

Teddington, Hampton Wick, Fulwell and Hampton Hill Wards Community Conversation

Date: 4th Nov 2020

Time: 6.30-8.00pm

Venue: Zoom

Ward members in attendance:

Cllr Richard Baker (Teddington Ward) *Spokesperson for Economics & Business*

Cllr Martin Elengorn (Teddington ward) *Vice Chair of the Environment, Sustainability, Culture and Sports Committee*

Cllr Tim Woodcock (Teddington Ward)

Cllr Monica Saunders (Fulwell and Hampton Hill)

Cllr Jonathan Cardy (Fulwell and Hampton Hill) *Chair of the Planning Committee*

Cllr Matthew Hull (Fulwell and Hampton Hill)

Cllr Robin Brown (Hampton Wick Ward) *Finance and Resources Lead Member*

Cllr Jim Millard (Hampton Wick Ward) *Tenants' Champion*

POLICE REPRESENTATIVE ATTENDING: PC Tobin Joint, PC Mike Somer and PC Russ Parker, Insp. Robinson

POLICE LIAISON GROUP (PLG) REPRESENTATIVE ATTENDING:

Carole Atkinson (Representing the Fulwell and Hampton Hill PLG and the Safer Neighbourhood Board)

Martin Kingswood (Teddington and Hampton Wick PLG, Chair)

HOST:

The Chair for this event is: Rev Joe Moffatt, Chair of Interfaith Forum, St Mary Teddington

Agenda Item One: Achievements

Headline Topic: Ward Achievements	
Cllr Hull	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Issues on planning for Hampton Rd and Strathmore Rd approved• School street at Stanley & Hampton Hill Juniors are up and running• Burtons Rd trial for 6 months

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hampton Hill High St due to meet re empty properties • Enhancing street scene on Hampton Hill High St • Generator from Lidl gone, now plugged into mains • Three ward councillors thank you to PC ward contribution
Cllr Cardy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPZ consultation on Teddington part of Hampton Hill, generally refused, but several streets – Railway Rd/Church Rd - want a CPZ. Boundaries of CPZ to be decided
Cllr Brown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter about Covid 19 test centre at St Mary's sports ground posted to residents. Opening on Saturday for 7 days a week and run by the NHS. Book test on NHS website or by phoning 119 • Udney Park enquiry turned down. Written to Quantum about maintenance of site. Teddington rugby club to use pitches and do some maintenance work on the pitch • School streets trial at St John's School. Lower Teddington Road closed for 30-40mins to make environment safer/active travel to school • Collis school build – new teaching block to be completed Dec 2020, final completion 2021 • Councillors Brown, Millard and Baker visited local businesses to discuss their plans for lockdown • Christmas tree outside The Foresters / Sigma Sports to be replaced, have requested removal of the remaining stump by the council
Cllr Elengorn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TW11 magazine entry by Cllr Elengorn. Delivered today • CPZ support in Teddington, area behind Tesco's, Cambridge road. 2021 revised CPZ plan to go to consultation • Bushy Park car parking charges- council response: effect on roads nearby, displaced parking, Richmond card parking concession, season ticket impact • Conservation Area appraisals for the recently designated new Conservation Areas in all three wards will go out to consultation shortly • Ellery Hall – pre-planning application stage in Jan 2021 • Network Rail compulsory purchase of piece of land by station to allow for installation of lift 2022 • Barclays bank closed. Now can go to several uses, but protected by conservation area
Cllr Millard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covid regulations review (<i>slides on Covid rules</i>)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'I need help' online portal – for personal support for Richmond residences and the Community Hub open, Covid Marshalls, case tracing service at Local Authority level. New testing site at St Mary's Broom Rd campus
<p>Carole Atkinson Police Liaison Group (PLG) Chair</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work closely with Police and support them. • Police Liaison group exist for Hampton Wick and Teddington, Hampton Hill and Fullwell. Members of the community can meet with Safer Neighbourhood Team • Meet once a quarter, Police provide stats and updates, now allowing residents to send email to PLG and get response from Police and PLG publish in 'virtual minutes' • Need more diverse members and younger people • Safer Neighbourhood Board made up of Neighbourhood Watch, PLG, older people, faith, disabilities – need younger people to attend. Meet every quarter, currently on Zoom, normally In York House. Liaise with senior police • Neighbourhood Watch – community, watching out for your neighbours. Eyes and ears for the Police. Neighbourhood Watch contact details and PLG, Safer Neighbourhood Board contact details. 999 emergency 101, online reporting for ASB will be recorded on the follow up email from this meeting
<p>PC Tobin Joint</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fulwell and Hampton Hill. Priorities Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB), burglary and crime from cars. CAT convertor theft – • With the dark nights ASB in Holly Rd Rec and at the bus stop near Sainsburys and the Library. Police try to patrol this area. An arrest has been made of a 17 year old. See if this impacts on the situation. • Theft of CAT convertors, Teddington and Hampton Wick teams targeted team doing thefts. Currently thieves have moved off. Plans to follow next spate of thefts
<p>Mike Somers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ward officer for Teddington. SNT fully staffed. 2 PCs, 1 PCSO • Theft of cycles from High St/Broad St • Targeting of elderly at parking machines of debit/credit cards, distracting person and then taking cards. Then using immediately for cashpoint withdrawal. A few people preying on the elderly. Be very cautious using these machines with debit/credit card.
<p>PC Russ Parker</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joined May 2020, Hampton Wick • Number of concerns over CAT convertor theft – 17 thefts, £1k to replace. Plans to combat thefts with Teddington Team.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theft from cars of valuable items. • Instigated 'speed watch' with Transport Team around Kingston Rd • Foot patrol around Teddington school with school staff
Insp Rebecca Robinson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Borough Inspector for Richmond in charge of Safer neighbourhood Teams across the borough of Richmond • Trends – general spike in crime after first lockdown lifted • Richmond is one of the safest Boroughs, though Police still offer a full service

