

**Public questions received at Borough, Bankside & Walworth Community Council
21 November 2015**

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<p>Are there plans for income generating parking spaces at Burgess Park greater than the existing ones?</p>	<p>There are no plans to introduce car parking charges at this time in Burgess Park.</p>
<p>How can Redman Green be protected as a green space?</p>	<p>Redman Green (fronting Borough High Street, south of Redman House and the Gladstone Arms) is identified as amenity space for the adjoining residential blocks. It is not currently designated as a protected open space by planning policy.</p> <p>Generally residential amenity space for housing estates across the borough does not meet the criteria for open space designation. This is because estate amenity land is not public open space and is ancillary to buildings in the estate.</p> <p>However, there is an opportunity to suggest that it should be protected by responding to the consultation on the New Southwark Plan preferred option. Written representations should describe the roles and functions of the open space as well as its quality to explain why it should be protected. They should be submitted by Friday 12 February 2016 by emailing planning.policy@southwark.gov.uk</p>
<p>Are there any plans for parking areas in the Elephant and Castle project?</p>	<p>Given the high public transport accessibility of Elephant and Castle, the provision of public car parking would not be supported by current policy. TfL are currently undertaking substantial improvement to the northern roundabout, delivering improvements for those using the space whether on foot, cycle or on public transport. Further investment is planned for the Northern Line ticket hall.</p>
<p>Will there be permits needed for barbecues in Burgess Park?</p>	<p>The two designated barbecue areas operate on a first come first served basis and are designed to be used by families and small groups, there are no permits required. Park users are asked to observe the council's guidelines for the safe and responsible use of the barbecues. Details can be found on site or online at http://www.southwark.gov.uk/info/200480/burgess_park/2724/burgess_park_bbg</p>

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<p>Toilets in Burgess Park are needed. Who will clean them?</p>	<p>At present public toilet facilities are located at Chumleigh Gardens, the BMX Track, the Tennis Centre and the Community Sports Centre.</p> <p>Between November 2014 and August 2015 extensive consultation was carried out to develop a new Masterplan for Burgess Park. This consultation highlighted the need for further public toilets to be provided. We are pleased to confirm that the Chumleigh Gardens toilets will be refurbished during the early part of 2016 and that a new public toilet facility will be provided adjacent to the angling lake during the latter part of 2016.</p> <p>All existing toilet facilities are cleaned either by contract staff or the individual operators of the various facilities.</p>
<p>Please would the Council's Head of Highways outline what contact he has had with the City of London and with TfL with regard to the [proposed closure of Tower Bridge for around two months in October and November 2016, with special regard to mitigation of the traffic chaos and polluting traffic back-ups that are likely to have a seriously adverse effect on the community council area, on the north of the borough generally, and on neighbouring boroughs, prolonging the misery and cost to the local economy currently being caused by TfL works in the Elephant and Castle area and elsewhere.</p>	<p>The maintenance works that require the closure of Tower Bridge are still provisionally planned to commence in October. TfL, the Corporation of London and Southwark council are in discussions on how best to mitigate the disruption the closures will have on the road network. TfL are planning investigatory works in January to establish what is required to bring the bridge deck up to specification. The works will be undertaken overnight with lane closures. Once the investigations are complete, officers will be holding a follow-up meeting to discuss durations, timings, traffic management required, possible disruption and mitigation measures.</p>
<p>The speed limit of cyclists in Burgess Park should state a lower speed. I was almost killed by a cyclist who never even stopped to find if I was alright and I could even hear him shouting as he sped off. It's a good thing I didn't experience a heart problem.</p>	<p>The Burgess Park masterplan sets out a number of indicative proposals for enhancing cycling routes within the Park. Details of the cycling vision identified in the masterplan can be found online on the cycling and footpaths download <u>http://www.southwark.gov.uk/downloads/download/3998/shape_the_future_of_burgess_park</u></p> <p>The proposed routes will be carefully designed to encourage safe and responsible cycling and also considering the needs of other parks users and pedestrians.</p>

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<p>In 2016 Southwark Council will consult on the Burgess Park section of the Elephant & Castle to Crystal Palace Quietway (QW7). In the consultation documents for the two adjoining sections of QW7 (Falmouth Road to Albany Road and New Church Road/Edmund Street junction to Peckham Road) it is stated that the Cabinet Member for Environment and the Public Realm will be making a formal decision on these two sections before the end of 2015.</p> <p>How can a consultation on the Burgess Park section of QW7 be in line with Table 7 of Southwark Council's adopted statement of community involvement and allow for a fair consultation with communities when a decision on the two sections either side will already have been made? If these two sections are indeed approved then how can the consultation possibly address where QW7 enters the park?</p>	<p>The council intends to make a decision on the entire Quietway 7 route (excluding section in the Burgess Park) once consultation is completed for the entire route. This is likely to be around end of March / April 2016.</p> <p>Consultation for the detailed design of the Burgess Park section the route is scheduled to commence late February 2016 and a decision made around May 2016.</p> <p>The overall route alignment, including through Burgess Park, has previously been agreed as part of the masterplan and cycle strategy consultations.</p> <p>Due to different funding source and delivery programme decisions will have to be made at different times for section of the route via Burgess Park and the highway.</p> <p>However, the council will ensure the proposals on the highways and park are joined up and complement each other.</p>
<p>Southwark Park open air swimming pool – could we not have similar in Burgess Park?</p>	<p>The review of the Masterplan for Burgess Park involved extensive consultation with park users and the local community to engage their views on their priorities for further investment with the park. The provision of an outdoor swimming pool was not identified to be a priority and does not feature within the Masterplan.</p>
<p>Why are the whole of the balcony lighting and the flood lighting which lights the way into the blocks at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broomfield House SE17 1SY on the Congreve Estate and • Comus House on Congreve Street, SE17 1TG <p>on during daylight hours? How is helping the blocks' carbon foot print?</p>	<p>On inspection, officers found that the contactor in Broomfield House was in the 'manual' position. This was switched back to 'auto' and the lights turned off. This resolved the issue.</p> <p>In Comus house, two sides of the building were lit up in the daytime. The contactors (Royce Thompson) for both sides were set to auto and the contactors seemed to be faulty. A job had been raised and the issue resolved.</p>

