

# Mortlake and Barnes Common and East Sheen Wards Community Conversation

## Ward/s: Mortlake and Barnes Common and East Sheen

Date: Wed 25 September 2019

Time: 6.30 – 9.00pm

Venue: All Saints Church, SW14 8AX

### Ward members:

#### East Sheen

- Cllr Julia Cambridge
- Cllr Seamus Joyce
- Cllr Brian Marcel

#### Mortlake and Barnes Common

- Cllr Paul Avon
- Cllr Alice Bridges-Westcott
- Cllr Gemma Curran

Chair: Emma Robinson, Barnes Town Centre Manager

### Agenda Item One: Achievements

Headline Topic: Ward Achievements	
East Sheen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cllr Curran: Hammersmith Bridge closure – worked with Ward Councillors, residents and local groups to get TfL to reinstate the 209 bus route. The 208 to Putney has been kept as well.</li><li>• Cllr Avon: Worked to install the footbridge on White Hart Lane with support from Network Rail. Working with residents to fight the Barnes Hospital planning application which was approved by the Planning Committee. Currently working to protect the mature trees around Chertsey Court.</li></ul>

<p><b>Mortlake and Barnes Common</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Bridges-Wescott: Lighting audit around all the stations and keeping the pavements clear.</li> <li>• Cllr Joyce: Working with the Royal Park's to reduce vans using Richmond Park. Dealing with ASB cases. Working on the anti-idling campaign. Proposed Low Traffic Neighbourhood in East Sheen consultation which finishes on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September, please take part in this.</li> <li>• Cllr Marcel: Working on enhancing the area - I have been working on a potential play area on Sheen Common, there is a consultation on this, please fill it in. Milestone Green – still trying to enhance this area and provide tables and chairs by shutting off the road. Working with TfL to make the junction safer, it is in their plans for 2021. 'Alight Here' for Richmond Park sign at East Sheen station, which will hopefully bring more trade to the area.</li> <li>• Cllr Cambridge: Over-flowing bins and an over-abundance of black bags (some from traders) out on Sheen Lane on a Sunday eve, which has been reported. Air pollution, as I understand residents are concerned about this. The Proposed Low Traffic Neighbourhood in East Sheen consultation as well.</li> </ul>
--	---

**Agenda Item Two – Pre-Submitted Questions**

<p><b>Headline Topic: Recycling in Flats (Nicky Boyd) Non-attendance</b></p>	
<p><b>Question 1</b></p>	<p>Recycling: I live in a block of flats &amp; therefore have to manually take my recycling down to the bins at Sheen Lane car park. These are constantly overflowing especially after holidays &amp; good summer weather. We need more bins.</p> <p>A) Can we have more recycling bins in more locations? E.g. Segregated recycling bins in the parks, at the train station, on the high street outside food establishments &amp; outside schools</p> <p>B) Can you partner up with Terracycle to set up recycling points in local supermarkets for the non-recyclables?</p>
<p><b>Response</b></p>	<p>Cllr Joyce: We are currently looking to trial split litter / recycling street litter bins in Richmond and Twickenham. If this trial is successful we may look to expand this service across the Borough.</p> <p>Unfortunately, the Council do not have any control over the facilities offered in local supermarkets. I would suggest raising any ideas with the store manager and / or head office as they may be willing to consider any suggestions. All the large supermarkets do have environmental policies which will include waste management.</p>

<b>Headline Topic: Anti-Idling (Tim Catchpole)</b>	
<b>Question 2</b>	The Council has held 'action days against idling' at level crossings during the past year and installed new larger signs at the crossings but drivers are still not switching off their engines. What is the next step?
<b>Response</b>	<p>CLlr Curran: We are fully aware of this issue. I have spoken to Carol Lee to see if shops can put the signs up as well. The fine needs to be made bigger on the signs. I think it is the out of Brough traffic that is the main issue. Proposed anti-idling days should help to bring awareness about this.</p> <p>Chair: Encouraging residents to speak to drivers is worth it, especially parents.</p> <p>CLlr Marcel: I ask people to turn off their engines at level crossings and agree that the fine signs are too small and that the fine should go up.</p> <p>CLlr Joyce: Carol Lee has rallied Councillors to take part in anti-idling campaigns. The fines are small but a good deterrent. More campaign days are worth doing.</p>
<b>Supplementary questions</b>	<p>Network Rail are worth approaching on this as they are publicising this as well.</p> <p>Really need to have traffic wardens fining people for 3 months as the way forward, unfortunately I realise that there is no money for this.</p> <p>Idling is as bad on Saturdays as it is on weekdays. I've never seen a warden. Some car drivers are very rude if you approach them.</p> <p>The signs are too small and over-hanging garden boxes are covering the signs too.</p> <p>Chelsea and Kensington have clearer signage than us – we need to learn from them and have clearer signage</p>
<b>Response</b>	CLlr Cambridge: The Council has upped the amount of traffic wardens from 20 – 38. The proposed anti-idling days should help to bring more awareness about this.
<b>Supplementary question</b>	Can we get a count down or lighted up sign at the level crossing?

