

Community Safety Virtual Community Conversation

Barnes / East Sheen / Mortlake and Barnes Common Wards

Date: 20th October 2020

Time: 18:30 – 20:00

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

Police Representatives Attending

PS Chris Murphy
Inspector Rebecca Robinson

Police Liaison Group (PLG)

Anne Johnstone - Mortlake and Barnes Common
Keith Mahoney - East Sheen
Wendy Kyrle-Pope - Barnes

Safer Neighbourhood Board (SNB)

Peter Burrows-Smith

The Chair for this event is: Fr Stephen Stavrou from St Michaels Church

Agenda Item One: Ward Achievements

Agenda Item Two: Question and Answers from the floor

Agenda Item One: Achievements

Headline Topic: Ward Achievements	
Ward	Achievements
Barnes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hammersmith Bridge, a task force has been set up to hopefully break the deadlock going forwards. Looking at detailed plans, which is taking some time. Cllrs are pushing hard on a temporary bridge for pedestrians and cyclists, residents are campaigning for a ferry crossing, hopefully to start in the new year • Park guard marshals have been introduced along the tow path and works are happening to make the track safer, especially in the dark evenings • Barns High St consultation, please look at it and fill it in • Congestion zone rumoured to be coming into Barnes along the North circular. We are pushing back hard on this, we don't think this has come from government, just TfL
East Sheen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Businesses and Cllrs are very involved in the shop local initiative. We have now lost Barclays Bank etc • TfL Streetscene – now that we can close off the Milestone Green area to traffic, we are looking at bringing in a café culture to the area • Issues during the height of lockdown – we now have park guard marshals along the tow path which we are very happy about • Had a problem with aggressive beggars - the police, officers and Cllrs dealt with this effectively • Lots of fly tipping especially outside charity shops whilst they have been closed due to Covid restrictions • Revamping the play area by the woods • Looking at a farmer's market • Lots of work along the station road has been taking place for the anti-idling campaign • Dog poo hotspots have been having a clean up
Mortlake and Barnes Common	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dedicated officer at the station crossing for the anti-idling campaign and replacement sign • Stag Brewery - 26th November there is a virtual GLA meeting. We have met with local groups to discuss • Working with MP Sarah Onley regarding transport issues – last 2 weeks no trains • Report on tactile paving outside the station is due within the next 4-6 weeks • Written to TfL about traffic signalling • Hammersmith bridge closure has resulted in major traffic issues along Mortlake High Street – Hoping to make this a Low Traffic Neighbourhood via TfL • Dealing with missed rubbish collections

Agenda Item Two – Resident questions

Headline Topic Safety on Lonsdale Road in Barnes	
Question 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety on Lonsdale Road in Barnes, particularly cycle safety. 20mph is not being adhered to, the road is not safe • Low traffic neighbourhood scheme – cars on Alder Rd and North and South Worple Way is an absolute nightmare, cars are bouncing pavements, near misses etc.
Response	<p>Cllr Avon: This is a difficult road; it is long and straight plus parking is available on it. Cllr's and officers have been looking at what measures can be put in place around the islands, since before lockdown. It is recognised that this road needs to be improved.</p> <p>Cllr Brandreth: Yellow lines have been put in along a section of Lonsdale Road. Community speed watch may work.</p> <p>PS Murphey: We would welcome a speed camera along Lonsdale Rd – if someone would like to put in an application to the council for this.</p> <p>Cllr Palmer: There is also a danger spot along Castelnau junction, with cars jumping the traffic lights.</p>
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Headline Topic Stag Brewery Development	
Question 2	Mortlake Stag Brewery development update please - with regards to Hammersmith Bridge being out of action for at 6/7 years. The London Mayor wants to increase units 850 to 12,000!
Response	Cllr Curran: We understand that residents are fearful and highly concerned about the impact on the area of all 3 developments – Stag Brewery, Barnes Hospital and the Homebase site. Closure of Hammersmith Bridge is seen as temporary, so not an issue to planning applications. It is in the Mayor of London's hands now. We are expecting a decision early November.
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Headline Topic Private Police Companies	
Question 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private security companies marketing their services to Barnes – I have concerns over this. • Crime around Westmoreland Road: catalytic converters, cycles and car thefts. Residents are looking at getting private security firms in. This is a concern; residents have lost faith in reporting to the police • Increase of Crime in East Sheen. We need to know the Police plan to stop what is happening
Response	<p>Inspector Robinson: These firms are not endorsed by the police. If residents are applying to these firms, make sure that you know what service you are getting and that it is legal. Always report issues to the police so that we are aware of them. Putting info on Nextdoor does not mean that the police will pick this up.</p> <p>Peter Burrows-Smith: The Council have issued a clear statement that the Council do NOT endorse these firms.</p> <p>PS Murphey: There has been a spike in crime during Covid. We are listening to concerns and addressing them. Rapid deployment cameras are working well. A combination of foot, bicycle and car patrols take place every day. People must report to the police so that we are made aware. You can contact us by either the 101 number and/or direct mailboxes.</p>

	The Council will put in place four Park Guard Marshals on bikes from Monday 26 October. They will patrol the towpath between Hammersmith Bridge and Beverley Brook (the Putney boundary of Richmond upon Thames Borough) from 3-7pm on weekdays.
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Headline Topic: Cycling and E Scooters on Pavements	
Question 6	Cycling and E scooters on pavements especially the Mortlake end of Sheen Lane. Can you paint no cycling on the pavement please?
Response	Cllr Hodgkin's: Regarding painting on the pavement – will put it to the council officers again.
ACTION	Cllr Hodgkin's: Speak to officers about putting temporary paint down with stencils for problem areas

Headline Topic Safety on North Bank of Thames / Chiswick	
Question 2	Safety on north bank of Thames/Chiswick – it is a really dark area. What is being done to encourage Hounslow Council to make the area safe.
Response	PLG: We have been asking the Borough Commander and our MP Sarah Onley to ask Hounslow council to put lighting on this side of the bridge. We have hit a brick wall so far; we will keep on trying.
Supplementary Question	<p>Cllr Hodgkin's: We will keep pressing this matter. Richmond Council will have to pay some money towards this as it affects our residents too.</p> <p>Cllr Brandreth: We have already put in a request for low level lighting alongside Chiswick Bridge. We will continue to put on the pressure for this.</p> <p>Cllr Cambridge: We have asked for this and officers have been involved. We hope that the measures we have put in place will show what is possible.</p> <p>Cllr Aphra Brandreth: Following discussions with residents and local groups, the Council has agreed that the safest option for the route between Hammersmith Bridge and Barnes Bridge, is to encourage residents to use surrounding well-lit streets. The Council will continue to review this and consider any further enhancements to the road network. Lastly, Richmond Council continues to press Hammersmith & Fulham Council and Hounslow Council to look at measures for the north side of the river. (Press release on the safety measures along the tow path)</p> <p>At our last council meeting I raised the question of lighting on the north side of the river. For information, please see below the response I received. I am continuing to press on this issue. <i>Councillor Brandreth has given notice to ask the Chair of the Transport and Air Quality Committee: "Has he asked his council colleagues on the north side of the river to provide additional lighting and safety measures for those school children now having to use Barnes Bridge to cross the river to the north side for their journey to school, to ensure there is sufficient lighting when they travel in the dark on the unlit parts of the tow path?"</i></p> <p>Response from Cllr Ehmann: The Council has already asked officers at Hounslow Council to provide additional lighting and safety measures. The response received was "There are streetlights in place which have recently been upgraded to LED, however previously when we have looked at putting in additional lighting here Richmond residents have objected on</p>

	amenity grounds (they don't want to see this riverside area 'urbanised' when viewing it from their side). If a councillor has a concern over a particular stretch can they let us know and we can look into it".
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