

Better Together Community Meeting

Charlton, Woolwich and Kidbrooke

Charlton House, 21 October 2019, 7-9pm

Panel:

Cllr David Gardner – chair

Cllr Jackie Smith

Cllr Gary Dillon

Cllr Anthony Okereke

Cllr Linda Perks

Cllr John Fahey

Cllr Gary Parker

Services in attendance:

Business Engagement Team

Community Safety

Greenwich Local Labour and Business

Housing

Leisure services

Library services

Metropolitan Police

Neighbourhood Growth Fund Team

Public Health

Universal Credit

Waste and Street Services

Attendees: 22

Meeting notes

Item	
1	The chair welcomed attendees to the meeting and introduced the ward councillors. Questions were then invited from the audience.
2	<p>The first question:</p> <p>Is there a way that the Council can stop cars speeding – particularly on Charlton Park road?</p> <p>The Council responded:</p> <p>The Council has been working with council officers to get a review of speed limits through Charlton village. Speed ramps can be costly, and funds need to be allocated accordingly. All current and planned 20mph zones are on the Council website.</p> <p>Met police responded:</p> <p>The local ward police will mention traffic incidents to road traffic police in order to deter vehicles from speeding. In regard to damaged vehicles – the police cannot determine when vehicles will be removed from roads as this is the responsibility of insurance companies.</p>
3	<p>The question asked:</p> <p>There are concerns around air quality on Charlton Church Lane, can the Council do anything about local air quality?</p> <p>The Council responded:</p> <p>The Council is aware that air quality is a national including in Royal Greenwich – more information about air quality can be viewed here. Nitrogen Oxide (NOx) Pollution is generally improving, however the Council is constrained by law and funding on how much can be done to improve air quality.</p> <p>The ultra low emissions zone and electrification of busses will make a difference and also ‘living streets’ where residents make group decisions to close streets to vehicle movement.</p>
3	<p>Resident comment:</p> <p>The area outside Charlton Station has outdated and unsynchronised bus lanes, and there is no parking enforcement in nearby roads.</p>

	<p>The Council responded: Four site visits were made this year with RBG highways officers and TFL attending. There is a finite amount of traffic wardens in the borough. All concerns are carried up through with traffic wardens.</p>
4	<p>The question asked:</p> <p>There is a growing population in the borough due to new residential developments. Can the property developers be forced to take in to account the capacity of the QE A & E service?</p> <p>The Council responded:</p> <p>We are building more properties in Royal Greenwich than anywhere else in London. But we are restricted by the planning boards and the planning application process. There needs to be a serious debate locally and nationally about how schools, hospitals and other provision can be included in planning proposals and the planning approval process. There is a lack of investment in local government nationally and there is a debate about how we can persuade developers to do what is required. Section 106 money is not adequate to support the number of people moving into the borough.</p>
5	<p>Resident comment:</p> <p>The crossing in Bugsby's Way, between Peninsula Park and Mothercare, takes a long time to allow people to cross the road. Lots of people queue up.</p> <p>The Council responded:</p> <p>Council officers are working on improving the traffic flow in the area. The Council will look into the concerns with the relevant council officers.</p>
6	<p>The question asked: What is the Council's plan for greening and tree planting?</p> <p>The Council responded:</p> <p>We are committed to planting hundreds of more trees by 2022 including on estates and in other areas. Councillors are part of a Greenwich Wildlife group that meet with developers to plant more trees and increase biodiversity. They are producing a plan which will be subject to public scrutiny about efforts of developers on this.</p>

7	<p>The question asked: Gullies and drains are always blocked on Bowling Green Lane, how often are they cleaned?</p> <p>The Council responded: Gullies and drains are cleaned once a year.</p>
8	<p>Resident comment:</p> <p>Controlled Parking Zones (CPZ) are needed on the Dockyard estate, there are a lot of non-residents parking there.</p> <p>The Council responded:</p> <p>Residents can put in a petition to request CPZ in their area – this is an effective way of raising concerns for issues relating to parking.</p>
11	<p>Resident comment: A public thank you to the local police team</p> <p>The Council responded: Our local police have been massively stretched recently with events, but they have done a really good job.</p>
12	<p>The Q and A session ends, the Chair thanked people for their questions and invited attendees to visit stalls.</p>