

London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham

WORMWOOD SCRUBS CHARITABLE TRUST COMMITTEE 9 DECEMBER 2014

MANAGER'S REPORT

Report of the Director for Safer Neighbourhoods and the Director for Finance and Resources, ELRS

Open Report

Classification: For decision and for noting.

Key Decision: No

Wards Affected: College Park and Old Oak

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1. Executive Summary and Decisions Sought

- 1.1. The Committee is asked to approve that:
 - A Live Nation event is supported in principle and officers are authorised to continue working up the proposal with the company.

and to note all other matters in this report.

2. Opposition to the Wetland Mitigation Area Proposed in HS2 Bill

2.1 The HS2 Hybrid Bill was submitted to Parliament in November 2013 which included proposals for a Wetland mitigation area on Wormwood Scrubs to offset for lost habitats along the HS2 route between Old Oak Common and Northolt.

On 16th May, H&F Council lodged a petition against the HS2 Bill, which included an objection to the creation of this habitat. The Wormwood Scrubs Charitable Trust and Council in meetings with HS2 have stated that they are opposed to the proposed wetland area which they consider is unacceptable.

2.2 At the most recent meeting held with HS2 and H&F council officers on 8 September 2014 HS2 confirmed that they were willing to negotiate on the type and location of the ecological mitigation proposed on the Scrubs.

They made it clear however that they will need to ensure there is no net loss in habitat which they have committed to in their Environmental Statement. At the meeting H&F council officers put forward a potential idea for an ecology centre with landscape around it to be used by schools and groups which was similar to an existing facility at Holland Park in RBKC. HS2's view was that a building of this nature would probably not constitute adequate mitigation. It was agreed that H&F council would work up alternative proposals in more detail with costings and forward these on to HS2 for further consideration.

Committee to Note.

3. TfL's proposed Overground Station at Old Oak Common

- 3.1 The current HS2 proposals at Old Oak Common do not include any connection to either the North London Line (NLL) or West London Line (WLL), which pass in close proximity to the planned HS2/Crossrail Old Oak Common station. The Greater London Authority (GLA), TfL and H&F Council all believe that this lack of a connection is a missed opportunity, both in terms of regenerating Old Oak and also in terms of benefitting west London as a whole through the better connectivity that such a connection would provide for both the West and North London Lines. The GLA, TfL and H&F Council are all petitioning HS2 to provide this Overground connection within the HS2 Bill.
- 3.2 TfL is currently consulting on three options for how this connection could be provided.

Options A

A **viaduct** running along the northern edge of the Scrubs, connecting the West London Line to the North London Line and including a new overground station to the north of Wells House Road located on Old Oak Lane. This option would result in some land take by encroaching on the north-western corner of the Scrubs and would be of a significant height at 10m above ground level to be visually obtrusive. This option is therefore **strongly opposed** by both H&F council and the Trust.

Option B

A **loop line using existing freight lines** running to the north with a station to the north of Wells House Road. West London Line trains would have to turn around at this station which would add delays to journey times, making this option less desirable in terms of operations and connectivity. This option does not impact on Wormwood Scrubs so although not the preferred option we would not object if this were taken forward as the Council considers connection to the Overground network as critical to support the regeneration of the area.

Option C

Two stations on the existing West and North London Lines (The North London Line station at Wells House Road and the West London Line

station at Hythe Road)

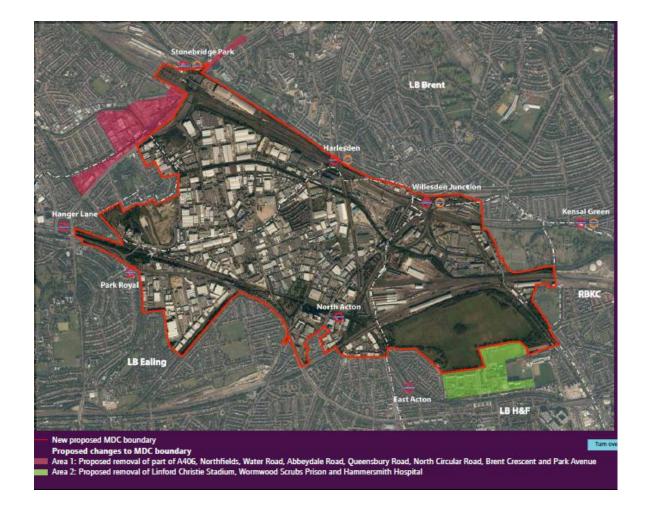
This option is <u>strongly supported</u> by H&F Council and the Trust as it would have no adverse impacts on Wormwood Scrubs. Although it may not be as good as Option A in terms of connectivity it has benefits in unlocking regeneration and development to the north of the Grand Union Canal. The Wormwood Scrubs Charitable Trust and H&F Council have both stated their preference for option C at meetings with TfL.

