

## Better Together – Charlton Kidbrooke and Woolwich Area Meeting – 24 July 2018 – Charlton House

The Theme of this meeting was to discuss about knife crime. The Councillors present at the meeting were Chair: Cllr Anthony Okereke, Presenter: Cllr Jackie Smith, Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Enforcement, Deputy Leader Cllr David Gardener, Cllr Ivis Williams, Cllr Linda Perks.

Priority	Group discussion theme	Group concerns	You Suggested
1	Knife Crime/Local Area	Residents raised concerns that they felt uneasy with the amount of young people congregating at bus stops after school and causing disruption for passengers.  Concerns about mopeds on Charlton Road and drivers speeding putting their and the lives of others at risk.	The suggestion of Royal Greenwich schools to take more responsibility with young people and manage/educate them better.  For repeat offenders of anti-social behaviour this needs to be raised with police and TFL should be consulted.  There is a need to improve youth engagement in the area, and the Safer Neighbourhood Team to hold surgeries.
2	Knife Crime/Local Area	Concerns about drugs and drug dealers was raised.	The Safer Neighbourhood team should hold surgeries with better publicity and better local intelligence of what they do.
3	Knife Crime/Local Area	Housing needs and the poor quality of housing for people was raised particularly the HMO.	This would be taken back to Housing.
4	Knife Crime/Local Area	Residents complained about the ongoing fly tipping in the area.	Recycling sessions for residents suggested and the posting recycling leaflets for information to residents needed.
5	Knife Crime/Local Area	The lack of Police in the area was raised.	There should be an increase in Police presence  A campaign against Police cuts should be done

			<p>The ability to empower parents to deter children from breaking the law and to keep them within the law without fear of being penalised.</p> <p>There should be feedback to residents from Police and the Local Authority on issues raised along with better consultation on policing in the area.</p>
6	Knife Crime/Local Area	Lack of communication to residents.	<p>More information should be sent out with council tax letters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specific letterbox leaflets</li> <li>• Continued use of social media</li> <li>• Street consultation</li> <li>• Neighbourhood Watch</li> <li>• Residents should set Better Together Agenda not RBG</li> <li>• Better Together should be community led</li> <li>• Engage other local groups</li> </ul> <p>Community work shops</p>
7	Knife Crime/Local Area	Investment from the local authority is needed	<p>It was suggested the Council need to invest in training for residents such as DIY. This would enable residents to be more self-sufficient which could eventually help to create savings for the Council.</p>