

Community Conversation East Sheen, Mortlake and Barnes Common, Barnes

Date: Tues, 13th Feb 2024

Time: 7.00pm – 9:00pm

Venue: Sheen Lane Centre

AGENDA:

6.30pm – 7.00pm:	Refreshments and Council departmental stall on local issues e.g. Civic Pride/Community Fund, Community Safety
7.00pm – 7.10pm:	Chairperson to give brief introduction
7.10pm – 7.20pm:	Review of achievements - Councillors
7.20pm – 8.10pm:	Priority themes discussion ('Question Time' style with questions from the audience)
8.10pm – 8.50pm:	Open questions
8.50pm - 9.00pm:	Event close

Ward members in attendance:

Cllr Andy Hale – Liberal Democrat (Barnes Ward)
 Cllr. Marjie Millum – Liberal Democrat (Barnes Ward)
 Cllr Fiona Sacks – Liberal Democrat (Barnes Ward)
 Cllr Julia Cambridge - Liberal Democrat (East Sheen Ward)
 Cllr Margaret Dane – Liberal Democrat (East Sheen Ward)
 Cllr Zoe McLeod – Liberal Democrat (East Sheen Ward)
 Cllr Niki Crookdake - Green Party (Mortlake and Barnes Common Ward)
 Cllr. Anton McNulty-Howard – Liberal Democrat (Mortlake and Barnes Common Ward)

Apologies

Cllr Tony Paterson – Liberal Democrat (Mortlake and Barnes Common Ward)

Agenda Item One: Update from Councillors

Ward Achievements	
Councillor	Achievements
East Sheen	Cllr. McLeod: Regeneration Projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commenced revitalisation of the area surrounding East Sheen Library and Milestone Green to create vibrant green community spaces.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manifesto commitment fulfilled with the establishment of East Sheen Market, currently undergoing assessment for future enhancements. <p>Transport Initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successfully opposed the closure of Mortlake Ticket office in collaboration with local MP Sarah Olney, residents, and charities. • Supported the launch of the East Sheen Community Cargo bike scheme for sustainable travel options. • Installed two new cycle hangers at Martindale and Milton Road with plans for additional installations. <p>Health and Safety Improvements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocated for school streets applications at Thompson House School and Sheen Mount School to enhance safety for students. • Collaborated with the East Sheen Traffic group to urge TFL for safety enhancements at the Sheen Lane and Upper Richmond Road West junction, resulting in upcoming improvements. <p>Leisure Facility Enhancements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secured funding for renovations at the Pavillion in Palewell Park and the resurfacing of tennis courts at Palewell Park and East Sheen Common. • Safeguarded East Sheen Library with planned improvements including layout adjustments, air conditioning installation, and carpet replacement. <p>Community Policing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued advocacy for increased police presence, welcoming the addition of a community safety officer to the safer neighbourhood team. <p>Environmental Initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased tree planting in the ward and introduced new food and electrical recycling facilities. • Supported residents in transitioning to electric vehicles while opposing planning applications detrimental to the area's aesthetics. <p>Future Directions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledged ongoing opportunities for further improvements and welcomed input from the community for future priorities and actions.
<p>Barnes</p>	<p>Cllr. Hale:</p> <p>1. Deputy Mayor Announcement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Sacks from Barnes ward appointed as deputy mayor for the current year. <p>2. Relationship Building with Organisations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have been actively fostering relationships with various organisations, including:

- Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)
- Wetlands
- Castelnau Community Centre
- Additional public meetings conducted with the SNT.
- A business-specific safety meeting held.

3. Community Initiatives:

- Barnes Common Ltd/Barnes Community Gardeners have developed a community garden at Diana House, Walnut Tree Crescent, in response to residents' requests.
- Richmond Housing Partnership (RHP) blocks have improved, and community gardens tidied up by the Barnes Community Gardeners.
- Efforts are underway to improve Castelnau Library's Garden.

4. Community Bluescapes Project:

- The Community Bluescapes project is underway, focusing on permeable surfaces as a pilot in Barnes.

5. Road Improvement Efforts:

- The administration allocated £1 million towards road improvements in the Borough.
- Lobbying efforts made to prioritise road improvements in Barnes.

6. Combatting Fly Tipping:

- Fly tipping addressed through Mega Skips events.
- A pilot event conducted in Castelnau last year.
- Recently, Mortlake and Barnes Common had a Mega Skips event.
- The event filled two skips, aiding in clearing alleyways and estates.