3.3 The deadline for comments on TfL's consultation ends on is **Monday 24 November 2014.** The Trust's response will be broadly similar to that of LBHF.

Committee to Note.

4. Old Oak Mayoral Development Corporation

- 4.1. The Mayor of London consulted on the establishment of a Mayoral Development Corporation (MDC) for the Old Oak and Park Royal area in June September 2014. The boundary of the proposed MDC included Wormwood Scrubs and Linford Christie Stadium. The Trust's response to the MDC objected to the inclusion of the Scrubs and Linford Christie Stadium within the MDC boundary.
- 4.2. On 5 November the GLA announced that in response to comments received during the public consultation it would be re-consulting on the boundary of the MDC. These proposed boundary amendments included removal of land to the west of the A406 in the London Boroughs of Brent and Ealing, and land to the south of the Wormwood Scrubs in the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham. It is proposed that Linford Christie Stadium, Wormwood Scrubs Prison and Hammersmith Hospital are all now excluded from the MDC boundary. See map below.
- 4.3. The deadline for responses was Wednesday 26 November 2014. Wormwood Scrubs remains in the MDC boundary and a response was made from the Trust welcoming the removal of Linford Christie Stadium but remaking the arguments that Wormwood Scrubs should also be excluded.



5. Filming and Events Update

- 5.1. **Use of the Red Gra** The Red Gra space has been used for private filming firms as a base for temporary parking. Woodmans Mews residents has been informed prior to each hire. No formal complaint has been received so far.
- 5.2. Use of Red Gra as marshalling space by Earls Court Olympia started in April 2014. It has been successful and no resident feedback has been received. The entry and egress of the lorries is timed and facilitated by marshals to minimise disruption. If the Red Gra is dusty there is also a facility to dust down the area. As this has been successful it is hoped further bookings will continue to be made in the next financial year. The site access point has been reviewed and the following was agreed with the Earls Court Olympia management team. Small vehicles will in future enter from the gate in the car park. This will reduce traffic down the barriered road.

- 5.3. **Summer 2015 Event** Officers are in discussion with Live Nation regarding staging an event next summer. Live Nation are a reputable and well established events company.
- 5.4. Live Nation would like to bring the 'Electric Daisy Carnival' (EDC) to Wormwood Scrubs. The event is a festival whose origins are in the United States of America and which has a large following. The events in the USA attract a large fan base with its largest event being in Las Vegas with a crowd of over 800,000 people over 3 days.
- 5.5. In 2015 the UK event will be in its third year. Its home in 2013 was Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park (capacity 50,000) for a one day event and in 2014 was Milton Keynes Bowl (capacity 50,000).
- 5.6. The event music genre is Electronic Dance and is proposed to run a single day event aimed at the 25 34 year age range, although people range from 18 65 yrs, predominantly male biased (around 60 / 40 split).
- 5.7. The event aims to bring a highly visual and sound orientated music mix to its customers. In 2014 the event saw a range of customer experiences including four stages made up of a large outdoor stage and smaller tented stages. In addition to fun fairs, licensed bars and the world's largest LED screen which spanned the whole of the Milton Keynes Bowl.
- 5.8. The proposal is for it to take place during July 2015, as below;
 - 7 days setup
 - 1 day main event 12 noon to 11pm- proposed
 - 4 days breakdown
- 5.9. It has potential to bring in £150k net income and additional charges e.g. Traffic Management Order, Park Policing.
- 5.10. Live Nation (Music) UK Ltd (LN) is a part of the Live Nation Entertainment Company, which is the world's largest live entertainment and e-commerce company. It has a number of group companies within the United Kingdom including Festival Republic and Academy Music Group.
- 5.11. Examples of events and festivals that have been organized, promoted or managed by LN include:
 - Download Festival
 - Wireless Festival
 - Calling Festival- previously Hard Rock Calling
 - 46664 Nelson Mandela Birthday Party
 - Diana A concert to Remember
 - Live 8
 - Creamfields
 - Olympic Live Sites Hyde Park /' Victoria Park / Trafalgar Square
 - Anniversary Games Olympic Stadium
 - U2 360 Tour

