

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Councillor Timothy Barnes – Cabinet Member for Young People and Learning (TB)

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Councillor Melvyn Caplan – Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for City Management (MC)

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Councillor Ian Rowley – Marylebone High Street ward (IR)

Councillor Barbara Arzymanow – Bryanston and Dorset Square ward (BA)

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Stakeholder/Resident Group representatives from

Marylebone Forum

St Marylebone Society

Harrowby District Residents' Association

Marylebone Mums/Dads

Several residents

Meeting Summary

On 27 May 2021, the council held an update meeting where it presented the project to date, introduced the architects, explained next steps and time frames and invited residents to contribute their views.

The delivery of this project remains a priority for the council and as such is endorsed by three Cabinet Members:

- Councillor Paul Swaddle, Cabinet Member for Finance and Smart City
- Councillor Melvyn Caplan, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for City Management
- Councillor Tim Barnes, Cabinet Member for Young People and Learning

Since the March meeting a brief was issued for high level options from architects and consequently 'Make' architects were appointed and a tender exercise for a cost consultant was completed resulting in the appointment of Faithfull & Gould. Approaches to the design brief were agreed:

- Leisure provision including a swimming pool, sports hall and studios
- Library provision (relocated Marylebone Library).
- Flexible multi-functional spaces for additional council services and community use.
- The information received from the Marylebone Mums & Dads Group was included as an appendix to the brief.
- The activation of street frontages and ensure wider public realm benefit.
- Enhance accessibility and reflect council net zero carbon targets, recognising that the building is listed.

Public Q&A

EL: Raised a question around the quality of materials to be used in relation to swimming provision. Councillor Caplan responded asking EL to get in touch to discuss further.

TG: Requested a permanent soft play solution with flexible opening hours, library space for children and music class space. YW agreed that there needs to be flexible hours for activities. Councillor Caplan responded inviting TG to get in touch to discuss further.

HB: Raised a question around the badminton court ceilings being high enough and the windows and light reflection affecting the game. HB referred the architects to the Sport England specification.

AJ: Suggested floating floors for the library books. Councillor Swaddle responded to say there are no defined floor plans for the library space as yet but this will be taken into consideration. Councillor Barnes understands and supports the need for dedicated library space.

AF: Raised concerns around the rough sleepers in the doorways and the congregation of people around the library out of hours. Councillor Caplan responded to say there are imminent plans for a planning application for gates to be installed at the alcoves BA: requested the plans of the gates. Councillor Caplan agreed to circulate the plans to local councillors ahead of submission.

AJ: requested a variety of consultation methods and suggested a next date of early July to avoid school holidays. This was agreed.

Programme timeline & next steps

May-June:	Make Architects finalise options
June-July:	Tender main consultants including Architect
July:	Next public meeting including initial design ideas from Make
August-December:	Detailed design progresses
August-December:	Ongoing community consultation and engagement
December:	Formal planning process commences

Ways of working together:

Regularity of meetings to be arranged quarterly - next meeting planned for early July.

Confirmed time slot with options of morning/afternoon, early evening. Attendees to cast vote [here](#)

Open the meeting to a wider audience; e.g. residents and Centre users

ACTIONS

1. Meeting summary (this document), PDF of the slides, to be circulated to meeting attendees and posted on the dedicated webpage.
2. Date of next meeting to be arranged in early July.
 - a. Ask stakeholders for their preferred time slot – AM/PM/Eve
 - b. 'Hold the date/time' in diaries – agenda to follow
3. Attendees to promote the next update meeting to membership, once date is secured, to secure as many participants

End of notes.