

Somali Community Development Trust
Cheriton Centre, 23-24 Cheriton, Queens Crescent
NW5 4EZ

Thursday 20 October 2016 at 7pm.

Public consultation;

Aims:

To inform the residents, neighbours and users our intentions to apply a permanent use of the centre as a prayer facilities for our community.

To allow relevant issues to be raised and resolved early,

To provide more time to consider and develop better quality solutions,

To remove or reduce any delay to the planning application.

Talking Points

- 1) Welcoming and reasons behind the consultation
- 2) How did the one year temporary Planning Permission go
 - a. What worked well? Any compliments (Following rules, caring the residents, community cohesion etc.)?
 - b. What went wrong; any complaints (Noise, outside congregation, antisocial behaviour etc)?
- 3) If the Centre applies for permanent Planning Permission would you support it and in what way?
- 4) Closing and thanking participants

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Minutes of Community Consultation Meeting Held on 20/10/2016 at 7.00pm

A community consultation meeting was held on 20/10/2016 at Somali Community Development Trust's premises at Cheriton. The aim of the consultation was:-

- To inform the residents, neighbours and users the intention to apply a permanent use of the centre as a prayer facilities for the community.
- To allow relevant issues to be raised and resolved early,
- To provide more time to consider and develop better quality solutions,
- To remove or reduce any delay to the planning application.

Cllr Kelly Chaired the meeting with Cllr Abdul Quadir present. More than 60 local residents and users were at the event.

The local councillors started by explaining the aims of the meeting. After that the councillors let those present explain their feeling about the above issues.

People aired the need for the services provided by the local community centre in terms of prayers facilities especially women prayer facilities as there is no mosque in Camden where women could pray.

Other services mentioned were the children's education the centre provides; services for the disabled, the ill and those who were not able to speak English such as the old, refugees and others. Special mention was the fact that many mentally ill and those older local citizens who live alone, the centre is the only place they can come together socialise and at the same time do their daily prayers

People expressed their respect for the neighbours and how they want to have good neighbourly relation with them. They mentioned that there were no complaints in the probationary one-year period and that they will continue the good work that has been started.

All the people present expressed their support for the centre to become a permanent community and prayer facility. They also congratulated the local councillors on the sterling job they have done to create better community cohesion in the area.

The meeting closed 7.45pm

Note taker: Mohamed Dirshe

Attendees' sheet enclosed.