7. Housing Improvements:

- Richmond Housing Partnership (RHP) encouraged to proceed with major works on post-war housing in the area, particularly focusing on improving energy efficiency.
- An energy survey of houses conducted by RHP, and work scheduled to begin in 2024-5.
- Cllr. Sacks from the ward is deputy mayor this year.
- We have been building up relationships with various organisations; SNT, Wetlands, Castelnau Community Centre. Additional public meetings have been held with the SNT (Safer Neighbourhood Team) and a business specific safety meeting was held.
- Barnes Common Ltd/Barnes Community Gardeners has developed a community garden at Diana House, Walnut Tree Crescent, at the request of residents. RHP (Richmond Housing Partnership) blocks have been improved, with community gardens being tidied up by the Barnes Community Gardeners. They are now looking to improve Castelnau Library's Garden.
- The Community Bluescapes project is looking at permeable surfaces as a pilot in Barnes.
- The administration gave £1m towards roads in the Borough and we have been lobbying for roads in Barnes to go up the priority list.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combatting fly tipping with the Mega Skips events. One was piloted in Castelnau last year and Mortlake and Barnes Common had one recently. Two skips were filled which helped to clear alleyways and estates. • RHP has been encouraged to get on with major works on the housing that was built after the war in the area, particularly to improve energy efficiency. An energy survey of houses was undertaken by RHP and in 2024-5 work will begin.
<p>Mortlake and Barnes Common</p>	<p>Cllr Crookdake:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Building a Caring and Inclusive Community: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborated with residents to foster a more caring and inclusive community in Mortlake and Barnes Common. 2. Community Hub Initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnered with Mortlake Hall to establish MCA advice and a community hub, operating twice a week on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Cllr Crookdake contributes as a volunteer. 3. Support for Essential Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked with Mortlake PowerStation to establish a food bank in collaboration with the parent champion network, while also extending support to youth services. 4. Mortlake Meet Up Initiative: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiated Mortlake Meet Up, facilitating interactions among front-line professionals offering services to residents, aimed at fostering stronger relationships among service providers. 5. Support for Residents' Living Conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aided residents concerning living conditions, addressing issues such as damp and mould, disrepair, disability improvements, and pest control. 6. Advocacy for Landlord Investment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocated for landlords to prioritise investment and retrofitting efforts to improve housing conditions. 7. Environmental Initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisted in applying for grants to support sustainable community facilities in Mortlake Hall and flood resistance measures around Mortlake High St. • Worked on waste and litter bin placement across the ward to improve environmental cleanliness. 8. Transport Strategy Review: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported a petition signed by 1400 residents calling for a review of the Transport Strategy, particularly focusing on road, walking, and cycling route improvements. • Engaged in the Local Implementation Plan for Transport by the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames.

9. Planning Work and Future Focus:

- Engaged in planning work concerning the corporate plan, particularly focusing on the boundaries of the Mortlake Brewery and at Barnes Hospital.
- Expressed gratitude to fellow councillors for mutual support, acknowledging that there is still work to do.
- Collaborated with residents to create a more caring and inclusive community in Mortlake and Barnes Common.
- Worked with Mortlake Hall, to start MCA advice and community hub twice a week on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Cllr Crookdake volunteers there.
- Worked with Mortlake PowerStation to set up food bank with parent champion network as well as supporting youth services.
- Initiated Mortlake Meet Up with front line professionals offering services to residents to help build relationships amongst providers.
- Supported residents with living conditions on damp and mould, disrepair, disability improvements and pest control.
- Lobbied landlords to prioritise investment and retrofitting.
- In relation to the environment, helped apply for grants for sustainable community facilities in Mortlake Hall and flood resistance around Mortlake High St.
- Worked on waste/ litter bins across the ward.
- 1400 resident petitioned a review of the Transport Strategy in relation to roads, walking and cycling route improvements. [Local Implementation Plan for Transport - London Borough of Richmond upon Thames](#)
- Planning work on corporate plan around the boundaries of the Mortlake Brewery and at Barnes Hospital
Thanked fellow councillors. Mutual support. Still lots to do.

