

HEATON PARK EVENT COMMUNITY CONSULTATION GROUP
Thursday 30 March 2023 at Golf Pavilion Heaton Park



Present:

- Carragh Godolphin-Teague - Heaton Park Manager, Manchester City Council (CG-T)
- Andrew McCleary - Heaton Park, Manchester City Council (AMc)
- Pauline Wood - Heaton Park, Manchester City Council (PW)
- The Resurrection
- Councillor - Councillor for Sedgley Ward, Bury (Cllr)
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- Resident
- Resident
- Kirsten Flanagan - Neighbourhood Manager, Harpurhey, Charlestown & Higher Blackley (KF)
- Councillor - Councillor for Higher Blackley Ward, Manchester
- Councillor - Councillor for Bury Council, Sedgley Ward
- Parklife Community Impact Manager –
- Engine No4/Parklife
- GMP Chief Inspector
- GMP
- GMP
- GMP Sergeant Cheetham, Crumpsall and Blackley
- Resident
- Resident
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Apologies:

- GMP
- Resident
- Cllr - Rochdale Council Neighbourhood Manager
- Councillor for Bury Council, Sedgley Ward
- Jewish Representative Council
- Salford Council, Neighbourhood Manager
- Cllr - Councillor for Bury Council, Holyrood Ward
- Resident
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- Resident
- GMP Inspector Whitefield & Prestwich

1.0	Welcome and introductions
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1.1	CG-T introduced herself as the Chair for this meeting and introductions were made by everyone present.
2.0	Apologies (see above)
3.0	Heaton Park – Summary of 2022
3.1	CG-T presented summary of one-off physical improvement projects that have taken place over the last 12 months. These improvements were funded from valuable income generated from events taking place at HP. Questions and discussions took place throughout the presentation which are captured below.
3.2	Question re ground reinstatement, when will the areas which are still muddy be repaired? Waiting another 2-4 weeks to dry out before reinstatement can begin. (CG-T)
3.3	Question regarding the Lightopia event and what is happening for 2023? Lightopia has gone into administration. Tender has gone out to potential operators for a new Winter Light Trail. Want to link in with the Tram Museum and maximise the heritage. (CG-T)
3.4	Question about the Dining Pods and if they were coming back? These are currently being reinstated in front of the lake and will be in use from this weekend (CG-T)
3.5	Question about impact study re parking. The overflow car park at the Lakeside Car Park is unusable during the winter/Spring months due to wet weather and the land having no drainage. KF raised need to recognise the impact that visitors have on surrounding areas. Whilst the bigger events are now established and well-operated, problems are now emerging regarding those coming to the smaller events. recognises issues caused by larger events such as Tough Mudder which took place last October. Working with colleagues in the Parks Investment Team at improving the overflow car park at Sheepfoot Lane to enable it to be used all year round. The entrance and exit onto a busy main road is also being looked at including improved crossing points, a new pedestrian footpath and better wayfinding and signage from the Bowker Vale Metrolink stop. (CG-T) Also looking at improving the land/drainage, also the addition of electricity points to reduce carbon (CG-T)
3.6	Question from resident - Is there some way of showing that the impact on the land doesn't cost the park? All reinstatement costs are paid for by the event operator and is part of the terms and conditions. The land is inspected prior to an event taking place and after an event to ensure the land is reinstated to the same standard. (CG-T)
3.7	Question from resident - Are there plans to do local surveys and be transparent re the local area?

