

## **DULWICH COMMUNITY COUNCIL – 17 MARCH 2015 MEETING**

### **COMMUNITY COUNCIL QUESTION TO THE COUNCIL ASSEMBLY MEETING – 25 MARCH 2015**

#### **14. QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION, PLANNING AND TRANSPORT FROM COUNCILLOR ANDY SIMMONS (DULWICH COMMUNITY COUNCIL)**

How will the council improve consultation on traffic and transport schemes in the Dulwich area?

#### **RESPONSE**

We recently consulted on the first draft of the New Southwark Plan (NSP) for an extended four month period. The plan sets out updated and new draft planning policies that will be used to decide planning applications across the borough once the plan is adopted in 2017. It also includes draft visions for neighbourhoods and areas including an updated vision for Dulwich that builds on the contents of the adopted Dulwich Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). Undertaking a consultation for the New Southwark Plan is a statutory requirement. It is also important to involve local residents at this early stage in the preparation of such an important planning document and provide the opportunity for views to be put forward. The consultation included a series of meetings, events and mailings throughout the borough.

The Southwark Cycling Strategy was also consulted on during the NSP consultation period. Planning and transport officers coordinated marketing materials and meetings to ensure both documents were promoted and discussed together, ensuring effective use of resources and consistency in approach. While the council received overwhelming support in favour of stronger cycling policies and programmes, officers were made aware of concerns that some residents, particularly in Dulwich, have in regard to what impact a cycle route, such as a Quietway route, may have on their street.

The council is committed to working with and involving local residents, as part of the Cycling Strategy delivery programme there will be a Dulwich wide consultation on possible improvements to the road network for pedestrians and cyclists. This will ensure all issues are considered together and local residents will be able to share their views before formal consultation takes place. The next stage of consultation on the New Southwark Plan takes place in the autumn when the 'Preferred Option' of the plan will be consulted on.