

TASK FORCE – KEY ISSUES FOR RESTORATION AND FUTURE USE OF BROOMFIELD HOUSE AND PARK

- 1 Over the last 5 years the Task Force has deliberated upon how to resolve the complex interrelationship between issues of future use, funding, parking and covenants.
- 2 The Task Force issues can be summarised as the following which have consequences and conflicts as listed below :
 - a Demolition is not an acceptable option
 - b. A sustainable long term self-financing solution for Broomfield must be found by others than the Council.
 - c. A pre-requisite is the re-introduction of park café facilities
 - d. Transportation solutions should not impose upon the locality.
 - e. The limitations and constraints of the listed building impose use criteria to fit into relatively small room sizes, modern services including public toilets , kitchen, common areas, disability lifts and access, health and safety, escape stairs provision and give rise to health and safety issues etc
 - f. The setting of the house, the vision for the future of the heritage landscape and the scope for added development e.g extensions
 - g. The prospective funding sources (capital/revenue)
 - e.g Heritage Lottery Fund
 - English Heritage
 - Educational Charities /grants
 - h. Arts Council bodies
- 3 Notwithstanding local nostalgia for and appreciation of the previous use of the House as a local museum, it is accepted that the nature of modern museum exhibitions and storage standards has prompted the council to seek to establish alternative modern council solutions for the museum service and a new cultural centre facility is proposed for Enfield Town. The shell is under construction in 2006 with the fit out expected in 2007. There is an acceptance that some local history will be displayed in the restored Broomfield House. A display area will facilitate occasional additional exhibitions.
4. The park bye-laws serving all parks in Enfield are currently the subject of an application to be varied to the Model park Byelaws enjoyed by numerous other authorities. The Broomfield House business case assumes that the operating hours of the house to function after dusk in the winter months. Assumptions include control of a zone around the immediate house environs house, its extension and the principal route to the archway opening to be managed and operated in conjunction with the parks service to ensure that visitors to the house cannot venture further into the park environs after hours . Appropriate landscape barriers as well as closable footpath gates (operable only at dusk) would be introduced only once the House is operational

if the byelaw variation is approved.

- 5 Council resolutions to generate a capital receipt from within the park to invest back into the park was authorised firstly on 28 September 2001 and re-affirmed at least twice subsequently (most recently at cabinet 12 December 2005) .