

# FUTURE NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP BOARD

29 February 2024

14:00–15:00

Unit 19, Baseline Business Studios or Microsoft Teams

## Minutes and Actions

### Attendees:

Chair: Nordeen Fahmy	Head of Community Development and Co-design, Lancaster West Neighbourhood Team
Abbas Dadou	Chair, Lancaster West Residents' Association
Michael Ashe	Chief Executive Officer, Volunteer Centre Kensington & Chelsea
Phoebe Cramer	Assistant Project Manager (Green Skills and Social Value), Lancaster West Neighbourhood Team
Sarah Cross	Landscape and Sustainability Project Manager, Lancaster West Neighbourhood Team
Tiago De Paula	Designing out Crime Officer, Met. Police
Linda Fenelon	Senior Resident Engagement Lead, Lancaster West Neighbourhood Team
Anca Giurgiu	Senior Climate Change and Sustainability Manager, Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea
Linda Hadri	Head of Programme Management Office, DHLUC
Janet Hall	Heat Network Engagement Manager, Lancaster West Neighbourhood Team
Graham Hart	Head of Economic Development, Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea Council
Ruby Harvey	Project Support Officer (Sustainability), Lancaster West Neighbourhood Team
Harry Hewitt	Assistant Project Manager (Co-design and Future Neighbourhood), Lancaster West Neighbourhood Team
Carlos Husbands	Youth Engagement Team, Met. Police
Khadra Ibrahim	Careers and Community Development Lead, Lancaster West Neighbourhood Team
Jeff Laidier	Heat Network Programme Manager, Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea
Andros Loizou	Head of Refurbishment Design and Delivery, Lancaster West Neighbourhood Team
Felicity Maries	Programme Manager – Community Development, Partnerships and Circular Economy, Lancaster West Neighbourhood Team
Kate May	Senior Public Health Strategist, BiBorough Public Health
Hannah Smith	Sustainability and Programme Manager, Lancaster West Neighbourhood Team
Lucy Wood	Community Collaboration Lead, Grenfell Health and Wellbeing Service
Batool Zalkha	Future Neighbourhoods Project Manager, Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea

### Apologies:

Michelle Active, Ellie Benton, Natasha Bishopp, James Caspell, Zoe Cave, Patrick Clark, Jenny Coates, Venu Dhupa, Shaun Haden, Andrew Hatch, Hazel Hetherington, Laura Lane, Martin Mortimer, Krishna Sarda, Natalie Strachan.

1.1 Nordeen Fahmy welcomed partners to the first Lancaster West Future Neighbourhood Partnership Board of 2024, and introduced the agenda, and the synergy between the projects discussed and the four themes of the Future Neighbourhood Vision: Sustainability and a Greener Estate, Education and Economic Development, Health and Wellbeing, and Connected Communities.

1.2. The agenda for the meeting was as follows:

14:00-14:05	Welcome
14:05-14:15	Schools Retrofit Programme
14:15-14:30	Notting Dale Future Neighbourhoods 2030: Update on Phase 3 Funding and Strategy
14:30-14:40	Employment and Training
14:40-14:50	Green Skills Academy
14:50-14:55	Looking ahead: The Partnership in 2024
14:55-15:00	Any other business and close

## 2. SCHOOLS RETROFIT PROGRAMME

2.1. Anca Giurgiu updated the partnership on the Climate Change Retrofit Accelerator, and the Schools Programme to contribute to the Council's target of net zero carbon by 2030, and the borough by 2040.

2.2. In Phase I of the programme, six schools are being prioritised. These school buildings have an average EPC of D and E and include St Francis of Assisi Primary and Avondale Park Primary.

2.3. It was confirmed that Kensington Aldridge Academy (KAA) will be involved in Phase 2 of the programme. **Action: Anca Giurgiu to share the full list of schools involved in Phase 2 of the programme.**

2.4. Funding secured for the Retrofit Accelerator include £3.6 million from the Public Sector Decarbonisation Fund and £300,000 from the Mayor of London Future Neighbourhoods 2030 programme. Funding will be used to introduce Heat pumps and repair pipework and radiators where deemed appropriate.