Cllr. McNulty-Howard:

Spoke with Cllr Paterson, who is self-isolating, but asked to feed back his achievements:

1. Housing Improvements:

- Advocated for the implementation of lift replacement at Chertsey Court, securing £2.4 million in funding for housing disrepairs.

2. Addressing Anti-Social Behaviour:

- Noted incidents of anti-social behaviour involving stones thrown across the railway from South to North Worples Way.

3. Collaboration with Police:

- Collaborated with the police in addressing issues around Barnes Hospital.

	<p>4. Safer Neighbourhood Team Support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensured that the Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) has a full complement of officers to enhance community safety. <p>5. Environmental Efforts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Habitat and Heritage initiatives focused on improving tow paths and Mortlake Green. Initiated the establishment of the Friends of Mortlake Green. <p>6. Community Engagement and Surgeries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly surgeries for locals held at the youth club, the PowerStation on Mortlake High St. Received emails regarding traffic, traffic fines, and refuse problems from residents. <p>7. Traffic Management Initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emphasised the importance of traffic flow, with upcoming discussions in the Transport Committee regarding the implementation of traffic restrictions in the area. The agenda for the Transport and Air Quality Committee meeting on Tuesday, 27 February 2024, at 7.00 pm, will address these issues. <p>8. Communication of Achievements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents will receive leaflets through their doors outlining further achievements and developments.
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Agenda item two:

Theme 1	Discussion
Community Safety	<p>Cllr Crookdake:</p> <p>1. Community Safety:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emphasised the importance of everyone feeling safe. Addressed the prevalence of drug and alcohol-related anti-social behaviour. Collaborated with resident groups, police, and residents to tackle these issues. Highlighted concerns regarding delayed action on reported crimes, leading to resident fear of reprisals and reluctance to report. Advocated for increased community safety officers, CCTV, and addressing root causes such as mental health and abuse issues. Stressed the need for special supported housing for those unable to maintain tenancies. Proposed initiatives such as the Community Ambassador Scheme and additional 'safe spaces' to deter crime. Called for improved visibility of Police Liaison Group (PLG) meetings to encourage resident participation.

- Noted ongoing efforts by experienced Community Safety Officer David Noakes but acknowledged more work remains.

Mortlake Resident, Alder Rd:

1. Safety Concerns:

- Raised concerns about feeling unsafe due to narrow pavements obstructed by parked cars and lorries.
- Highlighted the lack of enforcement of 20mph speed limits.
- Called for resident involvement in decisions regarding traffic flow.

Mortlake Green:

1. Usage Issues:

- Expressed concerns about Thomson House School's intensive use of Mortlake Green, resulting in unsafe conditions dubbed 'Mortlake Mud'.
- Reported drug dealing activities originating from the train station.
- Welcomed the establishment of the Friends of Mortlake Green.

Cllr. McNulty-Howard:

1. Planning and Development:

- Discussed unresolved issues post-planning decisions regarding Mortlake Brewery and Thomson House School.
- Highlighted concerns about inadequate play facilities for primary school children.

Cllr. Millum:

1. Speeding Enforcement:

- Noted police efforts to enforce 20mph speed limits, including the Community Roadwatch scheme.

Cllr. Cambridge:

1. Development Plans:

- Addressed concerns regarding traffic management and development plans around Barnes Hospital.
- Explained the concept of 'school streets' to restrict traffic during school drop-off and pick-up times.

Sarah, resident of Mortlake, and Barnes Green Ward:

1. Community Concerns:

- Raised issues regarding traffic and development around South Worple Way and Barnes Hospital site.
- Highlighted delays in housing and school developments and lack of adequate play facilities for children with special needs.

Additional Points:

1. Barnes Hospital Development:

- NHS and Department for Education are responsible for the Barnes Hospital development.
- Meetings held to address concerns, and works are commencing soon.
- Arrangements are in place for staff and dispatches to mitigate disruptions.
- Noted the challenges of providing playing fields in urban environments but assured provision of a garden area for students and the medical centre.

Mortlake resident, Alder Rd:

Alder Road: Do not feel safe, very narrow pavement with cars and lorries parking on pavement. For 4 years raised with Council. Nursery, guide hut, scout hut and community garden on this road and no enforcement of 20mph. They are driving on the pavement leading to a real potential for a serious accident. Some action is being taken on the rat running in North Worple Way, but residents need to be involved in decisions on the flow of traffic.

