

## Better Together – Blackheath and Greenwich Area Meeting – 23 July 2018 – Greenwich Forum

This meeting was Chaired by Denise Scott-McDonald Cabinet Member for Air Quality, Public Realm and Transport. A presentation was given by Cllr Jackie Smith, Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Enforcement. Group discussion was facilitated by Cllr Stephen Brain.

| Priority | Group discussion theme  | Group concerns   | You suggested  |
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| 1        | Air Quality/Our Borough | The residents had concerns about the amount of pollution and poor air quality in general in the borough              | You suggested having more trees and plants planted to help improve air quality and to brighten up the area – particularly near the A2 fly over.  |
| 2        | Air Quality/Our Borough | There were comments made that the current round of meetings were inconvenient for some sections of the community.    | <p>In the next round we should consider using different venues and different times of the day to accommodate a wider section of the community.</p> <p>It was suggested that the meetings provide a crèche so that parents can attend.</p> <p>The request to hold a meeting in an older people's home, sheltered residence etc. and consider doing one in a college to get the views of young people.</p> <p>NB: This is currently being reviewed by the Council.</p> |
| 3        | Air Quality/Our Borough | It was felt there was poor Communication for the events  | <p>Some residents said that they struggled with navigating the Council's website and emails are not answered.</p> <p>It was felt the Royal Borough are not engaging with the community in person.</p>  |
| 4        | Air Quality/Our Borough | Cars being broken into – not for theft purposes but malicious vandalism. Cars have their windows smashed repeatedly. | <p>Possible CCTV.</p> <p>A neighbourhood watch scheme – to really work together to tackle the issue.</p> <p>Plain clothes policing.</p>  |

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| 5  | Air Quality/Our Borough | The issue of parking and enforcement/speeding in the borough was raised.                  | <p>It was noted that both residents and visitors mount pavements with their cars making it difficult for wheelchair users and mums with prams to pass by.</p> <p>There are too many cars travelling at high speeds. Concern for children and older persons safely crossing roads was noted.</p> |
| 6  | Air Quality/Our Borough | There is not enough youth provision for young people – especially during school holidays. | There are young people on street corners. Pelton Rd and Enderby Rd in particular if there were youth provisions this might stop this.   |
| 7  | Air Quality/Our Borough | The lack of older people's homes and sheltered accommodation was highlighted.             | There are not enough and some are really good and some are very average.  |
| 8  | Air Quality/Our Borough | Too many cracked pavement slabs.  | Generally, in the area pavement slabs take too long to be fixed when cracked therefore greater consideration needs to be given to the health and safety of all residents but the elderly in particular who are more susceptible to tripping.  |
| 9  | Air Quality/Our Borough | The lack of Police in the area.   | Community Policing has visibly reduced – the feeling of safety, particularly for the elderly, was raised as an issue.   |
| 10 | Air Quality/Our Borough | Bins on Woolwich Road   | When bins are emptied they are not moved into their designated space. This increases health and safety concerns for vulnerable residents and mums with prams.   |

Facilitated by Cllr Denise Scott – McDonald

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| 1        | Air Quality/Our Borough | Lack of public transport  | There is not a direct bus to the Peninsular Train and the capacity North Greenwich Tube is limited.   |
| 2        | Air Quality/Our Borough | The lack of street lighting raised concerns   | More street lighting required especially at Westcombe Park Station.   |
| 3        | Air Quality/Our Borough | Concerns were raised about the lack of health promotions for residents  | An outside gym was suggested to be installed in West Greenwich.   |
| 4        | Air Quality/Our Borough | Lack of communication   | Not enough information is shared about programmed works. Council need to improve its communication all round.<br><br>There needs to be a joined up thinking approach between departments. |
| 5        | Air Quality/Our Borough | General concern about the increased traffic in the area, especially with the new developments.                | No comments given.  |
| 6        | Air Quality/Our Borough | Gardening Services. Why does the grass need to be cut so often – especially when the pollen count is so high? | This would be raised with parks.  |