



## Teddington and Hampton Wick Community Conversation

**Date:** Mon 5 November      **Time:** 6.30 – 9.00pm      **Venue:** Teddington Methodist Church and Community Centre

### Ward members in Attendance

- Cllr Richard Baker: Teddington, Liberal Democrat Party
- Cllr Martin Elengorn: Teddington, Liberal Democrat Party, Cabinet Member for the Environment, Planning and Sustainability
- Cllr Tim Woodcock: Teddington, Liberal Democrat Party
- Cllr Dylan Baxendale: Hampton Wick, Green Party
- Cllr Robin Brown: Hampton Wick, Liberal Democrat Party, Cabinet Member for Finance and Performance
- Cllr Jim Millard: Hampton Wick, Liberal Democrat Party

Headline Topic – Bridge in Kings River garden	
<b>Question 1</b>	The feasibility study of a cycle / pedestrian bridge includes the option of putting it in the gardens of Kings River. Is this likely to happen.
<b>Response</b>	Having looked at the report, Twickenham is the preferred option for the bridge, so it is highly unlikely to happen in this area. There is no money allocated to this anyway.
<b>Response</b>	Resident: Broom Park homeowners have signed a convent that says no cycling in the grounds – this will get in the way of the bridge anyway.
<b>Response</b>	It depends if the bridge would be on private land.
<b>Response</b>	Resident: Can we remove the bridge from the consultation if it is going to be in Twickenham?
<b>Response</b>	No, the information for the consultation is already all out of there.

<b>Response</b>	If we are selling our house and someone does a public search, will this proposed bridge show up?	
	I don't know, but we cannot stop public searches. This document has no material planning significance.	
<b>Headline Topic – Udney Park Playing Fields</b>		
<b>Question 2</b>	Please can the Council consider making the necessary commitment to apply urgently to have Udney Park Playing Fields designated as SMINC (Site of Metropolitan Importance for Nature Conservation)	
<b>Response</b>	The council will resist this planning proposal and the Major of London supports us. This land is in private ownership so not really a site for LP15, however it is a bat corridor and we will review the Local Plan to reflect this.	
<b>Action to be taken</b>	Review Local plan and add in bat corridor.	<b>By whom:</b> Cllr Elengorn
<b>Headline Topic – Teddington Explorer Scouts</b>		
<b>Question 3</b>	I help to run a group of Explorer scouts in Teddington that are aged 14-17 years. Is there a community project on a Wednesday evening we could get involved with or help the community on some occasions?	
<b>Response</b>	Officers suggest that they contact RCVS or SWLEN to see what volunteering opportunities exist. Teddington society have said to put them in touch with them.	
<b>Action to be taken</b>	Put the scouts in touch with the Teddington Society	<b>By whom:</b> Cllr Woodcock
<b>Headline Topic - Teddington Christmas Lights Switch On</b>		
<b>Question 4</b>	Is it true that the Teddington Christmas Lights Switch On has been cancelled?	
<b>Response</b>	We can confirm that the popular Christmas Lights event on the High Street will go on, following a meeting with ward councillors, officers, cabinet members and local businesses.	
<b>Headline Topic – Protection for garden environments</b>		
<b>Question 5</b>	Please may we seek protection for local garden environments? Planning makes more consideration for the front of properties than the rear. A local garden was recently destroyed, it had established trees and planting which supported wildlife.	
<b>Response</b>	Re-vamping rear gardens is permitted development, without a Tree Possession Order (TPO) there isn't a lot that we can do about this unfortunately. The council can get a temporary TPO overnight, which will have to be confirmed later. The only exception is that fruit trees don't normally get TPO's.	
<b>Headline Topic – Flood protection</b>		
<b>Question 6</b>	It is suggested that up to 500 homes in Hampton Wick and Teddington could be flooded in a major Thames flood. Has the Council, the police, the NHS and the LFB held a joint exercise to test the plans for the safe evacuation of residents, the use	