Mortlake Green: Thomson House School use as a playing field and it has become 'Mortlake Mud.' The intensity of use and safeguarding for children in an unprotected area in playtime, lunch time and PE classes is not fair on them or us. Drug dealing on Mortlake Green coming from the train station. The newly formed Friends of Mortlake Green will be a brilliant help.

Cllr. McNulty-Howard: 2 years ago, there was a consultation by the Transport Team for Alder Rd, Sheen Lane, and White Hart Lane within the Mortlake High St/railway boundary. The Transport Committee will discuss in 2-3 weeks' time. **ACTION: Will ensure resident gets information.**

Cllr Crookdake: Recognises the challenge with the school, post planning decision on Mortlake Brewery and Thomson House not being relocated to the new site. Six hundred primary school children with nowhere to play was raised at the Planning Committee but was not resolved in the meeting. Cannot be allowed.

Cllr Millum: The Police enforce the 20mph speeding limits. Equipment has been put up – smiley faces. There is the Community Roadwatch scheme with the Police where residents are given speed detection equipment resulting in warning leaflets for speeding.

Cllr. Cambridge: Mortlake Green has the section 106 agreements for financial investment in that area if Mortlake Brewery is approved. There will be £175k for Mortlake Green improvements when the development has been built.

Sarah, Mortlake, and Barnes Green ward:

Holding meeting in half term not a promising idea as a lot of residents cannot attend.

South Worple Way, evidence provided for rat running, what are the changes and latest on Barnes Hospital site? In May 2019 there was an urgent requirement for housing, a mental health unit and special needs school. It is now a derelict site. The housing application made in 2021 has still not been seen by the planners. In May 2023, the hospital and school were approved, but when are they being developed? There is no outside area for children to play, only a concrete area for play and a netball court on the roof. This is the result of overbuilding and neglecting both health and a play facility for SEN children.

	<p>Cllr Cambridge: South Worple Way is East sheen. Barnes Hospital is in Mortlake. There have been two consultations in relation to traffic orders around the building site. The possibility of an intervention on White Hart Lane would have meant a diversion through residential roads, Queens Rd which could not take the weight of traffic. Therefore, the decision was to keep the traffic flow as it is now.</p> <p>The school street has seen a one-third decrease in South Worple Way rat running. When the building works are completed, it will be looked at again.</p> <p>Sarah: What is a school street?</p> <p>Cllr. Cambridge: Restrictions at drop off and pick up times to allow access only to residents/deliveries. The road is cut off twice a day which reduces rat running traffic.</p> <p>Cllr. McNulty-Howard: Barnes Hospital is the responsibility of the NHS and Department for Education. There have been four meetings to go through issues. Works will be starting next week. There are arrangements for staff outside the site, and dispatches will only happen when the roads clear. There is a noticeboard with contact details of the constructors and there will be quarterly meetings.</p> <p>In relation to children’s playing fields, it is a London urban environment, and it is not always practical to provide playing fields. There will be a garden area for use of students and the medical centre.</p>
<p>Theme 2</p>	<p>Discussion</p>
<p>High Streets and local infrastructure</p>	<p>Cllr Cambridge:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Vision for High Streets: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocated for a diverse range of shops, businesses, and service places. • Proposed pedestrianisation where possible, along with indoor and outdoor dining spaces. • Emphasised the importance of a green environment with trees and eating areas. 2. Public Realm Improvement Projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outlined plans to enhance Sheen Lane Centre exterior, Milestone Green, and Castelnau Parade through the Public Realm Improvement Fund. • Noted allocated funds for each project and public consultation outcomes. 3. Sheen Lane Centre: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlighted overwhelming support for the outlined drawing in the recent consultation. • Detailed proposed features including a safe space, play spaces, diverse seating areas, and imaginative planting. • Next stage involves securing funding for detailed designs.

4. Milestone Green:

- Announced upcoming public consultation aimed at greener public space, inclusive seating, additional cycle parking, imaginative brick flooring, and enhanced lighting.

5. Castelnau Parade:

- Discussed the community-driven public space improvement project, including consultation outcomes.
- Final design to incorporate the concurrent CPZ (Controlled Parking Zone) (Controlled Parking Scheme) scheme. [Have your say - Citizen Space](#) will be where both the CPZ and final design will be displayed and consulted on)

6. Support for Local Businesses:

- Mentioned support provided to local businesses through grants for festive decorations and the 'Shop Local' campaign.

