# **Caring for the Community - Place, People and Partnerships**

### A. Original Vision and Objectives

In 2016 the Grange Farm Steering Group (GFSG) set out its hopes and aspirations for this
once in a lifetime redevelopment of their neighbourhood. In addition, the GFSG worked with
the Council to develop a draft Neighbourhood Agreement to raise the standard of service
delivery.

#### B. A New Vision - Place, People and Partners

- 2. The lockdown has offered a period of reflection and also a desire to ensure all the goodwill generated is not lost post Covid-19. In this light, the vision has been strengthened under three themes for the redevelopment of the neighbourhood:
  - **PLACE:** A beautiful place where people love to live, work and play.
  - **PEOPLE:** We before Me. Working together for the greater community good.
  - **PARTNERS:** Partnerships that help bring the community together.
- 3. The Grange Farm vision relates back to the Harrow Ambition Plan 2019:
  - Building a Better Harrow: affordable and quality homes.
  - Supporting Those Most in Need: empower residents to maintain their well-being.
  - Protecting Vital Public Services: education, strong community sector, and safe borough.
  - Delivering a Strong Local Economy for All: improve job and businesses opportunities.
  - Modernising the Council: VFM services, use technology and reduce carbon footprint.
- 4. The things that will help make Grange Farm a great place:

#### **PLACE**

- 1. Quality design and tenure blind
- 2. Affordable and energy efficient homes
- 3. Attractive and functional green spaces and play areas
- 4. Low defects, a reduced level of reactive repairs and planned maintenance programme
- 5. Security, resident safety, controlled parking and a waste management plan
- 6. A development that is integrated into the wider South Harrow neighbourhood

## PEOPLE

- 1. Community Champions, mentoring and professional support
- 2. Creating prosperity through enhanced education, training, work and volunteering opportunities
- 3. Well-being (Harrow Vitality Profile) through health, fitness and digital inclusion
- 5. Sense of belonging through shared stories, histories, social events and mutual support/respect
- 6. Campaigning, fundraising and creating community cohesion

#### **PARTNERS**

- 1. Integrated management for services across all tenures
- 2. Tenancy sustainment and enforcement
- 3. Tackling poverty
- 4. Creating businesses and social enterprises
- 5. Community Hub as a creative space for ideas and start-ups
- 6. Support for residents to control, manage and own projects and services to raise self-confidence and valuing talent

## C. Next Steps

To work with stakeholders to agree:

- the relevance of the priorities identified in section 4 above,
- realistic targets, and
- devise a SMART 3 Year Action Plan for the neighbourhood, which will also reflect performance against the:
  - Harrow Vitality Profiles, e.g. crime, economy, education, environment, deprivation, health indices and social care, and
  - Harrow Ambition Plan 2019.