

**Community Conversation
Whitton and Heathfield Wards**

Date: Weds 5th Aug

Time: 6.30-8.00pm

Venue: Zoom

Ward members in attendance:

Cllr. Coombs: (Heathfield) Vice-chair of the Planning Committee Spokesperson for Arts

Cllr. Pollesche: (Heathfield)

Cllr. Wilson: (Heathfield) Vice-chair, Finance, Policy and Resources Services Committee (Spokesperson for Communities, Equalities & the Voluntary Sector)

Cllr. Humphreys: (Whitton)

Cllr. Jaeger: (Whitton) Deputy Leader and Vice-chair of Adult Social Services, Health and Housing Services Committee (Spokesperson for Housing)

Cllr. O'Carroll: (Whitton) Disability Champion

Chair: Cllr Roberts (Leader of the Council)

Agenda Item One: Ward Achievements

Headline Topic: Ward Achievements	
Councillor	Achievements
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More calls to the Community Hub at the Council from Whitton residents • Whitton Network gained younger volunteers (furloughed) • Rerouting of key bus service has provided link to West Middx Hosp via Twickenham • Hospital Bridge Road – ‘no overtaking’ on the bridge markings, working with Network Rail in relation to overgrowth of vegetation on footpath • Kneller Hall closure postponed until 2021 – SPD confirmation also postponed • Turing House School - still progressing as London Mayor enabled project to proceed after planning review • Duke of York Pub going through planning, to become community centre, housing and retail outlet. Currently illegal car wash using the car park of Duke of York – causing tailback on Powder Mill Lane.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hope that the 110 would link Woodlawn Estate to West Middx Hosp, but TFL unable to accommodate this idea at present • Whitton CPZ introduced during lockdown
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Agenda Item Two – pre-submitted questions

Headline Topic	Food refuse collection service
Question 1	Is the refuse collection for food bins going to remain bi-weekly, or just a glitch with new company
Response	Cllr Jaeger: No, should be weekly.
Supplementary comment	
ACTION	Cllr. Jaeger: to pursue with Serco to check situation
Headline Topic	Impact of Whitton CPZ
Question 2	CPZ on certain sides of the High Street resulted in business permits on one side of the High St, and odd numbered businesses can't get permits. Need to include all High St in CPZ
Response	Cypress Avenue side not in the CPZ, therefore no need for business permits. There will be a review of the zone after 6 months, but due to lockdown normal usage by Chase Bridge School/Stadium/Richmond College will not show true impact of zone.
Supplementary question	
Response	
ACTION	
Headline Topic	Condition of Whitton Dene
Question 3	Whitton Dene – state of road, terrible potholes with only temporary fixes
Response	Cllr. Jaeger: Whitton Dene is actually a Hounslow Council road and the resurfacing of the road and the pavement repairs are Hounslow's responsibility. (The front gardens are the LBRuT boundary)
Supplementary question	
ACTION	
Headline Topic:	ASB in Murray Park
Question 4	Friends of Murray Park reported the use of Murray Park for drug dealing and the need for a new approach to supervision of the park by the park guard and Police.
Response	

ACTION Cllr Pollesche	Discuss in PLG meeting in Aug 2020 – Heathfield Recreation Ground has had similar problems
Headline Topic: 20 mph initiative impact	
Question 5	20mph initiative across the Borough- How is the Council measuring success?
Response	Cllr Ehmann: This is an initiative across London to aim for zero deaths on the roads. (Currently 900 deaths a year) The Council cannot levy fines from speeding, so revenue is not coming to the Council.
Supplementary Question	
ACTION	
Headline Topic: Local Area Fund	
Question 6	News of further pollution leaks into the crane River – what was the cause?
Response	Cllr Coombs stated this is an open investigation at present
Supplementary question	
ACTION	
Headline Topic:	
Question 8	Speeding around Whitton – especially during lockdown
Response	Cllr Wilson: speeding issues across the Borough. Residents need to inform Police of any observed speeding and the roads on which it is happening.
Headline Topic Fly tipping on High St	
Question 9	Fly tipping in front of charity shops in Whitton High Street
Response	Whitton Business Association has been in touch with charity shop managers. YMCA has now reopened, Princess Alice partial reopening and Shooting Start contacted WBA, issue of collection during lockdown.
Supplementary Question	
ACTION	
Headline Topic Cycling infrastructure	
Question 10	Cycling – need for additional cycling structure in Whitton, especially on Percy Road. Turing House planning permission included commitment to cycling infrastructure – why is it not happening?
Response	Cllr Coombs: Cycle lane currently provided on Percy Road in the mornings for Twickenham School. TFL funding is only for existing cycling schemes not new schemes, but Percy Road is on their list for improvements,
Supplementary Question	Cycling infrastructure is needed urgently for Percy Road. It is a missed opportunity for Turing House School for their students travelling from Teddington to Whitton. The Hospital Bridge Road junction with A316 needs improvements and the crossing with Montrose Road. Also, the cycling path on Jubilee Avenue is shared with pedestrians and there is constant overhanging vegetation, which is poorly managed by TFL.

Response	Cllr O'Carroll – shared spaces don't work well for those with disabilities
ACTION	Cllr Ehmann to look into improving shared footpath Cllr Richards is the cycling champion – look at cycling infrastructure Cllr Humphreys to pursue TFL/Council Officers coming to an agreement over maintenance of subway vegetation under the A316
Headline Topic: Bonfire regulation	
Question 11	Bonfires increased during lockdown – is there any guidance around this?
Response	Cllr. Pollesche: bonfire advice is given on the Council website to try to minimise bonfires. Too many bonfires can be seen as a statutory nuisance
Supplementary question	
ACTION	