James- resident, East Sheen:

- Expressed concern over the estimated cost of the Sheen Lane Centre plans.

Cllr Cambridge:

- Clarified that the detailed plan for the Sheen Lane Centre will not cost millions, despite initial estimates.

Cllr Hale:

- Corrected the misconception about the expenditure on Castelnau Parade, highlighting that it was a civic pot of cash, not millions.

Francine Bates, Chair of Mortlake Community Association:

- Echoed Cllr Crookdake's sentiments about Mortlake's lack of capital investment.
- Urged for the creation of a community hub in Mortlake while awaiting decisions on the brewery development.
- Highlighted the need for resources to develop Mortlake Hall and the necessity of a dedicated community centre.

Cllr Hale:

- Discussed plans for a Police hub as part of the Stag Brewery development.

Cllr Roberts:

- Discussed the timing of spending funds in the area in relation to the broader scheme of the Stag Brewery development.
- Encouraged residents to bring proposals directly to ward councillors.

Cllr Crookdake:

- Requested expert help from the Leader for Ward improvements.

	<p>Cllr Millum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addressed misconceptions about the wealth of Barnes and highlighted the importance of the Castelnau Parade public realm project for addressing poverty and social housing issues. • Mentioned the impact of Hammersmith Bridge closure on North Barnes. <p>Question from Online Resident:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raised a query about mental health provision at Barnes Hospital, deferred as it did not relate to High Streets.
Theme 3	Discussion
Stag brewery	<p>Cllr McNulty-Howard:</p> <p>1. Stag Brewery Development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on Planning Committee approval for the Stag Brewery development, subject to appeal by the London Mayor. • Highlighted the Planning Committee's considerations, including balancing planning law with residents' needs. • Noted the developer's proposal for accommodation on a brownfield site, with funds allocated for a secondary school. <p>Tim Catchpole, Chair – Mortlake with East Sheen Society:</p> <p>1. Concerns about Secondary School Plans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questioned the need for a secondary school given declining primary school enrolment. • Raised concerns about the size and necessity of the proposed secondary school. • Pointed out the decline in primary school rolls and questioned the need for additional secondary school places. <p>Cllr Crookdake:</p> <p>1. Decline in School Rolls:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted a decline in primary school rolls over the past four years. • Highlighted projections indicating a decrease in secondary school-aged children over the next decade. • Questioned whether existing schools could accommodate the anticipated decrease in students. <p>Cllr Roberts:</p> <p>1. Long-Term Planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stressed the importance of long-term planning in addressing educational needs. • Reiterated the Department of Education's support for the proposed secondary school. • Noted the demand for a local secondary school and the need to provide choice for students. <p>Cllr Cambridge:</p> <p>1. Focus on STEM Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlighted the focus of the proposed secondary academy on tech/digital education.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emphasised the need for more women and girls in STEM fields. • Referenced online planning strategy showing the necessity for the school. <p>Cllr Sacks:</p> <p>1. Local Community Need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledged the desire for a local secondary school in the Castelnau Estate area. <p>Jeff, resident Mortlake:</p> <p>1. Critique of Planning Documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raised concerns about the reliability of statistics in school planning documents. • Advocated for consideration of Office for National Statistics (ONS) predictions in school planning. <p>Chair of Board of Secondary School in North Kingston:</p> <p>1. Increased Demand for Schools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlighted the high demand for secondary school places in the area due to significant population increases from various developments. • Raised questions about transportation infrastructure to accommodate population growth.
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Theme 4	Discussion
Transport and transportation	<p>Cllr Millum:</p> <p>1. Hammersmith Bridge Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carriage reopened to cyclists today. • Introducing tighter parking restrictions around Hammersmith Bridge due to commuters parking cars for bridge access, with controlled parking times introduced in May. <p>2. Barnes Station Improvements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New parking restrictions and a pay-by-phone parking scheme introduced in June. • Network Rail's 'access for all scheme' providing access to all platforms in Barnes. <p>3. Transport Infrastructure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feasibility study for a pedestrian crossing at Station Rd Barnes, near Barnes Farmer's Market. • TFL (Transport for London) consultation on Lonsdale Rd to replace bus stops with 'hail and ride', with residents divided on the proposal. • Updates on North and South Worples Way coming to the Transport Committee. • Introduction of a virtual loading bay service near Tesco on Sheen Lane. <p>4. School Streets and Transport Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trial of a School Street at Thomson House School showing reduced traffic, with considerations for permanent implementation by the Transport Committee. <p>5. Highway Maintenance and EV (electric vehicles) Chargers:</p>

- Increased funding for highway maintenance programme.
- Introduction of Electric Vehicle chargers and bike hangers.

Oonagh, Love Mortlake representative:

1. Concerns about Parking and Awareness:

- Noted improvements around Barnes and Mortlake stations.
- Raised concerns about controlled parking hours at Mortlake Station and lack of information at Richmond railway station about Mortlake.

Cllr Crookdake:

1. Community Involvement and Transport Strategy:

- Presented a transport petition signed by 1400 people, advocating for a comprehensive transport strategy considering all area developments.

Cllr Roberts:

1. Consultation and Transparency:

- Discussed upcoming consultations and publications for the Transport Committee.

Resident, Mortlake:

1. Accessibility Concerns:

- Inquired about the 'Access for All' scheme for Mortlake Station.

Cllr McNulty-Howard:

1. Mortlake Station Improvements:

- Addressed the need for step-free access at Mortlake Station and ongoing negotiations with Network Rail.
- Emphasised Mortlake's historical significance and the need to attract more visitors to the area.

Amin Abdul, East Sheen:

1. Retailer Concerns:

- Highlighted the impact of TFL's traffic decisions on Upper Richmond Road West retailers.
- Urged the council to address the neglect faced by retailers due to traffic changes.

Cllr Zoe McLeod:

1. Promised Improvements:

- Promised TFL improvements to Upper Richmond Rd. West by the end of the year.

Actions:

- Cllr McLeod to discuss in detail with retailers and visit with Cllr. Dane regarding retail concerns on Upper Richmond Road West.
- Follow-up action by Cllr Roberts on responses to the petition.
- Consideration of long-term planning strategies and engagement with residents regarding traffic and development plans in the area.

Agenda Item three: open floor questions

Headline Topic: Thomson House School's School Street	
Question 1	Will the Thomson House School (TH) school street extend to cover the entirety of Vernon Road? There's rat running and parents parking from Thomson House on our end of the street.
Response	Cllr Cambridge: Vernon Road currently divides into two sections. Once the trial period completes, I would support extending the school street scheme to cover the entire road.
Headline Topic: Mortlake Brewery	
Question 2	Mortlake Brewery Will the traffic improvement project on Upper Richmond Road include reinstating the box junction at Milestone Green? Previously, there was a box junction, removed during road resurfacing. Residents have raised concerns with TFL, but their bid to reinstate it was unsuccessful. The area experiences heavy traffic, and there is a pedestrian crossing with traffic congestion often resulting in cars blocking intersections. Additionally, cars attempting to turn right into Sheen Lane face difficulties due to congestion caused by the pedestrian crossing.
Response	Cllr Cambridge: TFL rejected the proposal for a box junction. Instead, they suggest widening the pavement, adjusting the traffic light sequence, and implementing a filter lane. Details outlined in the consultation .
Headline Topic: Safety of pedestrian crossings on Upper Richmond Road	
Question 3	Liz, resident East Sheen: Could you please address the safety of all crossings along Upper Richmond Road? The crossing at the Hare and Hounds intersection frequently malfunctions, and crossings along Sheen Lane are hazardous.
Response	Cllr Cambridge: Your observations are accurate. The TFL consultation addresses safety concerns at Gilpin Road, Queens Road, and Kings Road by proposing raised crossings. ⁵
Headline Topic: Priory Lane filter onto Sheen Lane	
Question 4	Valarie, resident East Sheen: The green filter at Priory Lane for right turns has short timing, causing traffic congestion on Sheen Lane.
Response	Cllr. Cambridge: Priory Lane is under the authority of Wandsworth Council. I suggest reaching out to them regarding this matter.
Headline Topic: CIL money contribution to Mortlake	
Question 5	Alex, Mortlake: Cllr Paterson mentioned £38m coming to the council, how much of that is coming to Mortlake?
Response	Cllr Roberts: The final figures are not yet determined. There are two types of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL): strategic borough CIL, which is allocated around the area, and Neighbourhood CIL (NCIL), a localized fund that could provide a financial boost for Mortlake.