	<p>has been carrying out visitor surveys – this weekend will be the third one over 12 months and the results will be published in the summer. CG-T will share the link with everyone after the meeting (CG-T)</p>
4.0	2023 Events Programme
	CG-T and AMc gave presentation on events from 2022 and events planned for 2023
5.0	The Resurrection (13 May) Presentation
5.1	<p>presented and questions and discussions took place throughout the presentation which are captured below.</p> <p>Start the build on Wednesday 10 May and derigged and off site by Sunday 14 May. Main band will finish at 10pm, onsite bars shut later than that to stagger the egress and the number of people leaving the site.</p> <p>The main routes for people leaving the site will be lit.</p> <p>Gate 13 St Margaret’s car park will be used as a taxi drop off and pick up area).</p> <p>4000 people leaving the venue will be spread over one hour.</p> <p>Looking at the postcodes of those who have purchased tickets, a lot are local to this area.</p> <p>Security will be on duty all day from around 12 noon.</p> <p>Steep steps at Heaton Park metro station. Traffic stewards are separate but will work together with regular stewards. Risk assessment is to manage the crowd beforehand. CSAS in Cheshire and Merseyside – stewards can have warrant cards without the need for police – they are trained and vetted by police. Can challenge bad behaviour and takes some pressure off police. Stewards will also be working with TFGM to manage Heaton Park Metrolink Station.</p>
5.2	<p>Question from Resident - Will the roads off St Margaret’s be closed to concert traffic?</p> <p>This is not a high-volume event. We are working with a Traffic Management who are experienced in the area and have worked at events at Heaton Park before. They know the hotspots. A separate Traffic Management plan will be produced and approved my MCC, will also share with Traffic Management for Parklife.</p>
5.3	<p>Question from resident - Can you get Traffic Management to look at Old Hall Lane? People use the area as a taxi drop off and pick up area.</p> <p>Yes this will be picked up in the Traffic Management Plan</p>
5.4	<p>Questions from resident – Additional security is required behind HP Metrolink station to deter to drug dealers.</p> <p>Can manage only as far as allowed by law. Not extending to anti-crime activities. Will deal with event related issues. CG-T suggested an additional site visit with the event organisers to look at the hot spot areas around the HP Metrolink station.</p>
5.5	Question from resident - Are you holding people at Gate 13 and filtering out 4000?

	Holding inside the park then hold at Gate 13 until tram stop is clear. Committed to solving any problems so get invited back.
6.0	Parklife 2023 (9 - 11 June)
6.1	presented and questions and discussions took place throughout the presentation which are captured below.
6.2	Significant issues last year re Hilton Park instead of Hilton Lane and Bland Road. Putting more staff and signage in that area.
6.3	Taxis charging extortionate prices for people getting home or going into Manchester. CG-T is meeting with Licensing to discuss this.
6.4	There were also predatory males asking females if they wanted a lift home. Request more licensing officers. Fleet of double decker buses. TFGM – bus station within Heaton Park, then send round local road networks. (Cllr) Manchester licensing committee chair – 3 licensing officers on foot, 120 double decker buses. We’re repeating a lot of the traffic management schemes. Focusing on Junction 19/Egress – have a plan but not ready to share yet. Hoping for significant improvement.
6.5	Parking permit zone extended as direct result of last year’s problems. Coning, fencing, closures will be the same as last year with add-ons.
6.6	Not all visitors will be coming on the tram. Some will come through Middleton – had big problem last year with nitrous oxide which was reported and Parklife sent security. Drug dealing at Prestwich tram station too. GMP aware of hotspots and good arrests were made last year re drugs. Focus is on distribution which is a massive issue
6.7	Will there be an increase in Community grants, as there will be an additional event this year? Yes, £80k. Parklife looking at driving more revenue into that all the time. Distributed £60k last year to 46 individual community groups, 41 between Bury, Manchester and Rochdale plus 5 micro groups.
6.8	GMP – student officers through the door every 10 weeks, based at Sedgley Park. Lots of complaints re parking.
6.9	Glad representatives from GMP are here. Look at plans for junction 19 as this was a big problem when the police closed the roundabout. There was a build-up of traffic on Victoria Avenue. Taxis were stopping in the lanes on the motorway and the hard shoulder to let people out. Something needs to be done. This is top of the agenda for Parklife and GMP

6.10	<p>Community Impact Issues – Egress was worse.</p> <p>Traffic Wardens?</p> <p>Extended enforcement hours</p> <p>Can the fine be increased for illegal parking?</p> <p>Fine can't be increased.</p> <p>Local businesses are missing out.</p> <p>Parklife advertising local businesses to crew who are away from home to encourage them into pubs and restaurants etc.</p>
	<p>Swap out marshals for SIA?</p> <p>Kings Road – a cut through for taxis</p> <p>Less marshals inside the area? Sedgley Park</p> <p>CSAS not as simple as portrayed.</p>
7.0	Any other business.
7.1	Emergency Pass for 10 Northbrook Avenue – PB arranging this and will personally deliver this to resident.
8.0	Date of Next Meeting.
8.1	Online end of May.