


Christie Neighbourhood Forum
Tuesday 3 June 2025
The Paterson, Ground Floor Rooms 54-00-104 & 54-00-105, The Christie & Microsoft Teams
Minutes

Members	Representing	Present / Apologies
Alex Beedle (AB)	The Christie	Apologies
Barry Crichton (BC)	Avison Young Interim Director of Capital, Christie	Present
Alan Denham (AD)	Resident	Apologies
Bill Ibrahim (BI)	Resident	Present
Cllr. Andrew Simcock (Chair) (AS)	Didsbury East Councillor	Present
Cllr. Angela Gartside (AG)	Withington Councillor	Present
Cllr. Becky Chambers (BCh)	Withington Councillor	Apologies
Cllr. Chris Wills (CW)	Withington Councillor	Apologies
Cllr. Gary Bridges (GB)	Old Moat Councillor	Apologies
Cllr. Gavin White (GW)	Old Moat Ward	Apologies
Cllr. John Leech (JL)	Didsbury West Councillor	Present (MST)
Cllr. Leslie Bell (LB)	Didsbury East Councillor	Present
Cllr. Linda Foley (LF)	Didsbury East Councillor	Apologies
Cllr. Richard Kilpatrick (RK)	Didsbury West Councillor	Present
Dave Roscoe (DR)	MCC Planning	Present
Debbie Hey (DH)	Resident	Apologies
Doug Edwards (DE)	Resident	Present
Fiona Robertson (FR)	Resident	Present
Geraldine Vesey (GV)	The Christie	Present
Helen Denham	Resident	Apologies
Howard Bamforth (HB)	Resident	Apologies
Jeanette Livings (JL)	The Christie	Present
Jeanie Teece (JT)	Resident	Present
Jim Machin (JM)	Resident	Apologies
John Cooper (JC)	Deloitte	Present
Karen Bullen (KB)	Resident	Present
Louise Hadley (LH)	The Christie Charity	Present
Marjorie McSweeney (MMcS)	Resident	Present
Margaret Booth (MB)	Resident	Present
Mhorag Goff (MG)	Resident	Apologies
Patricia Wilkinson (PW _i)	Parking Services Manager MCC	Apologies
Peter Walch (PW _a)	Resident	Apologies

Rachel Barker (RB)	Resident	Apologies
Rita Whitehead (RW)	Resident	Present
Roger Smith	Withington Civic Society	Apologies
Rosie Gill (RG)	The Christie	Present
Sally Parkinson (SP)	The Christie	Present
Stuart Bracewell (SB)	Resident	Present
Tom Collins (TC)	MCC Neighbourhood Manager	Present (MST)
Tony Cunningham (TCu)	Resident	Apologies
Will Blair (WB)	The Christie	Present
Fi Fitton (minutes)	The Christie	Present (part) (MST)

01/25	Standard business	Action
a	Chair's welcome and Introductions	
	The Chair welcomed members to the meeting and introductions were made for attendees in person and those on MS Teams.	
b	Apologies for absence	
	Noted above.	
c	Minutes and actions of the last meeting held on 4th March 2025	
	The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record.	
d	Action Log	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AS noted the absence of Patricia Wilkinson (PW), parking services manager for MCC. There were a lot of actions which AS has received a response for and will circulate to members following the meeting. Completed. RK expressed concerns about the lack of accountability and communication regarding unresolved parking actions and there is a need for regular updates and accountability from the parking team. JL suggested that if PW is unable to attend future meetings, another member of the parking team should be present to address parking concerns. He highlighted the recurring nature of parking issues without resolution. AS stated, that the parking issues are turning into local ward case work that could be concluded outside the meeting, although we do expect someone from the parking team to attend the meetings on a regular basis. BI added there were 3000 parking tickets issued in the last 3 months which suggests there isn't enough parking provision on The Christie site. He also stated that the signage wasn't clear. <p>Post meeting update: AG received the following response from the Highways department; <i>"Whilst the current signage is fully compliant, to make the restrictions even clearer we shall be arranging for 4 repeater signs (like the one shown below) to be installed on the existing lighting columns along Rathen Road"</i>.</p>	AS/FF

