

Richmond North and Richmond South Wards Virtual Community Conversation

Date: 13th August 2020

Time: 18:30 – 20:00

Venue: Zoom

Ward members in attendance

North Richmond

Councillor Baldwin
Councillor Pyne
Councillor Warren

South Richmond

Councillor Buckwell
Councillor Fleming
Councillor Newton Dunn

Special Guests

Acting Inspector Rumi Miah
Sergeant Brodie

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 Two: Ward Achievements

Headline Topic: Ward Achievements	
Councillor	Achievements
Richmond South	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thanks to residents for looking out for each other, volunteers and officer. Particular thanks to Richmond Good Neighbours.• With the relaxing of lock-down we have had ASB on Richmond Green.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue with having no public toilets, community toilet scheme is not working during Covid'19 • Unfortunately, there are lots of stores are shutting down. Be Richmond are working hard to future proof businesses
Richmond North	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Difficult 2020, burst water mains at the start of the year left 2000 residents with our water and electricity • Change of contractor for waste and recycling coincided with pandemic – lots more rubbish from households and missed collections • We urge residents to report ASB to police so that they can monitor • Richmond now has a full complement of police officers • Sheen Dale Road bridge replacement within the next 2 years • Tangier play area has new play equipment • New Friends of Group for Raleigh Road Rec

Agenda Item Three: Local Area Fund Video (2 Minutes)

Agenda Item Four: Question and Answers from the floor

Headline Topic Change of Use Applications	
Question 1	How will you deal with the increasing number of Change of Use applications for premises for the town centre, that include the sale of alcohol
Response	Cllr Fleming: The government has changed the rules for A1 to restaurant and mixed use. They will still have to apply for a licence though. We need to look at applications very carefully and weigh up options of having an empty shop versus a café.
ACTION	
Headline Topic: Private Security Firms	
Question 2	Are Richmond going to get a permanent dedicated police force? Private security has been used down by the Riverside.
Response	Sgt Brodie: At present there are no concrete plans to have a dedicated police force for Richmond. Cllr Buckwell: We have for 2 years been asking for a dedicated town centre policing team due to its night economy and special requirements of being the borough town centre. Extra to the SNT. Unfortunately, the private security firm became vigilantes, which had to be stopped.
ACTION	Cllr Fleming: We do have the Rapid Response ASB cameras – the police could apply to the Council for the use of this.

Headline Topic: Homebase Development	
Question 3	Concerned about issues such as parking – the local streets will become targets. Can we increase the restricted hours including Sundays?
Response	<p>Cllr Warred: They call it a car free development, but of course they will use surrounding streets. You can ask for a CPZ.</p> <p>Cllr Baldwin: The developer will need to carry out a parking consultation, we are pushing the developer to include more streets. Yes, you will be given options to support a CPZ.</p> <p>Cllr Pyne: We still need to campaign against this high-rise development in Richmond and show a united front.</p>
ACTION	
Headline Topic: Illegal parking on the Riverside	
Question 4	Illegal parking on the Riverside. From the 25 th May there should have been restricted parking put in place.
Response	Cllr Buckwell: Covid has caused a delay to this. Signs are now being made up for the CPZ. The experimental traffic order should be in place in approx. 6 weeks.
ACTION	
Headline Topic: Cycle Lane on Church Lane	
Question 5	Dangerous, narrow cycle lane on Church Lane behind the station. Full of potholes. People jump the lights on the Sheen Lane / Church Lane junction.
Response	Cllr Fleming: The surface of this road is appalling. I've been in touch with officers about this, it is not on the list, but hopefully it will be done in about 18 months. This is a very dangerous junction and I have asked for a camera on these lights.
ACTION	
Headline Topic: EV Charging Points on Residential Streets	
Question 6	Are there any plans to install more EV charging points on residential streets?
Response	<p>Cllr Pyne: We have about 25 charging points in our Ward. Do we need any more? We can look at this is residents feel they need them.</p> <p>Cllr Baldwin: Residents can apply to have the streetlights by their home changed to charging points.</p>
ACTION	
Headline Topic Kew Road	
Question 7	Kew Road, access to Kew Gardens by coach and car relies on parking on Kew Road. This has been blocked by barriers for cycle lanes.

Response	Cllr Baldwin: Transport committee were forced to go forward quicker due to Covid. More active travel is needed, hence the barriers here. There will be consultation here in due course. Coaches can still drop off here and then park at Old Deer Park.
ACTION	
Headline Topic: ASB on Richmond Green	
Question 8	22 June meeting on ASB – police have been racing around the Green which has helped a lot. Are you confident that this has solved the problem?
Response	Cllr Roberts: We have done everything we can with the resources we have. Park Guard hours have increased by an additional 144 hours a week Fri – Sun. More police have been put on as well.
ACTION	
Headline Topic: Selling Alcohol in the Front of Local Supermarkets	
Question 9	Selling alcohol in the front of supermarket chains that have a Corporate responsibility. At the last meeting Tesco and Sainsburys said they would change this.
Response	Cllr Roberts: Sainsburys have a ban in place on selling alcohol after 9pm at Twickenham and Richmond stores. Officers have been in touch with Tesco. Marks and Spencer said they close at 5pm anyway.