

Barnes, East Sheen, Mortlake and Barnes Common Community Conversation

Date: Tuesday 28 July 2020

Time: 6.30 - 8.00pm

Venue: Zoom

Ward members in attendance

Barnes

Cllr Brandreth - Joint Deputy Leader of the Conservative Party
Cllr Hodgins - Leader of the Opposition and Conservative Party
Cllr Palmer - Vice-chair, Regulatory Committee Conservative Party

East Sheen

Cllr Cambridge
Cllr Joyce
Cllr Marcel

Mortlake and Barnes Common

Cllr Avon
Cllr Bridges-Wescott
Cllr Curran

Chair: Cllr Roberts

Agenda Item One: LBRUT Covid 19 Response Video

Agenda Item Two: Ward Achievements

Agenda Item Three: Local Area Fund Video

Agenda Item Four: Question and Answers from the floor

Agenda Item One: LBRUT Covid 19 Response Video

Agenda Item two: Achievements

| Headline Topic: Ward Achievements | |
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| Councillor | Achievements |
| All Cllrs | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Thank you to the OSO, FiSH, Mortlake Community Association and Castelnau Community Centre for all of their support during Covid'19. Residents have been fantastic at volunteering and supporting their communities too. |

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| Cllr Hodgins | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hammersmith Bridge Closure - TfL have put the major re-strengthen of the bridge on hold, whilst they review their finances with central government. Bridge for pedestrians and cyclists looking like 2021 |
| Cllr Cambridge | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has been dealing with ASB along the border with Richmond Park, and issues with cycling, parking and toilets not being open during lockdown. |
| Cllr Joyce | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Busy doing ASB patrols in East Sheen, spoke to beggars from Hammersmith. Reporting fly-tipping. Royal Parks movement strategy is open to all cyclist until the end of this week. School streets is working well. |
| Cllr Marcel | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walking the streets to talk to businesses and support them when they can re-open. Businesses are struggling, some have adapted by doing takeaways. Play area near Sheen Common woods is coming along, though we will need additional funding Complaints re beggars that are not homeless people. |
| Cllr Avon | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We need to address and adjust accordingly post lockdown; we are addressing 'pinch points' across the borough such as pavement space. Stag Brewery has been called in by the Mayor which we are concerned about. Issues around Chalkers Corner and transport infrastructure. |
| Cllr Bridges-Wescott | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Looking at tactile pavements and lighting around the train station |
| Cllr Curran | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Been working on waste collection services and the easing in of the new contractors. Dealing with issues along the tow path with people drinking along it. |

Agenda Item Three: Local Area Fund Video

Agenda Item Four: Question and Answers from the floor

| Headline Topic Phone Masts | |
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| Question 1 | 2 Phone masts were recently refused by officers. The prime minister has just declared that masts no longer need planning permission. Will the council offer an article 4 direction, so masts will still require planning permission? |
| Response | <p>Cllr Hodgins: My understanding is the new rules are around 5G and that new masts still require planning permission. Where masts already exist, taller 5G masts can be replaced. Government still need to do a technical consultation on this. The Council are looking into whether an article 4 direction would work.</p> <p>Cllr Marcel: This relates to 5G, which we need, but not at the expense of infrastructure. Grey area if it is a Huawei mast due to government concerns.</p> <p>Cllr Cambridge: I did put in a letter against these masts as residents asked me to.</p> |

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| Supplementary comment | |
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| Headline Topic Upper Richmond Road and Sheen Lane Crossing | |
| Question 2 | Upper Richmond Road and Sheen Lane crossing, a car crashed into a traffic light recently. This is a dangerous area. I know it is a TfL road, but they aren't listening to me. What are the Council doing about this? |
| Response | Cllr Cambridge: I haven't got an answer back from TfL yet, I will let you know when I do. We are waiting on TfL's change to this area. Cllr Marcel: We have been lobbying TfL for 8 years about this dangerous junction. TfL's plans for the area are to improve it. Originally plans were due to develop this area May 2021, not too sure if there will be a delay due to Covid. No response from TfL at the moment. Cllr Joyce: Cllrs met with TfL last February, option of a yellow box junction is not on the cards. |
| Supplementary question | Could Sheen Lane become a pedestrianised area? |
| Response | Cllr Joyce: Where would the dis-placed traffic go? It would impact the already congested Upper Richmond Road. Good idea, but not practical. |
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| Headline Topic Traffic Strategy | |
| Question 3 | How do residents influence the traffic strategy and how people move around our borough? Is there a focus on a 'green recovery'? |
| Response | Cllr Hodgins: Please speak to your Ward Cllrs about what you would like to see regarding how people move around our borough. There is a lead member and officers at the council are working on various strategies such as air quality, a greener borough and transport movement. Cllr Joyce: It would be good to have an independent traffic review across the whole borough. |
| Supplementary question | |
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| Headline Topic: Register of Empty Shops | |
| Question 4 | Is there any opportunity for a register of empty shops that local businesses could use as pop up shops? (East Sheen) |
| Response | Cllr Bridge-Wescott: We are doing Ward walks with Cllr Baker, we can discuss this. Cllr Marcel: This is a brilliant idea, especially currently. We need to look to see if landlords require special permission in order to do this. |
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| Headline Topic: Milestone Green TfL Plans | |
| Question 5 | What is the best way to get the plans from TfL for Milestone Green? We need to have a proper consultation around this. |
| Response | Cllr Joyce: We assume the project manager for this is currently on furlough. There will need to be a large area consultation around this. Plans are still subject to the traffic engineer's approval. |
| Supplementary Question | |
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| Headline Topic: Hammersmith Bridge and Stag Brewery Development | |
| Question 6 | Hammersmith Bridge and Stag Brewery Development – can we build a jetty to remove the rubble from the site? The roads cannot cope with the extra lorries needed for this development. |
| Response | Cllr Curran: This was raised during the planning application – concerns from the London Port Authority as the river is very shallow at this point and barges are very deep. Cllr Avon: It is very frustrating that we can't join up all planning applications in the area – Barnes Hospital, Stag Brewery, Hammersmith Bridge etc will all have a detrimental affect on travel and transport in our area. We need to look at this further. |
| Supplementary question | |
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| Headline Topic: Richmond Park's Closure to Traffic | |
| Question 8 | What is being done about Richmond Park's closure to traffic |
| Response | Cllr Joyce: The Royal Parks could do better at communicating with us. We are currently in limbo regarding what their plans are for vehicles. |