

ST. HELIER, THE WRYTHE AND WANDLE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

8 March 2018 at 7.00 pm

MEMBERS: Councillor Hanna Zuchowska (Chair), Councillor Colin Stears (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Margaret Court, Martin Gonzalez and Jason Reynolds

ABSENT: Councillors Doug Hunt, Callum Morton and Nali Patel

30. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed those present to the committee meeting.

31. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Doug Hunt, Callum Morton and Nali Patel.

32. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

33. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 October 2017 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

34. PARKING STRATEGY

Mervyn Bartlett provided the Committee with an update in relation to the Parking Strategy.

Local Residents raised the following concerns -

- Would Hackbridge be included in phase 1
- The phases are taking a long time, can specific areas be given immediate attention
- The surveys were sent out just before Christmas, which may have resulted in the poor returns

Mervyn Bartlett informed the Committee that the plan had since been updated, but that the whole of the local committee area is being looked at, including Hackbridge. It was confirmed that all parking issues would be examined and dealt with using the same general approach as would be adopted right across the borough. Data would be looked at carefully and it is anticipated that specific proposals would be submitted back to the local committee at a later date. Based on experience elsewhere the rate of responses to the surveys was considered good.

The Chair commented that there is a process to follow and any further delays in accumulating data would delay the process even more.

The Committee noted the update.

35. UPDATE FROM THE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

Sergeant Lee Burgess attended the Committee and provided an update on the following key points:

St Helier

- Anti Social Behaviour concerns around Stavordale Road and St Helier Hospital - multiple charges and security training has been provided.
- Youth Engagement Workers are now placed in the Open Spaces for the long term
- 17% reduction in crime in the last 3 months

The Wrythe

- 10% reduction in crime in the last 3 months
- Anti Social Behaviour concerns - arrests and convictions ongoing
- BP - petrol station - Green Wrythe Lane - on site security now

Wandle Valley

- 11% reduction in crime over the last 3 months
- Motorbikes on land - Hackbridge, Mill Green (open space) - multiple operations ongoing
- Parking - enforcements, signage and fence line to be repaired and installation of CCTV

Sgt Burgess reminded everyone about the Twitter account and encouraged everyone to follow it.

Local residents raised the following concerns -

- Millside area having issues with drug dealing, vandalism and attempted break-ins to garages - reported several times over the last 3 months.
- Shaftesbury Road - motor-cycle theft, police action not having an impact.

Sgt Burgess informed the Committee that he take up the issues that have been raised, but he is unable to provide any assurances in relation to specific issues raised e.g. motor-cycle theft, as he will need to get to the causes of it and target individuals. There are ongoing operations in the area and he is working within the legal system, but changes are coming to the force's policies which will assist this process and a number of concerns are being monitored currently.

Councillor Reynolds informed the Committee that a mechanism was being put in place to stop bikers going across Polters Park.

The Committee noted the update.

36. PETITION: SPEED HUMPS AND 20MPH SPEED LIMIT ON STAVORDALE ROAD, CARSHALTON, SURREY

Petitioner presented the petition to the Committee and identified the issues relating to the petition prayer.

Councillor Margaret Court supported the petition and informed the Committee that it also affects other areas around Stavordale Road and it would only be a matter of time before someone is injured, including a child.

Hitesh Wadher (Highways and Transport) informed the Committee that the issues raised in the petition prayer would be investigated and funding would be sought from TfL relating to the petition prayer and a report would be submitted to the next meeting.

The Committee noted the petition.

37. THE SUTTON PLAN

Simon Breeze provided an update on the Sutton Plan to the Committee.

Local Residents raised the following concerns in relation to the Sutton Plan -

- Population increase has not been taken into account
- Concerns about the volume of houses in the Hackbridge area

- Local residents are becoming disillusioned by nothing being done by the council
- Constant reports and issues being raised, but nothing is being done and things are not working.
- Unemployment is not featured in the plan.
- Local residents do not have confidence in the Council and its processes and infrastructure

Simon Breeze informed the Committee that the Sutton Plan takes into account the demographic profile of the borough in the draft plan and highlights the age gap that currently exists in relation to the 20-40 age band. He thanked the local residents for their feedback and informed the Committee that the issues raised would be fed back into the plan.

Victoria Jeffrey (Head of Local Place & Engagement) explained how the Local Plan would feed into the Sutton Plan and commented on the housing situation in the borough and how it related to the Mayor of London and the Local Plan.

The local residents and Committee Members were invited to participate in table top discussions regarding the priorities identified in the Sutton Plan.

The Chair thanked everyone for their participation and involvement in the table top discussions and for providing feedback which will be captured and fed into the Sutton Plan.

