

Doncaster Hill Issues Forum

Review Survey Results, November 2009

Manningham City Council recently conducted a review of the Doncaster Hill Issues as per the Issues Forum Terms of Reference (February 2008), which states:

'The Issues Forum will conduct its activities for a term of two years. At the expiry of the initial term Council will assess the future direction of the Forum and review its membership.'

A major consideration of the review was attendance at meetings, which was high initially, but dropped off in 2009 with attendances of just 22, 13 and 10. A small group of members have attended all or most meetings, however many have not, for various reasons, attended any since the initial meetings.

At the 28 October meeting the Issues Forum reviewed a draft survey to be sent to members. The survey was then amended with feedback from the meeting, and sent to all members.

A total of 12 responses were received. The following is a summary of those responses.

Q1. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about the Doncaster Hill Issues Forum:

a. It has been an effective method for receiving updates on key Doncaster Hill issues

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree or disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1	8	1	2	0

b. It has been an effective method for raising issues relating to Doncaster Hill planning and implementation

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree or disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
0	6	4	2	0

c. The format of quarterly meetings has been an effective way of engaging members

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree or disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1	8	2	1	0

d. Topics for discussion at meetings have been relevant and of interest to you

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree or disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
0	10	1	1	0

e. The issues you raised as priorities for discussion when nominating have been adequately addressed

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree or disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
0	6	2	4	0

Q2. Are there any topics in particular that you believe require further consultation in the near future?

Topics raised included:

- Tram line to Doncaster Hill;
- The benefit of the Doncaster Hill project to the community;
- Access and parking;
- Multi-storey buildings next to single-storey houses;
- Impacts of population growth;
- Continued scrutiny of public transport, large building projects and public amenities;

- The number of halls available for hire; and
- Vegetation and landscaping.

Q3. Meetings in 2009 have been poorly attended. If you have missed meetings, what is the main reason?

Time/day inconvenient	Not interested in topics	No longer wish to be a member	Other
6	0	0	4

Other reasons included having other commitments and topics being irrelevant to the member.

Q4. What other methods could be used or improved to achieve the objectives of the Issues Forum?

Newsletters	Questionnaires	Manningham Matters	Local Papers	Manningham website	DH website	Online forums	Other
2	5	3	6	1	1	2	2

Other suggestions were telephone surveys and taking meetings to where people gather, rather than having people come to Council Offices.

Q5. Do you have any further feedback relating to the Issues Forum?

Feedback included:

- Keynote speakers were valuable / more guest speakers;
- The Forum should be open to a wider group of people;
- Forum members should have been able to vote on issues;
- The need to keep issues in the public arena; and
- It is still a good concept but difficult to maintain the energy in an ongoing committee.

Q6. Do you have any suggestions for improving Doncaster Hill communications and consultation?

Feedback included:

- Consultation to be wider than the Issues Forum group and use a range of techniques;
- 'Round-table' format was a good way to open up discussion;
- Ensure communication methods cater to those without access to a computer; and
- Publish brief meeting summaries online, in local papers and in Manningham Matters.

Q7. How often do you visit the Doncaster Hill website?

Every week	Twice a month	Once a month	Less regularly	Not at all
0	0	1	5	6

Q8. Do you read the Doncaster Hill eNewsletter?

Yes, always	Sometimes	Occasionally	No	Not subscribed
6	0	0	0	5

Three of the five respondents who were not previously subscribed to the eNewsletter provided their details to be added to the subscription list.

Q9. Would you be interested in being involved in any specific Doncaster Hill projects?

Public transport	Pedestrian/Cycling	Community Art	Heritage	Other
4	1	0	0	3

Other projects of interest were car parking, public housing and vegetation.