2.5. 29 Heat pumps will be installed, benefiting 1000 pupils and staff, and creating 481 CO2 savings over its lifetime.

2.6. More information about the programme is detailed in a short video, here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zUve67jwxjE>.

## 3. NOTTING DALE FUTURE NEIGHBOURHOODS 2030

3.1. Notting Dale is one of only two neighbourhoods in London selected as part of the Mayor of London's Future Neighbourhoods (FN) 2030 programme to deliver a range of environmental pioneering projects, alongside the development of a community-led environmental strategy.

3.2. FN2030 funding is split into three phases with successful projects in Phase 3 recently announced. The third phase of funding will see the delivery of 16 projects, made possible by funding from:

Mayor of London	£1,250,000
Council and External	£5,500,000

3.3. Phase 3 projects were decided upon feedback from engagements with the local community.

- 4 Community Roadshows took place, engaging 135 residents.
- 200 surveys were collected from residents, workers, and volunteers in Notting Dale
- 50 stakeholders were consulted through extensive engagement sessions.

3.4.1. FN2030 Phase 3 projects align with five themes. Batool Zalkha provided listed some of the key outputs against each theme:

**Fabric first – Notting Dale goes Net Zero**

- Council's owned Social Housing Retrofitting & Energy Advice for residents
- Schools Retrofit – The route to decarbonisation for local schools

**Powering up for the people – generating clean, green, and local energy**

- Establishing Local Energy Silchester with North Kensington Community Energy
- Solar PV at Clarendon Walk and Talbot Walk
- Make your community building greener and energy efficient & sharing spaces initiative

**Creating a cleaner and healthier Notting Dale**

- Environmental schools project
- Air quality project with Westway Trust
- Active Travel enhancement

**Building a Notting Dale Nature Recovery Network**

- Eco-scape & resilient drainage initiative: Enhancing biodiversity & reducing flood risks within Housing Estates and across Notting Dale
- Notting Dale Community Green Spaces & Wellbeing
- Notting Dale Railway Station Gardens at Latimer Road Station and Ladbroke Grove

**Delivering new green jobs and skills in a circular economy**

- Green Skills Academy
- Future Neighbourhood Sustainable Legacy
- Sustainable business programme and sustainable community market in Notting Dale
- Circular Economy initiatives across Notting Dale
- Empowering youth and communities

3.4.2. Where outputs of projects were volunteer hours, Michael Ashe asked where most of these hours would come from. Batool Zalkha confirmed that volunteer hours will be Notting Dale wide, not just Lancaster West.

3.5.1. Future Neighbourhoods funding will also provide energy efficiency grants for three community centres.

3.5.2. Michael Ashe asked if these community centres had been selected yet, Batool Zalkha confirmed that the selection criteria had not yet been agreed.

3.5.3. Michael Ashe suggested that Resident Associations should be involved in the selection process, Batool Zalkha responded that feedback would be incorporated.

3.6. For more information about the programme, you can contact the team on [Nottingdale2030@rbkc.gov.uk](mailto:Nottingdale2030@rbkc.gov.uk)

**4. EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING**

4.1. Khadra Ibrahim provided an update on an Employment and Training Fair which took place at Kensington Leisure Centre on 30 January 2024. Over 200 residents attended the event, where 31 partners offered live vacancies, on the spot employment support, and short talks from experts.

4.2. Both residents and partners were satisfied with the fair. 81% of partners described the event as “excellent” and said they would be very likely to attend a fair in the future. 9 local residents signed up to LancWest Works after attending the fair. One resident described the fair as a “fantastic event! I thoroughly enjoyed meeting with all the [employers] and the talks were brilliant”.