38. RECOMMENDATIONS TRACKER

Claire Smith (Locality Lead Officer) presented a report on the progress of recommendations from previous meetings of the committee relating to -

- 28/01/17 - Carshalton Boys Sports College and Waltham Road - Zebra Crossing proposal : School sent out letters to approx 20 residents. However, only one positive response received from a resident not close to the proposed zebra location.. Committee suggested to proceed to informal consultation in May.
- 12/10/17 - Private land in Hackbridge

The Committee noted the update.

39. HIGHWAYS UPDATES

Hitesh Wadher provided the following update relating to existing and future schemes -

2017/18 TfL LiP schemes

- Denmark Road zebra crossing is now started and will take 3/4 weeks to complete.
- Middleton Road - Existing cycle lane will be refreshed and tactile paving will be installed at side roads to improve walking for pedestrians
- Wrythe Lane - tactile paving will be underway shortly
- Rosehill - one way extension - To start on site at the beginning of April 2018

2018/19 TfL LiP schemes

- Currently collecting speed, traffic and accident data for schemes to carry out preliminary designs.
- Report back to the July 2018 meeting

Local residents

- Potholes - recently resurfaced is now in need of repair after the weather - cul de sac around Millside and Culvers Avenue
- Cycle paths - use of pavements for cycle paths, which bye-law has been passed to allow the installation of cycle paths on the pavements

Hitesh Wadher informed the Committee that he will take the issues raised back to the appropriate team in relation to the potholes maintenance.

The Committee noted the update and agreed that a written response be sent to the questioner relating to cycle paths.

40. PUBLIC REALM PROJECTS AND PRIORITIES & NEIGHBOURHOOD GRANTS

Claire Smith (Locality Lead Officer) delivered an update on the Public Realm budget and presented on the Neighbourhood Grants funded since the last meeting. She provided the Committee with information on completed and upcoming public realm projects including Royston Park and the installation of new equipment which was well received.

The Committee noted the update.

41. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Residents at the meeting were invited to ask questions, and those who had submitted and received a response to a question outside of the meeting (published as an addendum to the agenda) were invited to ask a supplementary question.

1. **Questioner - Andy Behan** - Humps warning sign on Whitland Road reported back in May 2017, October 2017, new sign would be erected. 10 months since the original complaint.

The Chair informed the Committee that the 10 months to wait on a response and get some action was unacceptable. Officers will be asked to look into it as a matter of urgency.

Claire Smith informed the Committee that the Interim Head of the Shared Environment Service would like to apologise for the time taken to resolve this particular issues, but thanks the public for their questions and in due course there will be a review of the process and procedures to ensure that issues that are raised will be resolved in a timely fashion in the future.

2. **Questioner - Nikki Sutton** - outstanding question from last meeting in relation to the framework that would be put in place to prevent residents going into fuel poverty following the agreement of a contract for 25 years with Barratt Homes where heating networks are unregulated.

Agreed that the Chair will provide a written response.

3. **Questioner - Nikki Sutton** - lighting down the towpath back of Corbett Close, there is street light, but very intermittent. It is without street lights, the normal street lights keep going off and not been working since Christmas

Agreed that the Chair will raise with officers.

4. **Questioner - Helena Barrowclough** - raised concerns relating to the level of construction dust/dirt on London and Hackbridge Road. Conditions have been placed on the company with a wash truck but it is not having much impact. Concerned about the health and safety of the local residents during the forthcoming summer months.

Agreed that if the planning enforcement is not being met, then will ask the planning officers to see if anything else can be enforced or changed to benefit the local residents.

5. **Questioner - Mr Fish** - The Development at Hackbridge, does the Council have any conditions for developer, to offer the houses for sale to local residents and British residents first, rather than flog them to the foreign investors?

Agreed that the Chair seek a response from planning officers.

6. **Questioner - Mr Fish** - empty shops in Sutton and Times Square, the population increasing and the number of shops is decreasing and there are fewer jobs in Sutton. Is the Council aware, or concerned about this issue.

The Chair informed the Committee that it is being looked at through the Sutton Plan and was raised during the table top discussions.

7. **Questioner - Sharon Crayden** - when will Royston Park be completed?

Claire Smith informed the Committee that Royston Park is currently out to tender and no completion date has yet been set.

8. **Questioner - Sharon Crayden** - with the new CPZ, on a road by road analysis, residents with drop curb, for 2 parking spaces, are they still entitled to buy 3 Parking Permits or are those 2 taken away from the total?

Agreed that a written response be sought and sent to the questioner.

9. **Questioner – Andy Beadle** - 5 Ward Councillors attending the meeting for the last 2 meetings, why are they not attending the meetings?

The Chair informed the meeting that she was unable to answer for other absent councillors, but the Committee did receive apologies for absence.

42. ANY URGENT BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE DIRECTION OF THE CHAIR

There was no urgent business brought forward.

The meeting ended at 8.50 pm

Chair:

Date: