

**Issues raised at the Borough, Bankside and Walworth Community Council
meeting held on 10 October 2012**

Issue	Action
<p>How many food contamination complaints have been received in the community council area in the past 2 years and how many complaints have resulted in fines being issued?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can the council confirm that all traders supplying meat, fish and food have relevant food hygiene certificates which are renewed when required? • If there are food traders found with rodent (infestation) and if so do premises get closed down...If not what is the procedure • Where would the public find the information about shops/traders that are in breach of food safety standards 	<p>How many food contamination complaints have been received in the community council area in the past 2 years and how many complaints have resulted in fines being issued?</p> <p>From 1/10/2010 to the 30/09/2012 the team received 15 complaints in Borough Bankside area the description of which relates to food contamination. No Fines have been issued. It should be noted that food safety enforcement officers cannot issue fines. Fines are issued by the Courts following a successful criminal conviction. Evidence available must be beyond reasonable doubt to secure successful convictions and subsequently fines.</p> <p>For the same period, 29 such complaints were received in the Community Council area of Walworth. No Fines issued.</p> <p>Can the council confirm that all traders supplying meat, fish and food have relevant food hygiene certificates which are renewed when required?</p> <p>Food business operators and food handlers are not legally required to have certificates of any food hygiene qualifications. Instead, the law requires that they are supervised and instructed/and or trained in food hygiene commensurate with the work they do. There is no requirement for renewal of certificates. However, food safety officers routinely assess the level of food hygiene knowledge and awareness of food business operators and staff and where concerns are identified, they are required to undertake the necessary training.</p> <p>If there are food traders found with rodent (infestation) and if so do premises get closed down...If not what is the procedure?</p> <p>In the past 2 years (same period as above), 15 complaints of rodent/pest infestation on food premises were received in the Community Council area of Borough Bankside and 29 in the Walworth area. Food businesses found to have rodents/pest on the premises are not automatically closed down. There are strict conditions set out in Food Law Code of Practice</p>

	<p>for food safety officers to consider when deciding to close a food business - There must be an imminent risk of injury to health. Three (3) food businesses in the Walworth area were closed during the period when food safety officers identified conditions that presented imminent risk to health as described in the Code of Practice. Four (4) food businesses in the Borough Bankside area were closed during the same period.</p> <p>Where would the public find the information about shops/traders that are in breach of food safety standards?</p> <p>The food team operates the Food Hygiene Rating Scheme developed by the Food Standards Agency (FSA) and this allows for the publication of hygiene ratings based on level of compliance with food hygiene law. The scheme has a six tier hygiene rating system ranging from 0-5 with 0 being the worse and 5 being the best. Hygiene rating can be viewed at http://ratings.food.gov.uk/ Businesses with less than a rating of 5 would have some food hygiene breach, the numbers and severity of which increases as the rating decreases. It should be noted however, that businesses with a hygiene rating of 3 and above are "Broadly compliant" with hygiene rules.</p>
<p>Why is the existing development zone covering Walworth Road and East Street allowed to prevent regeneration/business funding from Wansey Street to Burgess Park and East Street? Can the area be delisted?</p>	<p>Awaiting response</p>
<p>There are confusing signs on Heygate Street onto Walworth Road stating end of 20 mile per hour zone which indicate Walworth Road is an 30 mile per hour road. Then under the railway bridge there is a sign end of 20 mile per hour zone which is conflicting information – can this be addressed?</p>	<p>Awaiting response</p>
<p>What is happening with Elephant Park (between Heygate Estate and Maritime railway line)? The development of Tribeca Square had an agreement with Southwark allowing the developers to use the park as a site compound – has this agreement run out? If so will it be renewed and when will the work on the Tribeca Square development begin?</p>	<p>The development of the site at 50 New kent Road [known as Tribeca Square] is now being managed by Delancey a specialist real estate and advisory company in partnership with Oakmayne properties who secured the planning consent for the site. Delancey are currently in the process of seeking to refinance this mixed use redevelopment which includes retail, residential, student and commercial uses including a 4</p>

	<p>screen cinema. The project will also deliver the first phase of the much larger new public open space that will run east/west through the heygate site and which is part of the Lend Lease outline application. To facilitate the refinancing of the scheme the developers have been discharging pre commencement planning conditions and have amended the structural design and layout of the building to enable the scheme to incorporate a large retail unit on the groundfloor. The developer is in the process of completing a lease with Sainsbury's for this space. Securing funding continues to be challenging in the current financial environment. The council understands that the developer now expects to commence development early in the New Year. As part of continuing to help bring forward this regeneration project the council is discussing terms of the renewal for the site compound licence.</p>
<p>The Elephant forum recommended that all roads should be restricted to 20 mph going to and from the elephant roundabout and junction in the light of recent death of a child on St George's road would the council consider such as a matter of urgency? Who is responsible for St George's Road and its speed monitoring?</p> <p>Can a green man crossing and a 20mph limit be introduced at the junction of Great Suffolk Street and Borough High Street? This is a busy crossing for mothers and children at school times on a fast road. This desperately needs a crossing allowing time for pedestrian crossing. This request is supported by parents at Charles Dickens School, students at the British School of Osteopathy and Borough Babies.</p>	<p>This is the responsibility of TfL – this query has been sent to them.</p> <p>Current priority is to provide a green man facility at the junction of Borough Road and Southwark Bridge Road which should be in place by the end of the financial year. For consideration as part of any further investment programme I have included this request in the correspondence database and it will therefore act as indicator when we are identifying new transport schemes as part of any future funding programmes. The council's submission to Transport for London provides us with our main source of funding for making transport improvements in the borough and is announced in December each year, following a September submission.</p>
<p>Why is there no phased pedestrian crossing across Stamford Street at the Blackfriars Road junction?</p>	<p>This is the responsibility of TfL – this query has been sent to them.</p>
<p>What is the Section 106 agreement between the council and the Shard with access to the viewing platform and what discounts do local residents get?</p>	<p>The s106 for the Shard secures public access, to the mid and top levels; it does not secure any subsidised rates of access to the viewing space or restaurant space.</p>
<p>Issue about electricity Chalmers Walk</p>	<p>Issue passed to housing services to respond to</p>

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