4.3 Khadra Ibrahim shared a case study of one partner’s outcomes from the fair. Goldfinger are a local social enterprise that create bespoke, sustainable furniture. After the Employment and Training Fair:

- One resident was invited to the workshop for 1:1 career guidance and mentoring
- One resident was offered a 1:1 portfolio review with a Designer Maker and will continue to receive 1:1 mentoring with Head of Design and Production.
- After the fair, one resident was offered the opportunity to sell their own selection of art in Goldfinger’s showroom which are now currently on display.

4.4. Nordeen Fahmy thanked partners for their roles in the delivery of the Employment and Training fair.

4.5. Abbas Dadou (Chair of Lancaster West Residents’ Association) provided an update on the Employment and Training Hub Spring Schedule and outlined some of the partner delivered training taking place in the dedicated space. The March-May schedule includes the Saturday Cultural Film Club, Employment Support provided by Nova, and a weekly digital ambassador drop-in.

## **5. GREEN SKILLS ACADEMY**

5.1. Phoebe Cramer introduced the Green Skills Academy, with an update on progress to date including funding secured since its inception, and the recent delivery of ‘Design your way to Net Zero’ training for local SMEs.

5.2. To date, 7 residents and 11 local businesses have been trained through the Green Skills Academy, with £104,247.50 of external funding secured.

5.3. In the most recent delivery of ‘Design your way to Net Zero’ training, SMEs in North Kensington were invited to the Design Museum for the business decarbonisation and sustainability training. Feedback from the training was positive, with 100% of respondents rating the training as highly or extremely useful. One attendee quoted “The day was packed full of very useful information and insights [...] it helped my planning for net zero and I am grateful for the opportunity to attend the training.”

5.4. A 2024 expansion for the Green Skills Academy was shared, including the development of a shared vision for Green Skills across the borough, offering in-person built environment courses with accredited qualifications, and running sustainable lifestyle workshops with our local partners.

5.5. Kate May asked whether the Green Skills Academy are linked with the Recovery College and CNWL. Phoebe Cramer confirmed that both routes will be explored.

**5.6. Action: Phoebe Cramer to continue separate discussions with Graham Hart and Michael Ashe about the expansion and opportunities within the Green Skills Academy.**

5.7. Partners were invited to get involved by referring residents onto courses or to attend organisation decarbonisation training. To get involved, email [greenskillsacademy@rbkc.gov.uk](mailto:greenskillsacademy@rbkc.gov.uk).

## **6. LOOKING AHEAD: THE PARTNERSHIP IN 2024**

6.1. Invites for all of 2024's Lancaster West Future Neighbourhood Partnership Boards have been sent out, with the next meeting taking place on Thursday, 30 May 2024.

6.2. Partners were encouraged to input in the next meeting or upcoming eNewsletter, by:

- Sharing updates on locally delivered projects
- Introducing your organisation
- Sharing ideas for projects in need of collaboration.

If you have any potential ideas to be presented, please contact Harry Hewitt ([harry.hewitt@rbkc.gov.uk](mailto:harry.hewitt@rbkc.gov.uk)).

6.3. Harry Hewitt shared a reminder of the exemplar projects as identified through the Future Neighbourhood Vision. To date, 9 projects have been delivered so far. More information about the Future Neighbourhood Vision can be found here [Future Neighbourhood Vision \(wearewll.org\)](https://wearewll.org).

## 7: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

7.1. Ruby Harvey shared details of an upcoming Sustainability Series (Session 22: Food waste, cooking sustainably and community kitchens), taking place at Bay20 on 5 March. The session began with a talk and panel discussion with some of the largest groups tackling food waste locally, including Nourish Hub, the Felix Project and Bay20.

## 8: ACTIONS

	Action	Assigned to	Deadline
1	Anca Giurgiu to share the full list of schools involved in Phase 2 of the programme.	Anca Giurgiu	28 March 2024
2	Phoebe Cramer to continue separate discussions with Graham Hart and Michael Ashe about the expansion and opportunities within the Green Skills Academy.	Phoebe Cramer, Graham Hart and Michael Ashe	30 May 2024