	of rest centres, the protection of property (possible looting) etc and will the Council and other agencies collectively publish the outcomes of the joint exercise to reassure the residents who live along the river. Did the Council take part in the Environment Agency exercise on the 18th October?	
<b>Response</b>	The Council, police, NHS and LFB took part in a joint exercise in 2016 as part of a sub-regional resilience forum workshop organised by London Resilience. In addition to this, flood planning is examined annually when the Multi-Agency Flood Plan is reviewed by the Borough Resilience Forum; this comprises representatives from all the emergency services, the Environment Agency, the RNLI, Coastguard and the Port of London Authority. The plan, which details learning from exercises, was last reviewed by the BRF in April, the next review is due next April. We did not receive an invitation to participate in the exercise held 18th October; however, we do work with the EA when possible and will be participating in their 2018 Flood Action Campaign in the coming months.	
<b>Headline Topic – Teddington High Street Poppies</b>		
<b>Question 7</b>	Why did the poppies along Teddington High Street end at the rail bridge and not extend along Broad Street?	
<b>Response</b>	The poppies have been put up by the local business association. The council doesn't pay for them; however, it does donate funding to every high street in the borough for community activities, including Christmas lights. If local traders would like more poppies – to speak to their local association.	
<b>Response</b>	Resident: The poppies are free from the RBL, but we are only given so many. Business with flag poles will be flying flags.	
<b>Response</b>	The High Street and Broad Street have two different associations, they need to have a better relationship.	
<b>Actions to be Taken</b>	CLlr Blake to work with both associations for Christmas and poppy day.	<b>By whom:</b> CLlr Blake
<b>Headline Topic: North Lane East Car Park</b>		
<b>Question 8</b>	What are the plans for the appalling eyesore at the North Lane East Car Park, just off Broad Street? The hoarding is falling and graffitied, fly-tipping and anti-social behaviour takes place. There is a need for electric car charging points and secure bicycle storage in the area, alongside seating for the many office workers buying lunch from Broad Street. Could these requirements be incorporated into a refurbished car-park for the centre of Teddington?	
<b>Response</b>	The site is part of a wider strategic property review in Teddington and is still under review. We are looking at the North Lane car park, Elleray Hall and the Police station, though nothing happening immediately. The council are looking at installing new charge points across the borough with installations planned to take place end of this year- beginning of 2019.	
<b>Headline Topic – Heathrow 3<sup>rd</sup> runway</b>		
<b>Question 9</b>	Heathrow – what is happening with the 3 <sup>rd</sup> runway opposition plans	

<b>Response</b>	All council parties are against the 3rd runway. We're fighting hard and will continue to do so.
<b>Headline Topic: Recycling and fly tipping</b>	
<b>Question 10</b>	Will the council be changing current recycling and bin collections? Less frequent collections may cause more people to fly tip.
<b>Response</b>	We will stick to the current proposals for now. There is not much difference in cost, a saving of about £5 per house per year if we went to less frequent bin collections. Please report frequent areas of fly tipping. The council's mobile CCTV unit has caught and prosecuted fly tippers.
<b>Headline Topic: Global warming and carbon consumption</b>	
<b>Question 11</b>	What are the councils plans to go carbon neutral? The government target is 12 years.
	The council feels very strongly about this, but it will take time. We are starting by looking at the council's own buildings. We all need to look at what we are doing about this. We have all left it too late. We will look back at the Lib Dem's original climate change strategy and build on this.
<b>Headline Topic – Teddington Hub and Elleray Hall</b>	
<b>Question 12</b>	What happened with the Teddington Hub and Elleray Hall proposals? The consultation results weren't published.
<b>Response</b>	The Teddington Hub proposal wasn't very popular. We will investigate new proposals for this area, talking to trustees and relevant parties. Perhaps a GP surgery on this site too?
<b>Headline Topic – Hampton to Shepperton Train Issues</b>	
<b>Question 13</b>	The South Western (SWT) train service from Hampton to Shepperton Train is shocking. This was on the Lib Dem manifesto – what is happening with this?
<b>Response</b>	Vince Cable has written to SWT. We are aware of the issues and are raising them with SWT.
<b>Headline Topic – Community Fund</b>	
<b>Question 14</b>	In what form will the Community Fund take and when will the next round be launched.
<b>Response</b>	A new paper went to scrutiny this week. Cllr Wilson is hoping the next round of funding will be around May / June 2019.
<b>Headline Topic – Young people and mental health</b>	
<b>Question 15</b>	What are the council doing about promoting mental health in young people?
<b>Response</b>	The NHS are responsible, but the council works in partnership with charities such as Off the Record that support young people. We are aware of issues such as risky behaviour, stress and substance misuse and have discussed this with partners.
<b>Headline Topic – Cross Rail 2</b>	
<b>Question</b>	Cross Rail 2 means that 8-12 trains per hour will arrive at Teddington train station. There will be no improvement to us as 50% will turn around at Strawberry Hill station.

