

RESPONSE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TRUSTS AND CHARITIES SUB-COMMITTEE:

MOSELEY AND KINGS HEATH WARD COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 11 JUNE 2008

RE: Highbury Hall and Grounds Concept Plan (MINUTE NOS. 212 AND 284 (i))

Thank you for forwarding the Highbury Hall and Ground Concept Plan that has been produced by the consortium of local groups in the ward.

The Plan was considered in detail by the Trustees of the Trusts and Charities Sub-Committee at a meeting held on 7 May 2008.

The Trustees were disappointed to read the suggestion at page 5 that they want minimal rent paid for the occupation of Highbury and Chamberlain House. I would like to point out that the Trustees of the Sub-Committee are wholly committed to acting in the best interests of Highbury Trust and I would ask you to seek the removal of that comment from any further draft of the document.

That said, the Plan raises many of the issues that have been considered by Officers and the Sub-Committee in the past (namely museum use and increased educational activity) and raises some new ideas that are thought provoking.

However, whilst we appreciate the Plan is still in a draft stage and appreciate the effort taken by the consortium in producing the document, the trustees noted that there was a minimal amount of financial information in respect of the capital, revenue and match funding that would be required or is available to implement and sustain the proposals as outlined.

Perhaps this is an area that can be developed in the next draft of the Plan.

Councillor John Alden,  
Chairman of the Trusts and Charities Sub-Committee