	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RW asked why the Grange couldn't be used for parking for contractors. LH advised that The Christie Charity own this land, and this is on the agenda for an update. <p>Action log updated.</p>	
e	Matters arising	
	None.	
02/25	Understanding the relationship between The Christie Charity and The Christie Hospital	
	<p>SP explained that before April 2023, The Christie Foundation Trust and The Christie Charity were one entity. On April 1, 2023, the Charity became independent of the Trust, with separate governance.</p> <p>SP discussed the creation of Northern Pathology Developments Limited, a subsidiary of the Christie Charity, established to build the new pathology facility. The Christie NHS Foundation Trust delivers its pathology services through The Christie Pathology Partnership which is a commercial joint venture with Synlab. The Northern Pathology Developments Limited is going to build the new pathology facility and will lease it to The Christie Pathology Partnership.</p> <p>LH advised that the charitable objects, which is the way we are governed by the Charity Commission, are the same as before. The Charity has no other purpose as registered with Charity Commission, which everybody can look on the Charity Commission website. It's solely for the purpose of Christie patients and the enhancements of the facilities that The Christie NHS Foundation Trust. The Charity is not legally able to do anything else.</p> <p>RK asked if it was possible in the future to provide an understanding of the site as a whole, and what is held by the Charity and what is held by the trust. SP advised that on the agenda there is a slide which shows the Grange and the Bridge Club.</p>	
03/25	Reprovision of pathology facilities	
	<p>BC updated on the Northern Pathology Developments Limited. This new entity will focus on developing the pathology services to improve patient care and operational efficiency. The new pathology facility will house the latest equipment and deliver efficient services. It aims to improve patient care by consolidating dispersed departments, enhancing clinical functionality, and future-proofing pathology services. The facility will be located on the north corner of the site, replacing outdated and overcrowded existing facilities.</p> <p>A formal planning application through Northern Pathology Developments Ltd will be sent in July 2025. DR advised that the consultation process is done as quickly as possible. If it comes in July, the target date for decision would be towards the end of September.</p> <p>Histology is being relocated as part of the decant activity to Kay Kendal. It will be existing staff using the building.</p>	

	<p>SB asked if you needed planning permission for demolition. JC advised under the existing permission is a temporary planning permission, and as part of the conditions, that temporary planning permission allows for the removal of that structure once it's reached the end of its life. SB stated that the original building is red brick and asked if this was part of the hospital. BC stated it feeds into the existing accommodation and is a corridor access throughout the operational functionality. The stone plinth will remain.</p> <p>There were concerns raised about the height of the new pathology building, questioning the necessity of the tall first floor for laboratory purposes. Barry explained that the building includes two floors within the tall structure. The height of the 3 storey buildings next to the other buildings was suggested as looking messy. BC stated they've tried to work within the parameters set for the building. There was a query regarding having a view of the actual height of the building.</p> <p>Action: BC to add details of the height of new pathology building to the slide pack.</p> <p>There was a query whether it was appropriate to have a tree as presented in the drawings. BC advised this can be taken through the consultation, and advised that in terms of the tree scape, this is part of the application, the cost plan and the solution going forward. There will be further consultation and engagement for transparency and feedback before the plans are submitted in July 2025.</p> <p>DR advised that when the plan application is submitted, they will notify the people most directly affected by the application.</p>	BC
04/25	<p>The Christie Capital development update</p>	
	<p>BC updated on completed and ongoing capital developments. Full details are in the slides.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced Scanning Facility Development: BC provided an update on the advanced scanning facility development, including the design stage completion and ongoing survey activity to ensure smooth construction. • Linear Accelerator Replacement Programme: BC discussed the ongoing linear accelerator replacement programme, which aims to provide the most advanced radiotherapy equipment for Christie patients. • Nuclear Medicine Refurbishment: BC shared details of the nuclear medicine refurbishment project, which includes improved mechanical and electrical services, laboratory spaces, and general decor. 	
05/25	<p>Christie Charity owned buildings</p>	
	<p>BC advised that when the Northern Pathology development starts, contractors will use the Grange for parking and their welfare facilities including deliveries etc.</p> <p>Members highlighted the problems caused by contractors parking on local streets, which disrupts residents, adds to congestion. They stressed the need for contractors to adhere to designated parking areas and avoid parking on residential streets. Contractor's smoking and leaving rubbish on the streets is unacceptable, especially near a hospital treating cancer patients emphasising the importance of contractors using designated smoking areas and properly disposing of waste to maintain a clean and healthy environment. SP stated that it is important to The Christie on how we manage the contractors and understood the concerns raised.</p> <p>RG discussed the need for contractors to wear identifiable numbers on their jackets. This</p>	

