

Planning Group Report on Two Meetings on the Redevelopment of the Kodak Site

The meetings covered employment, leisure and housing and place making (the facilities needed in Harrow and the role of Headstone Manor).

The topics discussed were:

- The Chimney—could it have a small industrial museum at its base telling the history of the site?
- A bridge over Harrow View connecting the two sites?
- Green Industries
- A new police station
- Moving Caryl Thomas Clinic
- Establishing a youth centre and a multi-purpose hall, theatre and art galleries, and design workshops
- A central square with a water feature, called Eastman (there is a plentiful supply of water from an artesian well)
- Eco initiatives were needed and a sensitivity for views of landmarks such as Grimsdyke, Nower Hill and Harrow Spire.
- Eyesores should be hidden or eradicated
- Links of Green Sites by a green corridor were planned
- The ground is 1.5 metres high above road level. There will be surplus earth from the digging out of foundations. How about some hills in the landscape?
- All agreed that there should be an emphasis on family housing. This should have plenty of greenery around and be no higher than four storeys with perhaps the odd block of flats
- There should be a link between Moat Farm and the Kodak playing fields through to the other site and on to the station at Harrow & Wealdstone. It should be a place to visit with pleasing vistas and a café to draw people in to visit
- Car parking was discussed—many options were identified but no conclusions were reached
- Are the sports facilities and fields to be retained, or developed for another purpose, eg as a green space or corridor?
- Access to the site along Headstone Drive is hampered by the narrow low railway bridge
- Congestion at the Quadrant is linked with the planning permission situation for the “Goodwill to All”
- A pedestrian bridge connecting communities is possible and would improve access to Moat Farm and the new complex from Wealdstone
 - For more details please look at the website www.harrowview.info
- I was impressed by their professionalism, their desire to take on ideas to make a pleasant environment and their research into local needs and types of properties that sell from local estate agents.

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