

Carshalton & Clockhouse Local Committee

This addendum contains questions from Members of the Public received and answered since the last committee meeting on 24 September 2019

1. Question asked by Sue Kelsall, Local Resident

Please provide an update on the Fox and Hounds site and any future development.

Reply by Robert Overall, Interim Strategic Director for Environment, Housing and Regeneration

The Fox and Hounds pub, Carshalton changed ownership in 2017 when it was purchased by a local business. The new landowners approached the Council in 2018 to discuss potential development options for the site. The Council made it clear in these discussions that any proposals for the site would need to be in keeping with the Carshalton Village Conservation Area. These discussions did not progress any further and to date the Council has not received any planning applications for the site.

2. Question asked by Sue Kelsall, Local Resident

What is the latest position with the Anne Boleyn statue? There is a local campaign to have the Anne Boleyn statue from Church Hill put back in place or a suitable replacement. A key question is who owns the statue now and is the artist able to just decide to keep it?

Reply by Robert Overall, Interim Strategic Director for Environment, Housing and Regeneration

History

The statue was installed in 1987 by the architects Thompson and Gardener who had commissioned the sculptor Denis Huntley to create.

5--7 years ago the sculpture was removed for some restoration. It is not clear who arranged for this to happen but it went back to the sculptor who has since refused to return it.

SHP has liaised with LBS Heritage, who have tried to identify ownership of the sculpture to no avail. On this basis there is no platform to challenge for the sculpture to be returned as there is no evidence it is owned by LBS as part of the building. The sculptor and his family are clear they do not intend to return the sculpture and he is quite ill and they do not wish to be approached any further.

The Sutton secret society have raised a petition for the statue to be returned even though they are aware of the circumstances.

The Carshalton Artists are happy to work with SHP to deliver alternatives as they understand the statue is not being returned.

Next steps

Clive Green, People and Place Lead is the senior manager responsible at SHP to resolve this issue.

There is no evidence available that identifies the ownership of the Anne Boleyn statue. It has not been returned since the artist took it back for renovation some years ago.

In order to resolve this matter Sutton Housing Partnership will carry out a consultation with the residents of Church Hill seeking an outcome by the end of November 2020. We will explain to residents that due to unforeseen circumstances it is unlikely the statue will be returned to Churchill and offer some alternatives for a replacement. This will consist of the following options:

- Arrange for a scan of original and manufacture a duplicate
- Use space to display work from local artists rotating on an annual basis.
- Commission a new sculpture, maybe through competition of £1000 prize and we own the statue.
- Commission a 3.5 ft acrylic painting in a weatherproof box which gives a 3D effect
- No longer have anything in the area.

All of the above replacement options are estimated to cost around £1000 + installation costs. SHP will liaise with LBS Heritage and any other relevant bodies within LBS to assist in the delivery of the outcome of the consultation and may seek lottery funding if necessary. None of the above options would alter the fabric of the building so are unlikely to come under any alteration requirements with English Heritage.

Following the outcome of the consultation SHP would be happy to engage with any groups that might wish to work with us to deliver this initiative such as the Carshalton Artists or Secret Society who have been co operative so far.

We will carry out a 2 week consultation as soon as possible



3. Question asked by David John King, Local Resident

As some drains have still not been cleared from last Autumn can we have a published timetable for our roads? Can we have a published schedule for drain clearance?

Reply by Matt Clubb, Assistant Director - Environment and Community Safety

The clearing and jetting of gully pots with specialist vehicles and suction hose is undertaken for the vast majority of gullies in the borough once every 2 years. There are a number of pots in the borough where this frequency is more regular (once every quarter) because of flooding risk.

This work is an output that we require from Veolia who are contracted to undertake the works. The timetable for the works is flexible and is subject to change, and therefore is not published.

If there are particular pots that residents are concerned about, this can be raised through Report It, or do advise by response to this question so we can investigate and respond.

4. Question asked by David John King, Local Resident

Target/action dates for Decisions made on Parking Strategy(Minute 23 of last meeting) relating to C & Clockhouse ward.

Reply by Matt Clubb, Assistant Director - Environment and Community Safety

The Council is looking to go out for a statutory consultation from the 3 December which will run until the first week of January 2021. Officers will be looking at the responses and deciding the best way to progress. Should schemes be progressed we will be looking to implement them later in Spring 2021.

5. Question asked by Gagan Kumar, Local Resident

Is it possible to adopt best practices for cleaning kerbs and streets from adjoining Epsom or Banstead council as their streets look much cleaner?

Reply by Matt Clubb, Assistant Director - Environment and Community Safety

Street cleaning standards are set out in the Code of Practice for Litter and Refuse for all local authorities, and this is a standard prescribed in the contract for street cleansing that the council has with Veolia. We are not clear from this question what best practice is being referred to in Epsom or Banstead. If there are particular streets or sections that residents are concerned about, this can be raised through Report It, or do advise by response to this question so we can investigate and respond.