

**Addendum to Cheam North and Worcester Park Local Committee
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This addendum contains questions from Members of the Public received and answered since the last committee meeting 17 January 2019

1. Question asked by Carolyn Felton, Resident

I wish to raise a question at the Cheam North and Worcester Park Local Committee meeting on 25th April 2019.

My question is – Have the contractor in Covey Road and the Council complied with all the requirements to obtain planning permission?

With a supplementary question - How can it be fair if the site notice was displayed on a private road where it could not be read without the need to commit an act of trespass? According to the Planning Ombudsman this is a reason for complaint. Similarly, the Council have admitted that neighbours were not notified of the planning application “in error”. Another legitimate reason for complaint (Planning Ombudsman).

Reply by Andy Webber, Head of Development Management and Strategic Planning

As far as the first question is concerned, planning permission was granted following the relevant statutory requirements.

The supplementary question has already been responded to as a stage 1 complaint by the London Borough of Sutton on behalf of Ms Felton and as such has already had an official response. It would not be appropriate to comment further while these matters are being investigated through our complaints procedures.

2. Question asked by Bob Sparrow, Resident

How many cyclists per day use the existing cycle path (no 75?) from Sutton to Worcester Park railway bridge, using Lloyd Road, Browning Avenue and Green Lane, which is the path of the proposed quietway?

Reply by Lynn Robinson, Senior Highways Engineer

The existing London Cycle Network route 75 runs from the borough boundary with RB Kingston along Green Lane, Browning Avenue and Lloyd Road and other roads to North Cheam and on to Sutton Town Centre and beyond. Currently, the proposed Quietway route runs along the same route.

The Borough doesn't have any recent cycle count data on these roads. The last counts undertaken in 2014 did not count cyclists as the tubes across the road type counters do not

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detect cyclists. Transport for London has recently undertaken some traffic volume and speed surveys in the area and officers are waiting for a summary of those counts. The summary of those counts can be shared with Mr Sparrow and other interested parties once they are available.

The traffic volume and speed counts will be used to assess how many vehicles are using these roads and what speeds they are doing. The criteria for a Quietway route is that the volume of traffic, in its busy hour, should be under 500 vehicles and ideally nearer to 200 vehicles an hour and vehicle speeds should be averaging 20mph. Therefore if the counts find that volumes and/or speeds are too high then we will work with the residents to introduce measures to reduce the volume/speed of traffic. This will be of great benefit to all residents, pedestrians and cyclists in the area as the aim of this scheme is not just to provide a safer route for cyclists but to invest in local improvements so that we can enjoy a cleaner and healthier environment.