

Community Conversation East Sheen, Mortlake and Barnes Common

Date: 20th July 2021

Time: 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Venue: Zoom

AGENDA:

- Agenda Item One: Update from Councillors
- Agenda Item Two: Presentation
- Agenda Item Three: Key theme breakout discussion groups
- Agenda Item Four: Open floor questions

Ward members in attendance

East Sheen

- Cllr Cambridge: Liberal Democratic. Vice-chair, Education and Children's Services Committee
- Cllr Joyce: Conservative
- Cllr Marcel: Conservative

Mortlake and Barnes Common

- Cllr Avon: Conservative
- Cllr Bridges-Wescott: Liberal Democratic
- Cllr Curran: Conservative

Chair: Gillian De Soyres: Mortlake Community Association Manager

Agenda Item One: Update from Councillors

Headline Topic: Ward Achievements	
Councillor	Achievements
Cllr Cambridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helped to sign post businesses during Covid lockdown • Liaising with local police on crime and safety, ASB issues around railway borders, bike crime still an issue. Will be joining the police on a 'ride with us day' to see what police deal with on a daily basis. I have joined police on ward walks to speak to residents about their concerns. • Closure of Sheen Gate, double yellow lines removed from South Walpole Way which has freed up the pavement. The council have been counting traffic in this area and will look at the data in due course. • Local Area Fund - East Sheen Cllrs have given £9,000 for a nature trail for the under 12s on Sheen Common and £1,000 for intergenerational music making.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My pleasure to be on Hammersmith Bridge for it's opening at 9:00am.
Cllr Seamus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was decided at Palewell Common AGM to host a dog show on Sunday 5th September • Play area and nature trail in Sheen Common nearly ready • Removed over 40 graffiti tags in the Ward • Regularly attend the police liaison group • Working with GLA rep Nick Rogers on the Milestone Green renovation plans • Weeded the footbridge on South Walpole Way • Supporting local businesses throughout the pandemic
Cllr Avon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stag Brewery – being heard at City Hall on 27th July. I urge residents to show the GLA planning officers their thoughts. GLA are planning to approve the application. 250 units will dramatically increase the population of the Ward, and no infrastructure can be put in place for it due to the Thames on one side and Chalkers Corner, Sheen Station and the South Circular on the other. • Performance of waste collection services really needs to be improved. • North Worple Way traffic chaos – used for rat run. We've been putting pressure on the Council to look at this. The area is currently being monitored.
Cllr Bridges-Wescott	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Townmead will partially re-open from tomorrow. • Great to see hammersmith Bridge re-open to pedestrians and cyclists. • Looking at sustainable flood management products • Anti-idling campaign due to re-start around the train stations soon

Agenda item three: Key themes arising from discussion groups

Theme Retail / Hospitality	Group's Key Comments
Signposting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better promotion of what is there • Want to see lack of banking addressed • Using empty shops for craft pop ups • More connected with local business owners / staff • Consider a High Street currency • Consider electronic screens on the street for promotion • Independent shops rather than big chains • Retain the Sheen Lane shops e.g, Toy Shop and cafes • Retain the post office

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More greener options on the high street
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Theme Leisure / Arts / Cultural Events	Group's Key Comments
Entertainment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have music on the street • More adult art groups e.g, pottery / painting

Theme Transport and Traffic	Group's Key Comments
Parking / Roads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic on the Upper Richmond Road • Need more parking in the area
Connectivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E-scooters not popular

Theme Look and Feel	Group's Key Comments
Pedestrianise areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More pedestrianisation of high streets • Need to keep outdoor dining (the arrangements put in place due to the pandemic) • High streets / sheen lane - Good for exploring and wondering around • Cafe culture wanted (Sheen Lane place for it, like Church Street in Twickenham) • Parklets

Agenda item four – Open floor questions

Headline Topic	Potholes in roads and cycling
Question 1	If you want people to use bikes to get around more, the roads need to be safer – they are in a state.
Response	Cllr Bridges-Wescott: We are putting a lot of money into fixing roads. Please report potholes on the council website. Cllr Cambridge: We would like to continue to expand our dedicated cycle lanes.
Headline Topic	Legal framework for shop change usage
Question 2	Will the Council's legal framework allow for shops to change to cafes, houses etc as mentioned during the discussions tonight.
Response	Cllr Baker: In certain circumstances Yes. Central government have taken the choice away from local councils to some extent though.