- BBC Radio 1's Teen Awards
- BBC Radio 1's Big Weekend
- NFL Games at Wembley Stadium
- Lollibop 2014 Hatfield House
- Winter Kingdom 2014

5.12. A range of benefits are anticipated:

- Substantial income
- Free tickets for local residents
- The organisers would contribute to the Scrubs development and maintenance
- The Borough would be hosting a world standard music event
- Possible employment for local residents
- 5.13. There are some issues to resolve as part of the planning for the event:
 - Noise and Light Pollution
 - Transport The organisers have contacted TfL and they have various transport solutions for 50,000 participants
 - Licensing process and MPS
 - Impact on the local life and Scrubs
 - Impact on H&F Sports Bookings
 - Local stakeholders views/perceptions
 - Alteration to the Scrubs e.g. removing some trees from Scrubs Lane area for egress

5.14. The next steps are:

- LBHF Licensing Action Group Briefing
- Internal and external briefing
- Setting up a working group

The Committee is asked to

A) <u>Support the Live Nation event in principle and authorise officers to continue working up the proposal with the company.</u>

and

B) Note that a final Committee decision to allow the event to use the Scrubs will be required after Christmas and no later than March 2015.

6. Sports Facilities

6.1. School Bus Access - School groups have customarily used the road leading into the stadium. School bus drivers are reminded of the 5 mile an hour speed restriction on the road up to the site and to be very aware of other users of the facility. The main reason why the schools prefer to drop

off close to the facility is that they only have a limited time for their PE/sports lessons and walking the students would eat into this time. Further, the vehicles are able to wait and turn around safely inside the stadium. Also, the schools believe they do not have enough staff to walk their students from the road to the stadium safely. Finally, they bring their own sports equipment which they could not carry easily the distance from the road to the stadium.

- 6.2. Officers have not found a viable alternative as the other main entrance does not allow the necessary space because of the unsafe Artillery Wall. Of course the current arrangements will continue to be monitored but any hazardous conduct observed by other Wormwood Scrub users should in the first instance be reported to stadium staff.
- 6.3. Formal Opening of the Linford Christie Stadium Improvements At this time it is not thought to be appropriate to have an official opening of the recent refurbishment to some of the buildings. Whilst great improvements have been made to the male changing rooms, the community room and the kitchen area, a high proportion of the funding was spent on repairing the flat roof. Also, there is still more building work planned, for example, to the part of male changing area which is currently abandoned as we want to bring it back into use.

Committee to Note.

7. Property Issues

- 7.1. It is confirmed that the freehold of Little Wormwood Scrubs is owned by the Council.
- 7.2. Officers have received confirmation from the Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust that they have obtained Board approval to proceed with the licence renewal at an annual licence fee of £310,536. The arrears as at 25th December 2014 will amount to £321,350.
- 7.3. The majority of the clauses in the licence agreement have been agreed.
- 7.4. It is expected that the licence will be completed by the end of December 2014.
- 7.5. Both parties have agreed a specification of works for resurfacing part of the car park and it is expected these works will be undertaken in March/April 2014. WSCT contribution to these works will be capped at £200,000.

Committee to Note.

8. Community Safety Update

- 8.1. Parks Police dealt with 31 Incidents and carried out 227 high-visibility uniform patrols during Quarter Two.
- 8.2. All remaining 'encampments' on the Scrubs Lane side of the Park have now been removed and patrols have increased to prevent any reappearing.
- 8.3. The Woodmans Mews Barrier has been working reasonably well and the radio control works effectively. The staff at Linford Christie are able to operate the barrier remotely and only authorised persons are permitted to enter. The barrier itself is very old and its lifespan is limited. An estimate for a new barrier system has been obtained and is in the region of £15,000.
- 8.4. A recent operation prevented a large number of persons from the settled traveller community from riding motorcycles that were suspected of being stolen on the Scrubs. Whilst no arrests were made one motrocycle was seized and a strong deterrent message was sent out.
- 8.5. Officers have attended the Linford Christie Stadium on a number of occasions to assist stadium staff in dealing with large numbers of mainly Somali youths who have entered the football pitch areas without booking or paying. They have been removed and redirected to the free pitches on the Scrubs.
- 8.6. The Parks Police Team who dealt with the traveller incursion in January were nominated for and won a Tri-Borough Staff Star Award in November. Parks Police dealt with 33 Incidents and carried out 203 high-visibility uniform patrols during Quarter One.

Month	Incidents	Crimes	Patrols
July 2014	12	4	91
August 2014	8	1	65
September 2014	11	*	71

^{*}MPS data for September not yet published.

9. Grounds Maintenance update

9.1. Officers were asked to consider whether a memorial bench could be placed on Wormwood Scrubs in memory of Stephanie Gray. This is possible and easily deliverable. Officers would welcome the opportunity to

- discuss further with the Friends of Wormwood Scrubs including selecting a suitable and fitting location for this to be sited.
- 9.2. Wormwood Scrubs has traditionally been managed for nature conservation and wildlife, which has included limited grass cutting. Officers will look into cutting selected areas of grass more frequently starting next Spring.
- 9.3. The current contractual arrangements with Quadron Services Limited are scheduled to run until 31st March 2021. The service was extended in accordance with the terms of the contract in November 2013 although the full option to extend to 2022 was not taken in order to align with the sister contract operated in The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea.
- 9.4. The installation of benches we committed to delivering in the 2014/15 work programme is now almost complete, and we anticipate a further 5 benches will be installed before the end of the financial year, including a picnic bench near Braybrook Street/outdoor gym. Additionally we are planning to install 3 more bins, one each at the BMX track, outside Linford Christie and at Braybrook Street/outdoor gym.
- 9.5. We recently removed some damaged paving outside Linford Christie Stadium, which was a safety hazard. This has been replaced by type 1 MOT aggregate. Also, in this area, we are arranging for the pull-up bars to be repaired (hopefully done by Friday 21st November).

10. 2014/15 Financial Forecast

10.1. The latest financial forecast of Wormwood Scrubs Charitable Trust ("the Trust") for 2014/15 is summarised below and is detailed in Annexe A. Financial transactions for the financial year until the end of September are disclosed in Annexe B.

Activity	Outturn 2013/14	2014/15 Budget	YTD 2014/15	Forecast Outturn 2014/15	Variance	Movement between years
Pay and Display Parking Meters	(309,218)	(305,234)	101,290	(303,870)	1,364	-2%
Hammersmith Hospital Car Park Licence	(226,000)	(226,000)	113,000	(312,437)	(86,437)	38%
Backdated Hammersmith Hospital Car Park Licence Income	0	0	0	(259,278)	(259,278)	N/A
Grant Contribution from LBHF	(99,500)	0	0	0	0	-100%
Other income from activities for generating funds	(3,807)	(90,767)	2,749	(35,541)	55,226	834%
Total Incoming Resources from Generated Funds	(638,525)	(622,001)	217,038	(911,126)	(289,125)	43%
Grounds Maintenance	667,743	677,931	671,940	671,940	(5,991)	1%
Contribution to Linford Christie Stadium	31,500	31,517	0	31,500	(17)	0%
Other Expenditure	18,334	39,641	93	43,334	3,692	136%
Transfer backdated Hammersmith Hospital Car Park licence						
income to reserves	0	0	0	200,000	200,000	N/A
Total Resources Expended	717,576	749,089	672,033	946,774	197,685	32%
Net Incoming Resources	79,052	127,088	889,071	35,648	(91,441)	-55%

10.2. The opening cash balance for 2014/15 is £333,051 and the forecast at the end of October anticipates a drawdown of £35,648 (11% of the current cash balance). This would give a cash balance of £297,404 to carry

- forward to 2015/16. This is much better than the £127k drawdown on reserves that we anticipated when we set the budget for 2014/15.
- 10.3. The increased income from Hammersmith Hospital car park is fundamental to this improvement in the finances. It has been backdated to 25th December 2009. This has meant that the Trust can expect a one-off payment of £259,278 this financial year for the backdated element. Of this, £200,000 of this has been transferred to reserves to meet the Trust's commitment to repairs to the car park. The remaining £59,278 is recognised as a revenue receipt to limit the call on reserves.
- 10.4. 'Other Income' is £55,000 adverse mainly because the Good Times event was not held in 2014.
- 10.5. The 'Other Expenditure' forecast includes £10,000 for the costs of working on the Live Nation event, and £15,000 to install a new entrance barrier.
- 10.6. Inflation on the Quadron contract for grounds maintenance is 0.63% in 2014/15.

11. Legal Comments

There are no legal implications in the report.

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12. Finance Comments

These are all contained within the body of the report.

