

**LEE GREEN LOCAL ASSEMBLY
MEETING**
Tuesday 13 June 2017 7.30pm – 9.30pm
Trinity Church of England Secondary School
Taunton Road, London SE12

Record of Meeting

	Items	Actions
1	Welcome, Introduction & Format of meeting	
	Cllr Jim Mallory welcomed everyone to the meeting and went through the agenda for the meeting.	
2	Update from the Police Safer Neighbourhood Team	
	<p>PC Mitchell Oates from the Lee Green Police Safer Neighbourhood Team provided a general update on the works their team have been doing lately across the ward.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The team has been dealing with a spate of antisocial behaviour. Youth on bike vandalising properties, causing criminal damages to cars, riding dangerously on roads and intimidating residents. Some of these incidents has been witnessed by officers from the team and captured on body cameras. • Some of the youth involved in some of the acts has been identified by the police who have managed to stop them. • Received reports of around 30 incidents relating to antisocial behaviour in Lee Green area over a 12 weeks period. Some of the affected areas includes Taunton Road, Southbrook Road and Hither Green end of the ward around Staplehurst Road. This has involves youth on bikes speeding down the wrong side of the road and causing general disturbance. • Going around the ward in unmarked patrol cars, plain clothe to try and combat the problem. • An operation to deal with the this specific issues is planned for the 21st and 23rd. This would involve plain clothe patrol and confiscating the bikes used in some of these activities. • Residents are encouraged to telephone the 101 number to report any crime in the area rather than leaving messages on the ward telephone number. This will ensure that reported matters are dealt with promptly particularly when the team are on off-days. • A question was raised about whether the team has any plans to re-introduce the smart water kit scheme in areas prone to burglary. It was explained that it is possible that this will be rolled out across the borough eventually, but at present the kit are only issued out to areas which has presented a case and requested for the kit. 	
3	Feedback from Mayfield Court proposed housing development	

	<p>Two officers from the Council regeneration section reported back on the feedback collected from the public consultation conducted in April to get residents views on the proposed development on the current site of Mayfield Court.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lewisham Homes are working in partnership with the Council to look at opportunities for delivery new Council homes at the current site of Mayfield Court. • Consultation is still open and people are encouraged to complete and give their comments on the online survey. • The first public consultation was held on 27th April 2017 when some initial ideas about what could potentially happen on this site were provided for residents viewing. • The Council are currently reviewing the feedback collected at the event and online and testing some design options based on the feedback received so far. • In areas where there has been common issues or categories of things, a frequently questions answer sheet would be drawn up. This will be posted on the Council website and circulated to people on the assembly mailing list. • Some of the key feedback received at the consultation includes, issues with the height of the rear of the block adjacent to Pitfold Close, proximity to the boundary at the rear, the potential loss of trees, the amount of amenity space that would be provided for residents, parking facilities and proposed construction methods. • In response to the feedback collected from the event, an alternative idea has been drawn up. This idea showed a reduction in the rear of the boundary block from 3 to 2 stories, pull back the of the rear boundaries, retaining the trees along the boundaries and creating more amenities space for residents. • What will happen next: the council will be testing different design options, circulate the frequently asked question sheets, plan further design consultation event with the next one happening at the end of July, return to the assembly at a future date before planning application is submitted. • People were encouraged to continue to send their comments and feedback. 	
4	Manor House and Community Library	
	<p>A presentation by the director of V22, the organisation contracted by the Council to manage the library and the building resource was cancelled at the last minute due to urgent childcare issues. Cllr</p>	

	<p>Mallory provided an updated to the meeting as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The library is up and running on all core hours of the week. • V22 has managed to pull a bank of 50 volunteers on rotation duties for the library • Community groups has been granted access for the use of the Baring Room and another room. However there are still ongoing talks to explore flexibility around out of hours usage in the evenings. • Since the last Assembly, members of the working group has held a meeting with representative from V22 to discuss ways in which the community can access the facilities more excessively. • People were encouraged to raise any issues they may have which the working group can present to the contractors at their next meeting • The chair promised that a more detailed briefing on the new arrangements and structure would be made available for residents. A copy will also be uploaded onto the Assembly website. 	
5	Assembly Local Plan Review	
	<p>An explanation on the summary report of the review of the Assembly Local Plan was provided to the meeting. These priorities were developed from feedback collected from consultation with the assembly and other sources. The priorities for last year focused on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing services for local people through Lee Green Lives • Improving parks, green spaces and streets • Changing conservation, representing Assembly members views on proposed development in the ward and protecting heritage • Protecting library services • Exploring ways of working together effectively through the development of a local consortium. <p>Some of the summary highlight of the plan also reflect on the recent road improvement programme on Manor Lane an issue pushed forward by the Assembly with support from local people, the new library provision and the development of the a local consortium aimed at sharing talents, supporting each other and developing bids for funding should the situation arise where funding from the Assembly ceased to exist.</p> <p>The Assembly was consulted on what should be included in the plan for 2017-18 at the February meeting. The feedback collected shows a number of issues that still matters to people in the area and two new emerging issues. These were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic and pollution – traffic speed and rat running • Parking in areas without restrictions, causing problems for residents • Environment – parks, green spaces, neglected or empty building, community gardens and streets, • Community Services – Community centre and community events that brings people together. Two new entries to the plan are: 	

- Antisocial behaviour and crime
- Transport links and accessible railway station in the ward

The Assembly is asked by show of hand to agree the above listed priorities. There was a unanimous support to adopt these priorities for the assembly to work on this year.

Parking in areas without restriction in Lee Green

A local resident representing residents to the East of Burnt Ash Road affected by this issue was invited, to address the assembly on the survey and report produced on this concern. The report shows:

- An outline of what has happened until now was highlighted, this include
- Evidence of how bad rat run and commuters parking has become in the area
- How the above two things can be linked
- How solutions proposed will benefit the wider network of streets and finally
- An outline the proposal

What has been done so far

- Around 500 homes leaflet and completed an online survey
- Presented the findings collected from the survey to officers at Lewisham Council, Lee Forum, and London Living Streets and gave talks to local cub and scout groups – all this in six weeks.
- Produced a detailed report drawn up two specific proposals which the assembly is asked to vote in support.

Evidence / Findings

- The introduction of the Lee Green West CPZ and parking controls around Kidbrooke Station have resulted in dangerous levels of commuter parking on streets to the East of Burnt Ash Hill.
- Cars are parked across driveways in a way that compromises safe sight lines. A potential issues arising from this is the increased speeds as cars and vans race to avoid meeting oncoming vehicles
- Most of the areas affected were excluded from the CPZ consultation in July 2014 and were never consulted on parking.
- Using pollution data collected by Kings College London in 2013 attempt were made to track the streets used as rat runs. Findings shows that all the households in the affected area experience annual average nitrogen dioxide levels of $40\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ – $40\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ being the EU limit for the protection of human health.
- Findings from the traffic survey conducted – one at Clifton's Roundabout (at around 7 o'clock one weekday morning) found that 57% - much more than half - of all cars and vans travelling

towards Lewisham Borough on the A20 chose to enter a rat run at Abergeldie Road and the small service road alongside Westhorne Avenue

- The rat run usually ends back at the A20 at Lee High Road (at the Manor Park junction) or at Ennersdale Road to chase through Ladywell and back to the South Circular – three successive traffic surveys showed that over 700 cars and vans an hour at the busiest times of the day use Upwood Road as a cut through.

The meeting is therefore asked to adopt the following two statements:

1. That due to the urgent and acute issues of safety and access, Lewisham Council include those street with no parking restriction East of Burnt Ash Road in the 2017/2018 CPZ Consultation Programme
2. That Lewisham Council work with the Royal Borough of Greenwich and Transport for London to resolve the issues of rat-running, road safety and pollution.

The Majority of people present at the meeting overwhelmingly support the above statements. Further information on the findings can also be found on **Livelee.org**.