	<p>measure will help in monitoring and ensuring compliance with regulations. The importance of enforcing these rules strictly was highlighted. RK suggested implementing a zero-tolerance policy for contractors who park inappropriately, like the approach used by Southway. He also recommended regular updates on contractor compliance.</p> <p>LH agreed that it was important from a Charity point of view and reputation to maintain good relations with the community. The charity relies on the goodwill of the community to raise funds.</p> <p>Action: BC to investigate City Build contractors parking on residential streets.</p> <p>LH advised that The Grange building will be maintained and preserved, with no plans for demolition. LH discussed the potential use of The Grange for patient accommodation, specifically for young patients undergoing Proton Beam therapy. The accommodation would provide a comfortable space for patients and their families to stay together during treatment, ensuring they have the support they need.</p> <p>LH discussed the possibility of using the Bridge Club site to potentially provide more parking spaces and alleviate some of the pressure on existing car parks, improving the overall parking situation at the Christie site.</p>	BC
06/25	Car Parking Zone	
	<p>PW provided the data for car parking from March, April and May 2025 although was unable to attend the meeting.</p> <p>AG stated that she'd received some feedback regarding parking issues and would update members accordingly.</p>	
07/25	Christie Car Parks update	
	<p>RG discussed the ongoing challenges with patient car park D advising it is often full by 09.30am every day. There are some issues with the electronic signage currently which should be operational by the end of next week. The car park team are not directing anyone to wait on the neighbouring roads or to queue, but this is not being adhered to. Some patients don't like parking in the multi-storey car park. They met with the council and discussed the current location of the bus stop and repainting of lines. Many patients are unable to use public transport due to their diagnosis and side effects of treatment. The 'White City' portacabins are going to be removed with the possibility of additional disabled car park spaces which would free up general spaces from car park D. The car parking attendants are working hard to contain the parking.</p> <p>Members discussed the importance of clear and visible signs to direct patients and visitors to available parking spaces and prevent queuing on local roads.</p> <p>Action: AS to investigate the line markings on Wilmslow Road being made clearer.</p> <p>SP mentioned that we have Christie@ at different hospital sites to help patients be treated nearer to home to try and keep the Withington site clearer. LH also highlighted the charity's efforts to provide services closer to home, such as bloods closer to home clinics and developments in Salford, Wigan, and Macclesfield. These initiatives aim to reduce the need for patients to travel to the Christie Withington site.</p> <p>SP mentioned the recent engagement with HS2 and the charge over the car park D site</p>	AS

	<p>which limits development options. This charge means that the site cannot be used for other purposes until HS2's plans are finalised.</p> <p>RK suggested having an opinion from highways on whether a traffic regulation order on Wilmslow Road would be necessary especially the right-hand turn.</p> <p>RK provided additional context on HS2's plans, explaining that the engagement is part of the Northern Powerhouse Rail project. He mentioned that HS2 is continuing to progress its bill and plans, even though there is no direct funding assigned to it by the Treasury. RK offered to connect SP with relevant contacts in the HS2 team to provide more detailed updates and information. This connection would help the Christie team stay informed about HS2's plans and any potential impacts on their site.</p>	
<p>08/25</p>	<p>Green Travel Plan</p>	
	<p>WB presented the Green Travel Plan, highlighting the NHS's commitment to net zero emissions and the collaborative efforts with other trusts to improve public transport and cycling infrastructure. The plan includes initiatives such as flexible working, cycle to work schemes, and electric fleet vehicles. He explained that the NHS is committed to achieving net zero emissions by 2040 for emissions it controls and by 2045 for emissions it influences. This commitment includes reducing emissions from energy use, business travel, procurement, and staff and patient travel. These efforts aim to make sustainable travel options more accessible and convenient for staff and patients, reducing the reliance on car travel.</p> <p>WB discussed the transition to electric fleet vehicles for the Christie at Home service, which delivers chemotherapy to patients' homes. The switch to electric vehicles has been successful, providing environmental and cost benefits, and is part of the broader strategy to reduce emissions from business travel.</p> <p>WB emphasised the need for investment in public transport and cycling infrastructure in the Withington area. The Christie is working with the Withington Village Regeneration Partnership to lobby for improvements.</p> <p>Action: WB to present the Green Travel Plan at the next meeting to answer any questions following the meeting on 3 June 2025.</p>	<p>WB</p>
<p>09/25</p>	<p>Any other business</p>	
	<p>None.</p>	
	<p>Date and time of next meetings 2025:</p> <p>2 September 2 December</p> <p>5.30pm to 7pm via Microsoft Teams & Meeting rooms 54-00-104 and 54-00-105 in the Paterson Building, The Christie Hospital.</p>	