Agenda Item Two – open floor questions

Headline Topic Bushy park and Police presence	
Question 1	Resident of Bushy Park by the water gardens: A lot of ASB during lockdown, expensive damage. No police seen in park
Response	PC Somers: Park is covered by Royal Parks who have priority over local Police. Over the Summer youths were gathering in the Park. Police often use unmarked cars and try to visit the Park 2 times during a shift
Supplementary Question	The cricket pitch at Hampton Hill end of Park had many issues with access to shops and alcohol and litter problems.
Response	PC Tobin: there was a spike in issues and a planned approach is needed. Often evening and night activity, but the Neighbourhood Team shifts are not beyond 8 pm. But during the November lockdown there will be a bigger presence of Police. There is the cull at present, but young people still climb into the Park. PC Tobin: Foot patrol have a hard chase if young people on bikes.
Introduction of Hampton Wick and Teddington PLG Chair	Martin Kingsford: Chairman of Hampton wick and Teddington PLG – (combined wards to save Police time) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet 3 times a year, Police briefing to public meeting. • Issues in the area: burglaries, drugs, Teddington School policing – liaised with Headteacher and Police attend incidents on site, cycling on the pavement, speeding buses – prosecuted, speeding refuse vehicles. • Christina Gore – secretary, and Brian Holder – Teddington Society, share minutes and agenda. • OWL system to share information. • No public meetings at present. But Police would be happy to host Police meeting for Teddington and Hampton Wick. supporting the engagement policy of the Police. (Cuppa with a Copper)

Supplementary comment (original comment)	Insp Robinson: Joint work with Council during lockdown: Park Guards liaison, Covid Marshalls implemented, employed Police Officers for Covid breaches. Weekly meetings with the Council. Teddington Lock had a joint approach with the Local Authority and Police, to address the issues there.
Headline Topic Improvements to cycling infrastructure/safety	
Question 2	Adam Suomin: increase in use of cycles during lockdown, increase angst from drivers to new cyclist. Close passing of cars to cyclists. Are we making any measures to improve cycling infrastructure?
Response	Insp Robinson: Police Traffic Team carry out speed watches, but not sure about proximity. Will follow up. ClIr Saunders: Coordinating road watch including speed checks, road watch events with the Traffic Police and volunteers to check specific roads where there are problems. We're carrying out 2 road watch events per month but suspended from March 2020. But still in contact with Traffic Police, to enforce speed checks on specific roads. In Sept the road watches were resurrected, but now suspended again. But can identify roads to focus on for the Police. Richmond's '20's plenty' campaign.
ACTION	Email: Richmond 20's Plenty – to identify roads with speed issues Insp. Robinson: to follow up if traffic Police check proximity of cars to cyclists
Headline Topic Police and Council liaison	
Question 3	Ricarda Baldack: How can residents support the Police force? Cat convertor thefts, how can we identify these thefts?
Response	Insp Robinson: Cat convertor theft – 999 call as happening. A lot of reporting on social media, seen on Nextdoor – need to actually report to the Police PC Tobin Joint: Presence of Police is important – residents can help to direct Police service. No crime report recorded often only on social media/You Tube/Nextdoor – need to report directly to the Police.
Supplementary question	Ricarda Baldack: Cat convertor theft very quick, Police reporting is slow process.
Response	PC Parker: Cat convertor thieves often do a group of cars at one time, so still worth reporting, thieves work around an area PC Joint: For instance, Noble Wines CCTV showed a theft and the thieves were still be in the area.
ACTION	
Headline Topic: Burtons Rd pilot	
Question 4	Ian Donald: Burtons Road closure and the impact on Hampton Hill High St – Park Rd junction. In gridlock from Fulwell side. Albert Road parallel with High St, 4-7pm restrictions. Small sign showing no access to Albert Rd and Edward Rd – between 4-7pm. Gridlock on High St.

