

**Community Conversation
Hampton and Hampton North Wards**

Date: 11.8.20

Time: 6.30-8.00pm

Venue: Zoom

Ward members in attendance:

- Cllr. Gareth Roberts (Hampton) *Leader of the Council*
- Cllr Suzette Nicholson (Hampton) *Vice-chair, Education and Children's Services Committee*
- Cllr. Avril Coelho (Hampton North)
- Cllr. Kate Howard (Hampton North) *Joint Deputy Leader of the Conservative Party Group*
- Cllr. Geoff Samuel (Hampton North)

Chair: Cllr Gareth Roberts

Apologies: Cllr. Geraint Thomason (Hampton) *Vice-chair, Audit, Standards and Statutory Accounts Committee*

Agenda Item One: Achievements

Headline Topic: Ward Achievements	
Councillor	Achievements
Cllr. Nicolson - Hampton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Litter pick around Garrick Temple - Church Street offices application to covert to residences, planning permission refused - CPZ consultation – resulted in CPZ being refused
Cllr Coelho – Hampton North	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Foodbank opening throughout lockdown - Serco missed collections – need to be followed up - Lady Eleanor Hollis Senior School fundraised for Shooting Start Hospice – raised £2,000 - Social housing issues – with infestations and threat of eviction
Cllr Samuel – Hampton North	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concerns over funding for Shooting Star Hospice in Hampton (Cost £5 million a year to run) - Complaints around waste collection – especially green/recycling collection. The closure of Townmead Tip – created issues and increase in flytipping

Agenda Item Two – open floor questions

Headline Topic Hampton Court Road and Thames Water utility work	
Question 1	There is a need for long term investment in the sewerage mains under the road. Constantly being repaired at present and this is short sighted of Thames Water.
Response	Cllr Roberts: Need for Thames Water to publicise planned disruption rather than ad hoc cumulative maintenance work.
ACTION	Cllr Roberts to lobby OFWAT of the Mayor of London
Headline Topic Lack of live music venues and outside space for the arts	
Question 2	Lack of live music venues and outside space for the arts
Response	Cllr. Coelho: Interest in building an amphitheatre in Hampton Square as an outside venue.
ACTION	
Headline Topic Youth work in schools (LAF idea) Local Area Fund	
Response	Cllr. Coelho: involvement of young people in the life of Hampton eg stewarding for the Hampton Carnival
ACTION	
Headline Topic: Infestation of social housing	
Question 4	Stephen Cunningham – Fulmers Close RA: PA Housing has addressed infestation problems, but waiting on RHP to do their part on adjoining land.
ACTION	Cllr. Coelho following up with RHP on infestation of rats and pigeons in their properties
Headline Topic: Masks/social distancing	
Question 5	Worried that supermarkets and shopkeepers not taking appropriate action in social distancing and wearing masks
Response	It is proving hard to enforce and some people are exploiting the situation. Cllr. Coelho: suggested more council social media campaigning videos and wearing masks. Some Councillors took part in the KeepLondonSafe campaign with the KeepRichmondSafe face masks.
ACTION	
Headline Topic: Oak Avenue Nature Reserve (LAF suggestion)	
Question 6	on the Oak Avenue Local Nature Reserve would it be possible to have a pond on the trail and things to engage young families when walking.
Response	Cllr. Coelho: encouraged to apply for the LAF to his ward councillors in Hampton North
ACTION	Hampton Helpers (Petra) could be approached to work on project with the help of Local Area Fund budget
Headline Topic: LAF idea	
Question 8	Using local villages and town centres for home workers and entrepreneurs.

Headline Topic	Traffic Hampton Court Road
Question 9	The amount of cycling has increased during lockdown and pollution levels decreased, but what are the plans for cycling in the future.
Response	Cllr. Nicholson: A cycling extension is currently being consultation. Need for more use of public transport to reduce car pollution levels. Schools getting involved in offering recycling for those goods that are not recyclable through the Council service. Cllr Fleming is working with traders in relation to banning single use plastic straws and plastic disposable cups. The Royal Parks closure to traffic has impacted on the level of traffic in Hampton as well. The Royal Parks are now carrying out a consultation on their movement strategy in the Royal Parks, reflecting on the changes during lockdown.
Headline Topic	Public Meetings in person
Question 10	William Redfern, Hampton Society – when will it be possible to have public meetings again for Society’s like the Hampton Society who have had 60-80 residents attending their talks. Would it be possible to use the White House to allow for social distancing for a public meeting?
ACTION	Community Engagement to send William Redfern the current regulations in relation to public meetings and the Covid 19 obligations via Regulatory Services