

Shaping our future together

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Since we last wrote to you, we have given the project a name (!) – “HPC 60/60” – and we have been enjoying the start of our consultation activities.

“HPC 60/60” is a reference to the approaching 60th anniversary of the church being rebuilt on Cranley Gardens following the destruction of the former Hornsey Parish Church in the Second World War, with the idea that we are today at a similar turning point, with the opportunity to re-envisage our site so that it can best meet the challenges of the next 60 years.

The first phase of our consultation process, held in September, consisted of conversations with stakeholders - including congregation members, hirers of our community spaces, local residents, businesses and councillors - in an intense series of activities. We got a huge amount of positive feedback about the opportunities of the project, whilst many respondents also took the chance to record their affection for some of the features of the existing site and facilities. Our expectation that parking would be a key concern was also borne out in the discussions. Local councillors and residents expressed the hope that HPC could become a community hub, bringing people together across this culturally and socially diverse area. Others saw an opportunity to address local problems such as the lack of affordable housing and cuts in public services. A second phase of consultation activities took place in October. Participants, drawn from current users of the church and community facilities, were encouraged to imagine how our site, with the church remaining in its current position, could be transformed in order to serve our present and potential stakeholders whilst also improving our visibility in the community.

The feedback we received during these activities is being considered carefully by the Development Group, to help them advise the architects on key features and detail of the design. At the same time, the architects are looking at a pre-application meeting, and together with representatives of the Development Group, they will be meeting Haringey’s Planning Department to know more about their requirements.

The next step in the consultation process will be an exhibition of the initial ideas in which we will also be gathering feedback. Come along and tell us what you think! The exhibition will be launched in the church hall at the Christmas Market on Friday 24th November and will then move to the church where it will remain until early January. Follow our progress on hornseyparish-church.org and click on News & Events / Development project.

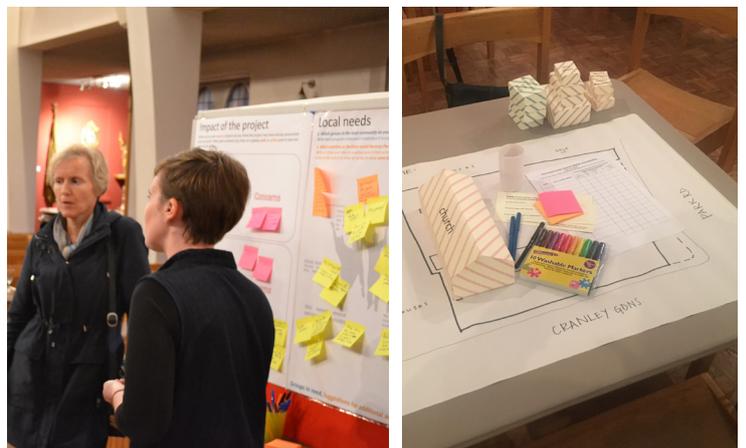
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Community group discussions



Voicing opinions



Participatory models