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ANNEXE A

Warmwaad Saruba Charitable Trust		
Wormwood Scrubs Charitable Trust		
Statement of Financial Activities for Year ended 31 March 2015		
Income and Expenditure	2014/15 Forecast	2013/14
	£	£
Incoming Resources		
Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities:		
Pay and Display Parking Meters	303,870	309,218
Hammersmith Hospital Car Park Licence	312,437	226,000
Backdated Hammersmith Hospital Car Park Licence Income	259,278	
Grant Contribution from LBHF	0	99,500
Incoming Resources from Generated Funds:		
Income from Activities for Generating Funds	33,541	2,491
Earls Court usage (£1.35k per event)	14.850	_,
Race For Life	2,200	
Olympia Horse Show	12,000	
Incremental increases to charges to Met Police	2,000	
Miscellaneuous	2,491	
Interest Receivable	2,000	1,316
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Total Incoming Resources	911,126	638,525
Resources Expended		
Charitable activities:		
Costs of generating Parking Income	400	400
Contribution to Linford Christie Stadium	31,500	31,500
Non Routine Maintenance of Wormwood Scrubs	0	0
Routine Grounds Maintenance of Wormwood Scrubs	671,940	667,743
Governance costs	17,934	17,934
Earmarked for car park repairs (capped at £200,000)	200,000	
Other resources expended	25,000	0
Total Resources Expended	946,774	717,576
Net Outgoing Resources	(35,648)	(79,051)
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Reconciliation of Funds		
Total funds brought forward	5,320,353	5,399,404
Total funds carried forward	5,284,705	5,320,353

ANNEXE B

Activity	Period 🔻	Tran Date ▼ Description ▼	Financial Value
Routine Grounds Maintenance of Wormwood Scrubs	6	30-Sep-14 Wormwood Scrubs Grounds Maint 14/15	671,940
Audit Fees	1	01-Apr-14 Audit Fee Accrual 2013/14	(12,300)
Audit Fees	6	11-Sep-14 WSCT AUDIT FEE 13-14	12,608
Costs of generating Parking Income	1	01-Apr-14 Electricity Accrual 2013/14	(400)
Total Expenditure			671,848
Hammersmith Hospital Car Park Licence	3	08-Jun-14 Rent Due Quarterly In Advance	(56,500)
Hammersmith Hospital Car Park Licence	6	14-Sep-14 Rent Due Quarterly In Advance	(56,500)
Pay and Display Parking Meters	6	30-Sep-14 WWS April Receipts	(21,070)
Pay and Display Parking Meters	6	30-Sep-14 WWS May Receipts	(28,510)
Pay and Display Parking Meters	6	30-Sep-14 WWS June Receipts	(27,485)
Pay and Display Parking Meters	6	30-Sep-14 WWS July Receipts	(24,225)
Income from Activities for Generating Funds	2	08-May-14 HIRE OF WORMWOOD SCRUBS UNIT BASE	(150)
Income from Activities for Generating Funds	2	08-May-14 LOCATION FEE-WORMWOOD SCRUBS	(100)
Income from Activities for Generating Funds	3	06-Jun-14 LOCATION FEE-WORMWOOD SCRUBS REDGRA	(400)
Income from Activities for Generating Funds	3	06-Jun-14 LOCATION FEE-WORMWOOD SCRUBS REDGRA	(275)
Income from Activities for Generating Funds	3	06-Jun-14 LOCATION FEE-WORMWOOD SCRUBS REDGRA	(188)
Income from Activities for Generating Funds	3	08-Jun-14 Rent Due Quarterly In Advance (Pony Centre)	(84)
Income from Activities for Generating Funds	3	06-Jun-14 LOCATION FEE-WORMWOOD SCRUBS REDGRA	(69)
Income from Activities for Generating Funds	4	24-Jul-14 HIRE OF WORMWOOD SCRUBS REDGRA AREA	(400)
Income from Activities for Generating Funds	5	13-Aug-14 LOCATION FEE-WORMWOOD SCRUBS	(475)
Income from Activities for Generating Funds	5	13-Aug-14 HIRE OF WORMWOOD SCRUBS REDGRA	(150)
Income from Activities for Generating Funds	5	15-Aug-14 HIRE OF WORMWOOD SCRUBS REDGRA UNIT BA	(150)
Income from Activities for Generating Funds	5	13-Aug-14 HIRE OF WORMWOOD SCRUBS REDGRA UNIT BA	(125)
Income from Activities for Generating Funds	6	14-Sep-14 Rent Due Quarterly In Advance	(84)
Income from Activities for Generating Funds	7	01-Oct-14 FILMING WORMWOOD SCRUBS REDGRA AREA	(100)
Total Income			(217,038)
Net Incoming Resources			454,810