	<p>Cllr Crookdake: An estimated £40 million projected for CIL. With this, more local investment in affordable housing could be viable. Proposing a neighbourhood plan for Mortlake could enable us to invest £10 million directly into affordable housing on the Stag site, rather than elsewhere. We need to thoroughly explore this possibility.</p> <p>Cllr Roberts: There is a neighbourhood plan in Ham where the levy generated by development remains in Ham, but they receive nothing from elsewhere in the borough. This illustrates the trade-off with a Neighbourhood Plan, as it could limit other investments.</p> <p>Cllr Crookdake: Considering the size of this development, which is one of the largest in Richmond and potentially London, it is improbable that we would receive £10 million from any other development.</p> <p>Oonagh, Love Mortlake: The money generated from CIL is typically allocated to other parts of the borough, but we aim to ensure a portion of it earmarked for Mortlake.</p> <p>Cllr Roberts: While the strategic funds spent borough-wide, Mortlake will also receive funding.</p> <p>Cllr Crookdake: To clarify, £6 million out of the £40 million, equating to 15%, would be allocated to the neighbourhood, including areas like East Sheen, Barnes, and Mortlake. A Neighbourhood Plan could allocate £10 million of that sum specifically for Mortlake. Neighbourhood CIL expenditure could then focus on affordable housing, but strategic CIL cannot be used in the same manner.</p> <p>Online Question: What measures are being taken to increase temporary accommodation for homeless individuals in the borough, thus avoiding their displacement to other areas?</p> <p>Cllr Dane: Using the Streetlink app helps in getting people off the streets. Additionally, our borough now acts as a social housing provider for temporary accommodation.</p> <p>Cllr Hale: We now can invest in and purchase properties on the open market through grants. As a registered provider, we have already secured thirty houses on the open market. This status enables us to access funding for temporary accommodation, which was not previously available to us. We can now apply to the Greater London Authority (GLA) for funding to procure temporary housing in the open market.</p>
<p>Headline Topic:</p>	<p>Police Liaison around Anti-Social Behaviour/Richmond Town consultation</p>
<p>Question 6</p>	<p>Sue Weaver, Barnes resident:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A community engagement meeting with the Police is scheduled for the 19th of March at the Wetlands Centre to address anti-social behaviour. New Met for London event at the Wetlands Centre, Barnes Tickets, Tue 19 Mar 2024 at 18:00 Eventbrite • Has the council published the results of the £50,000 street survey commissioned to improve the streets and shops of Richmond town? <p>Cllr Roberts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The full report is available on the council website. A vision for Richmond town centre - London Borough of Richmond upon Thames • Key findings include that only 9% of people drive into the town centre, which may seem counterintuitive. We need to adopt a data-driven approach to address transportation needs effectively. <p>Cllr Sacks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourages everyone to attend the Met's community conversation at the Wetlands Centre. <p>Cllr Dane:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently focusing on addressing Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB). Collaborative efforts with the Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) have resulted in decreased ASB targets in East Sheen. Handling of ASB differs between public and residential areas, with specific strategies tailored for each. <p>Cllr McLeod:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Police Liaison Group has launched a WhatsApp group for communication. Residents can access it through a leaflet with a QR code provided.
Headline Topic	Traffic circulation
Question 7	<p>Resident: Hammersmith Bridge is not going to be open any time soon. Upper Richmond Rd traffic has increased, works at Barnes Hospital and Stag, impact of roadworks at Manor Rd, I have an 11-month-old baby exposed to the particulates in traffic from the South Circular, and it is 6 years for the bridge to reopen. Frontline, how do we deal with the health of our children, Thomson House and East Sheen Primary students are playing next to busy roads. Unlocking the gates in Richmond Park would be the least bad option. It is under Royal Parks control, but we cannot open the bridge, or stop the Stag and Barnes Hospital development. Many people cannot access Richmond Park if less mobile and need car access from the Sheen side. You asked for practical solutions.</p>
Response	<p>Cllr Cambridge: Do you want Richmond Park opened to vehicles, would that alleviate the south circular? Audience: YES</p>
Supplementary point	<p>Remarks from the Audience: London needs major arteries open. If we cannot get it open, it is ridiculous to force traffic down one road. Stag will make it worse. East Sheen Primary and Thomson House are by major highways, and particle pollution is getting worse. Mayor and TFL need to talk, but it is a major issue, and we are doing nothing about it.</p>

Close of Meeting