<b>Response</b>	The latest is that Network Rail have vetoed the idea with pressure from Vince Cable.	
<b>Headline Topic - State of pavements after bin and recycling collections</b>		
<b>Question 16</b>	The pavements are left in a disgraceful state after bin and recycling collections with rubbish everywhere. What is being done about this?	
<b>Response</b>	The council are aware of this and are monitoring the situation, we are receiving less complaints now. The lorries are out of date. We will shortly be renewing the contracts and will be discussing this. You can buy nets for the bins.	
<b>Headline Topic – St Marys plans for Broom Road</b>		
<b>Question 17</b>	What is the update on St Marys plans to move their sports to Broom Road, the potential addition of flats and the traffic issues associated with this.	
<b>Response</b>	We haven't heard anything from St Marys since the consultations preferred option was to move the running tracks. Traffic would have been taking into account when planning was approved. We are keeping an eye on this.	
<b>Headline Topic – Lifts at Teddington Train Station</b>		
<b>Question 18</b>	Is Teddington Train Station getting a lift?	
<b>Response</b>	Vince Cable checks this regularly. The lift should be installed by March 2020. We are also strongly campaigning for a lift at Hampton Wick Station as well and have made very strong representations to SWT for this.	
<b>Headline Topic – Full of Life Fair</b>		
<b>Question 19</b>	The Full of Life Fair is a very good event but was let down as the brochure had no reference to access arrangements IE the courtesy bus and disability parking.	
<b>Response</b>		
<b>Actions to be taken</b>	We will take this onboard and feed it back to officers.	<b>By whom:</b> Cllr Wilson

### 20mph consultation questions

<b>Headline Topic - 20mph enforcement</b>		
<b>Question 1</b>	How will the council enforce 20mph when 30mph can't be enforced?	
<b>Response</b>	It is the police's job to enforce speed limits. We want to use the community road watch scheme with the police to target certain areas. Having 20mph signs reduces drivers speed by 1 – 2 miles anyway.	

