

**WEALDSTONE REGENERATION ADVISORY
PANEL**

7 MAY 2003

Chair: Councillor Keith Burchell

Councillors: * Harrison * Harriss
* Marie-Louise Nolan * Mrs Kinnear
* Marilyn Ashton

Co-opted Member: † Councillor Miss Lyne

Advisers: * Dr O Amele Wealdstone Traders' Association
* Mr T Arens Heriot Catering
Ms D Danish Brent and Harrow Chamber of Commerce
* Mr J Evans Wealdstone Traders' Association
† Mr M Garratt Kodak
* Ms S Hall "Enhance"
Ms B Pooley Wealdstone Active Community
* Ms J Skidmore Wealdstone Active Community
† Mr A Wood Harrow Public Transport Users' Association

* Denotes Member present

† Denotes apologies received

PART I – RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION I: Possible Closure and Sale of Wealdstone Police Station: Issue Placed on the Agenda Further to a Request from a Member of the Panel

A Member of your Panel drew the Panel's attention to an article which had appeared in the Harrow Observer on 1st May 2003, which had quoted the Borough Commander as stating that he understood that the Metropolitan Police Authority (MPA) were to sell Wealdstone Police Station and that it would not be replaced with any form of Police facility with a public counter.

The Member expressed concern at the apparent lack of consultation on this decision and indicated that she was strongly opposed to it.

In response, officers and the Chair advised that, contrary to the information contained in the newspaper article, the MPA had stated that a final decision as to the future of the station had not yet been taken. It was agreed that clarification would be sought from the MPA and that any response received, together with other information regarding the issue already received from the MPA, would be circulated to all Members of Council as soon as possible in order to ensure that all Members were aware of the situation.

The Panel agreed that the Chair would also write to the MPA on behalf of the Panel to communicate their concern and that the Panel recommend to Cabinet that it contact the MPA to formally object to the proposal on behalf of the Authority.

Accordingly it was

Resolved to RECOMMEND: (to Cabinet)

That (1) the Chair of the Wealdstone Regeneration Advisory Panel write to the Metropolitan Police Authority to clarify the situation and register the Panel's concern at the proposal to close Wealdstone Police Station and leave Wealdstone without any Police facility with a public counter; and

(2) Cabinet write to the Metropolitan Police Authority to formally object, on behalf of the Authority, to the proposal.

[REASON: To ensure that the Authority's concerns are conveyed to the MPA].

(See also Minute 74).