Next step: The statements will be presented to the Council Transport officer for their comment and a report on the responses received will be made available at the next Assembly meeting

A Greenwich resident was invited to address the assembly on plans for the development of a free school in near the Le Cross Road and how this might further add pressure to the limited spaces of unrestricted parking in area. Lewisham Council will be consulted on the plans when they are available. For those residents enduring the long standing parking issues currently, it was said that this issue would be further worsen if the plans for the school goes ahead. It was also reported that the school have conducted a feasibility study of free parking facilities in the area, and have identified key spots in Leyland Road and Cambridge Road. The reasons for this was that when the school is built it will only have 28 spaces to cater for around its 765 pupils and 75 staff. The proposal is to have 25 staff park at the school. There are no provisions for parental drop off and pick-ups. It is propose that the school will open from 7.30am for breakfast club and would remain open till 6pm.

The government in its campaign for free schools encourages them to open their facilities for community usage. There are concerns that residents in the area adjoining area would be faced with further

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	parking inconvenience until late in the evening from visitors using the sport facilities on the premises.	
6	Assembly Showcase at Manor House	
	A number of community groups has been working together to showcase their work at the Manor House Festival. The Assembly will have a tent at the Festival scheduled for Saturday 24 th June where people can find out about the works of community groups in the area. Members from the group will be on hand to explain what they do plus you can also find out about volunteering opportunities available in the area. The Assembly has produced a showcase booklet which contained information about all local groups and organisations which would be available at the event for people to take away. In addition, the assembly website is being updated with a directory of contacts of all community groups in Lee Green area.	
7	Community updates and any other business	
a	<p>Smart benches</p> <p>The chaired directed people to read the briefing note on Smart Benches provided in the meeting pack. The Council wish to extend the scheme to Lee Green. Lewisham Council has negotiated an agreement with an organisation called Strawberry Energy to install these benches in areas across the borough. The benches uses solar energy to offer free charging point and free wifi for mobile devices. Suggestions of possible sites where the benches can be installed in Lee Green were invited from the floor.</p> <p>Some sites has already been considered in Lee Green. These were the junction of Taunton Road and Burnt Ash Road and on Burnt Ash Hill near Woodyates Road. Further ideas can be sent to the officer responsible for the scheme, Martin O'Brien, by emailing Martin.O'brien@lewisham.gov.uk. People may also send their suggestion to their Councillors who will forward them to Martin.</p> <p>A point was made about a potential security issue in the light of recent spate of antisocial behaviour in the area. The concern was highlighted that the benches could encourage youth congregating in the area. A suggestions was proposed to perhaps have the benches installed near community centre or shops. The Centre or shops can host the device thus providing some form of ownership. Another possibilities was to have the device provision in the new developments proposed for the top of Burnt Ash Hill. Ade is asked to remind Cllrs to submit these suggestions to Martin.</p>	Ade / Cllr Mallory
b	<p>Assembly 2017-18 fund</p> <p>The chair directed people to the briefing note included in the meeting pack explaining the Assembly fund. The briefing note provided how much is available and a list of the projects funded from last year allocation. Local groups and organisation were therefore encouraged to come forward with ideas for projects which the fund can be spent on. Similar to previous years, the Cllrs' discretionary fund would be added to the assembly allocation to create a larger pot. The decision</p>	

<p>c</p>	<p>on how the fund is allocated lies with the assembly.</p> <p>Leegate Development Some information has come forward in recent days from St Modwen confirming the withdrawal of ASDA from the proposed Leegate development scheme. By removing the dominant large food store, the scheme would now provide the flexibility to redesign the outdoor public space and an increase in the amount of housing provision on the site. The company intend to write to all stakeholders including local residents with an invitation to attend a public consultation where an alternative scheme proposal would be unveil.</p> <p>The question was asked about whether the working group set up by the assembly to progress this matter would be reconvening soon. Cllr Mallory explained that members of the working group would be updated on the latest development following which a meeting of the working group with St Modwen would be arranged.</p> <p>Another question was also raised about whether the empty units at the would be re-let on short lease. It was reported that St Modwen have been leasing some of the units lately on a 2-4 years contracts with a one year breaking clause.</p>	<p>Cllr Mallory</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>Declaration of interest</p>	
	<p>There were no interest declared at this meeting.</p>	