<b>Response</b>	Cllr Avon: We have investigated with TfL and asked them for a countdown timer, but they said that this is not possible.
<b>Headline Topic: Air Quality (James Wilkinson) Non-attendance</b>	
<b>Question 3</b>	So glad that Richmond Council are taking a responsible attitude to climate and air quality. I assume that Richmond will reflect this stance re: Chalker's Corner. Surely it would be incoherent to bring the road closer to an already highly unacceptably polluted airspace near the flats of Chertsey Court. The air quality is already at an unacceptable level... It would be wonderful to receive some clarity to what Richmond is thinking about the developments of Mortlake Brewery, Chalker's Corner and the effects on air quality? Please let me know where Richmond stands regarding this?
<b>Response</b>	Cllr Curran: It is a planning issues and is still with planning. The application needs to come to the planning committee first and then we can look at it in detail.  Cllr Avon: The effects of new development in the area on Chalkers Corner will be dreadful, taking away the mature trees etc. It is an on-going planning application at the moment.

**Agenda Item Three: Open Questions from the floor**

<b>Headline Topic: Parking of Tesco Lorries Around Mortlake Station</b>	
<b>Question 4</b>	The parking of Tesco lorries around Mortlake station – they leave crates everywhere and it blocks the traffic. Why have they have never been challenged and why does this keep happening? This is a serious safety issue.
<b>Response</b>	Cllr Seamus: I have spoken to Tesco about this. Perhaps one of the parking bays needs to change into a loading bay – we are in discussions with them. I am trying to get them to arrange for their deliveries to be outside of peak travel times.
<b>Supplementary question</b>	They are parking on double yellows though – why are they above the law? If I parked on the yellow line I would be ticketed. More residents only parking is needed as other people come into Mortlake and park up and then go into town.
<b>Response</b>	Cllr Seamus: It is a resource issue; traffic wardens need to catch drivers in action. Please fill in the consultation which can introduce a CPZ into the area.
<b>Headline Topic Long Term Transport View</b>	

<b>Question 5</b>	Public transport plays an important role in removing cars from the roads. Recent FOI to TfL has revealed that 1,600 extra vehicles a day are using the Lower Richmond Road, Chalkers Corner is up by 8,000 vehicles and Chiswick Bridge is up by 6,500 vehicles. With Hammersmith Bridge being shut for a significant amount of time we really need to talk to TfL about them exceeding their public transport capacity to more than it was before the Hammersmith Bridge closure. The 533 bus is just 2 buses an hour which isn't viable.
<b>Response</b>	<p>Cllr Bridges-Westcott: Yes, you are absolutely right in pressing for more public transport, we need more trains as well.</p> <p>Cllr Curran: I am still challenging TfL over the 533 bus, but TfL have said that the 72 bus route to Roehampton needs to be fixed first.</p> <p>Cllr Cambridge: TfL have an on-line consultation – please fill this in.</p>
<b>Headline Topic Assessable Pavements</b>	
<b>Question 6</b>	We need to make sure that every pavement is assessable – the curbs are too high for people using canes, buggies and mobility scooters. All corners need proper dropped kerbs when the Council re-surfaces them. Pedestrian and car mixed use pavements?
<b>Answer</b>	All agreed.
<b>Headline Topic: Underground Car Parking and CPZ's</b>	
<b>Question 7</b>	Car parking should be underneath new developments so save on road space. All CPZ's do is shift the problem down to the next road.
<b>Response</b>	Cllr Curran: Climate change protests are happening all over the world and we need to take this issue seriously. We need to be accommodating and robust to reduce air pollution. When a CPZ consultation is carried out all roads in the area are consulted on. Some roads are fervently against CPZ's – they do divide people and roads.
<b>Headline Topic: Air Quality Monitoring</b>	
<b>Question 8</b>	Air quality monitoring across the Borough – only a few places across the Borough are being monitored. We should be capturing more areas especially as Hammersmith Bridge is now shut to traffic for 3 years.

<b>Response</b>	<p>Cllr Avon: I agree, we must have that data. We need to evidence how bad these areas are. We will take that back to officers.</p> <p>Cllr Cambridge: Sheen Lane has been monitored for the last 17 years. The data is available on-line. It is within the EU limits for Nitrogen Dioxide which has come down in the last few years.</p>
<b>Supplementary question</b>	<p>The Nitrogen Dioxide monitoring that the Council carries out follows EU guidelines, we should be following the WHO guidelines which are ½ that of the EU's recommended guidelines. We need to be monitoring particulates PM10, PM 2.4 and PM 0.1, the smallest being the worst. There are only 2 monitoring stations for these, and they are for PM10 across the Borough. There is an Air Quality Action Plan that is out for consultation, but we need to do more.</p>
<b>Action</b>	<p>Cllr Avon: Discuss air quality monitoring with officers.</p> <p>Cllr Bridges-Westcott: We will take this back to discuss with Officers.</p>