Response	<p>Cllr Cardy: impact of Burtons rd. raised with officers at beginning of the pilot, should be able to increase flow through traffic lights. TFL own traffic lights. The Transport committee need to pressure TFL to check phasing of lights. Advanced stop line being ignored. Buses turning from Hampton Rd to Hampton Hill High St still causing jams.</p> <p>Cllr Saunders: signage for 'no right turn' on Albert Rd obscured by tree covering signage. Talked to drivers, issue with dark evenings, need sign on right hand side of the road under lamp light, currently only on left.</p>
ACTION	Councillor Saunders to follow up better signage on Albert Road turn.
Headline Topic: Electric scooters	
Question 5	Care manager in Crossroads Care: children don't wear helmets on e-scooters and hard to see in the dark
Response	<p>Insp Robinson: same concern across the Borough. The corporate line is that electric scooters are subject to road traffic laws as mechanically propelled vehicles. Danger of children without helmets on the pavement. If the problem is in a specific area highlight to ward team who can then focus their response.</p> <p>PC Somers: in Teddington High St. and Broad St. in the last 6 months there has been an increase in e-scooters. Police can enforce Road Traffic Act, but actually common-sense approach used. In the last 3-4 weeks, ASB warning tickets have started to be issued. If on pavement going too fast, the Police have started giving tickets, previously the rider was just warned. If get a number of tickets an ASB notice will be issued. Over the last 2 weeks in the High St a number of issues have arisen and in Upper Teddington Rd.</p>
Headline Topic: Broom Park	
Question 6	Mark Lawson: Broom Park area near Teddington school, worried about crime on the river side, e-scooter usage
Response	PC Parker: There are few crimes reported in this area. In the past there was a residential burglary, but generally Broom Park area has little crime reported except neighbour disputes.
Headline Topic: Cycling on pavement	
Question 7	M Jay, Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator: cyclists on footpath then cut across roadway. Police car drove by without stopping to deal with cyclists. Do the Police condone cycling on the footpath?
Response	<p>Insp Robinson: response team car on the way to crime, can't always stop to deal with cycling on pavement. It is an offense to ride on the pavement</p> <p>Cllr Cardy: Police only deal with adults cycling on the pavement. Can we get marked bikes with tracking devices?</p> <p>Insp Robinson: children under 10 are allowed on pavements until they have done their cycling proficiency. Police do Smart water marking of bikes, but Covid has prevented marking due to social distancing.</p> <p>Cllr Cardy: Possible to have tracking device app on mobile phones?</p> <p>PC Somers: Tracker bikes exist, but Police has limited resources for this.</p>
Headline Topic: Police resources	
Question 8	Cllr Saunders: Police resources, with Covid responsibilities in addition, how can community help?
Response	Insp. Robinson: Now limited provision. New Borough Commander, Liz Chappell is very supportive of community engagement. Probationary Police Officers are coming through and filling vacancies quickly. In 2-3 months, Police

	<p>vacancies in the area will be filled. New probationary officer development centre in Twickenham Police Station will be working with Special Constables (volunteers) for visible presence on streets and working with Park Guards.</p> <p>PC Somers: The Police is still subject to Covid restrictions itself. Staff self-isolating from contact with Covid positive residents impacts on Police numbers as well.</p> <p>Insp Robinson: unlicensed music events around London take Police off local SNT area.</p>
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