<b>Headline Topic – Slower speeds means more air pollution</b>	
<b>Question 2</b>	Slower speeds mean up to 50% more air pollution. The only way to decrease air quality is via a model shift meaning that people stop using their cars.
<b>Response</b>	Experts on air quality said the 20mph prospect will decrease air pollutants.
<b>Response</b>	People in Teddington already do walk and cycle – 20mph won't cause a model shift. Aviation gloom and air pollution is bad here and walking and cycling in it is bad for our health.
<b>Headline Topic – What about accidents in Teddington?</b>	
<b>Question 3</b>	There aren't that many accidents in Teddington.
	Accidents happen on the major distribution roads. We will put together a map of accidents on roads across the borough. 20mph is a borough wide initiative.
<b>Action to be taken</b>	Put together a map of accidents on roads across the borough including Teddington. <b>By whom:</b> Cllr Ehmann
<b>Headline Topic – Selective use of information in the presentation</b>	
<b>Question 4</b>	You are using selective information. Police information over the last 10 years has shown that accidents have gone down from 100 – 36. It is only in the last 2/3 years that accidents have gone up. Why is this? A I'm committed to mobile shift.
<b>Response</b>	We have used the latest data. Officers wanted to produce a 'neutral' document and not deluge residents with too much information, so we have only used the last few years data.
<b>Response</b>	Resident: Why have accidents doubled in the last 3 years?
<b>Response</b>	There are no accidents that are not affected by speed. 20mph across the borough will help to alleviate accidents and their severity.
<b>Headline Topic – 20mph is too slow</b>	
<b>Question 5</b>	20mph is too slow – people in this borough aren't all law breakers.
<b>Response</b>	It will be clear what the mph is and if residents back this then that's it.
<b>Headline Topic – Will TfL introduce 20mph on the A316 and A205</b>	
<b>Question 6</b>	20mph is a great proposal – will TfL introduce this across the A316 A205 etc.
<b>Response</b>	TfL would like to implement this, and the Mayor of London would also like to see 20mph across London.
<b>Headline Topic - Definition of accidents</b>	
<b>Question 7</b>	The MET changed the definition of a serious and less serious accident in September 2016. Can you amend the figures to show the seriousness of accidents across the borough?

<b>Response</b>	Officers have already looked at this in detail. The overall accidents and injuries have remained the same. Think this was TfL not the MET.	
<b>Headline Topic – Potential conflict between cyclists and vehicles</b>		
<b>Question 8</b>	20mph on some roads is welcome. I worry about cyclists that are cycling too fast and the potential conflict that this will cause. Delivery vans and couriers are bad.	
<b>Response</b>	I don't expect that people across the borough are cycling 20mph consistently. This proposal will make the roads less hostile. We want more people on bikes.	
<b>Headline Topic – Children being driven to school</b>		
<b>Question 9</b>	I've lived in Teddington all my life and have seen an increase in the number of children being driven to school. This is not a good thing. A less hostile environment on the roads is good.	
<b>Response</b>	Only a 1/3 of schools have a travel plan – we need to work with parents and schools on this.	
<b>Response</b>	Resident: I agree with the 20mph but must point out that schools need to give firm cycling lessons. Kids are dangerous cyclist – schools need to take more responsibility.	
<b>Action to be taken</b>	Work with schools and parents to develop school travel plans.	<b>By whom:</b> Cllr Ehmann
	Fatalities and serious injuries – not casual ones. A We put out the latest data available – 2016 – 2017	
<b>Headline Topic – 20mph does not cause less accidents</b>		
<b>Question 10</b>	The data is selective and bias – it depends on the assumption that 20mph causes less accidents – it doesn't.	
<b>Response</b>	20mph is an established level of speed for costs and benefits. Bath and Manchester are the only examples of a poor effect after implementing 20mph.	
<b>Headline Topic: How are you going to decide on this - Is this a transparent process?</b>		
<b>Question 11</b>	How are you going to decide on this - Is this a transparent process?	
<b>Response</b>	The Liberal Democrats had 20mph as a manifesto pledge and we have carried out extensive consultation on this. We will look at the results and make a decision.	
<b>Headline Topic – Where has the traffic counter gone on the Twickenham Road</b>		
<b>Question 12</b>	I live on the Twickenham Road, there are limited places to cross and people drive too fast. People won't stick to the 20mph limit. Where has the counter for traffic gone?	
<b>Response</b>	People will voluntarily stick to 20mph. It's easier to have a blanket 20mph across the borough rather than only certain roads.	
<b>Action to be taken</b>	Ask officers why the traffic counter was removed.	<b>By whom:</b> Cllr Ehmann

<b>Headline Topic – Speed cameras</b>	
<b>Question 13</b>	Speed cameras – are we going to get more with a nice revenue for the council?
<b>Response</b>	I can say that we will not introduce a new revenue stream under the 20mph initiative. If residents want traffic calming measures, we will investigate this. We are confident that this will reduce speeds without needing any added measures.