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<p>It was mentioned at the Community Council meeting that there are plans to put two cycleways through Burgess Park — Quietway 7 and the Southwark Spine - and, as was pointed out by the Southwark Cyclists' representative at the meeting, these will attract many commuter cyclists to the park. However -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A petition against the Southwark Spine running straight through the park was presented to Southwark Council, and had over 500 signatures. 2. There is already an acknowledged problem with speeding cyclists in the park. The quiet route running along the Surrey Canal Walk, for instance, has been taken over by commuter cyclists. 3. There are already roads through the park - Wells Way in particular - which could be improved to make the commuter links North and South without spoiling the peace, quiet and relaxation of other park users who wish to enjoy the vastly improved park environment. 4. Many if not most cyclists will expect that on a specified cycling route they can proceed at commuter pace. This will inconvenience if not endanger pedestrians. <p>One must ask, given the above: why Southwark Council is still wedded to these cycle routes? Secondly, and specifically, why - as a first step - couldn't Wells Way be used to improve the link from QW7, rather than sending cyclists from a designated cycle lane into the park, where they will be sharing a path with all sorts of park users?</p>	<p>The routes affecting Burgess Park are currently under review and one update to the maps published will be made in spring next year.</p> <p>Regarding the specific confirmed routes:</p> <p>The Quietway from Kennington Park to Trafalgar Avenue has a proposed alternative of St. Georges Way and this is currently subject to TfL accepting the cost of the route before any outline design can be looked at. There will be early engagement on this locally in the New Year.</p> <p>The Southwark Spine route is going to commence with the section south of Burgess Park so that the Master Plan and Aylesbury re-development are further established before officers undertake a review of the 'level of service' needed and desired routes north of the park. There is also going to be a high level study to establish a preferred link from this southern section of the Spine to Quietway 7 which does not involve a route through the park. This will include looking at the use of Wells Way.</p>

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<p>Is there still compost containers still available?</p>	<p>Residents can be supplied with compost bins - although there is a charge. The following is an extract from the web-page: http://www.southwark.gov.uk/info/530/food_and_garden_waste/2118/home_composting</p> <p>Compost bins</p> <p>Home compost bins are ideal if you have a garden. The recycled plastic bins are available in two sizes and come with a five litre ventilated kitchen caddy, composting manual and access to a composting helpline.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The 220 litre bin is 90cm tall with a 74cm base diameter •The 330 litre bin is 100cm tall with a 80cm base diameter <p>The kitchen caddy can be used to hold your organic kitchen waste before you take it to the compost bin.</p> <p>To keep your caddy clean, you can use biodegradable/compostable liners (these can be bought from your local supermarket), your old plastic bags (although these cannot be put in the bin) or a couple of sheets of newspaper that will soak up moisture and will decompose easily.</p> <p>Compost bins can be purchased for £10 from the Reuse and Recycling Centre.</p> <p>Can-o-worms</p> <p>The 45 litre Can-O-Worm kits are made from recycled plastic and come with generous extras to help make your wormery go smoothly including; bedding block, lime mix, worm 'treat', moisture mat and detailed instructions - all you need to start successful composting with a wormery.</p> <p>Worms are dispatched in special packaging to ensure they reach you in top condition but they will need to be transferred into the bedding kit within two to three days once delivered.</p> <p>Can-O-Worms can be purchased for only £30 from the Reuse and Recycling Centre.</p> <p>Buying a home composting kit or Can-O-Worms</p> <p>You have the option to collect these from the Reuse and Recycling Centre or for an extra cost of £5.49 you can arrange to have them delivered to your home.</p>

	<p>Collection</p> <p>You can collect a home compost bin or Can-O-Worms from the Reuse and Recycling Centre, 43 Devon Street , London , SE15 1AL seven days a week between 9am and 6pm during the winter months (1 October until 31 March) and from 9am and 8pm during the summer months (1 April until 30 September).</p> <p>You will need to bring proof of address (e.g. a council tax or utility bill), photo identification (e.g. passport or driving licence).</p> <p>Please pay using cash only.</p> <p>Home delivery</p> <p>Home compost bins / Can-O-Worms</p> <p>To get a home compost bin or Can-O-Worms delivered to your home this will cost an extra £5.49 for delivery. To arrange this call Getcomposting.com on 0845 130 60 90 or visit their website. Alternatively you can order by post. Simply send details of your product choice, name, delivery address, telephone number and email address, together with a cheque or postal order for the due amount to:</p> <p>Getcomposting.com - Southwark offer FREEPOST RRSX-TXTE-RCCB 1 Whitehall Riverside Leeds LS1 4BN</p> <p>Getcomposting.com also offers a range of other compost bins, accessories and water butts. See their website for details.</p>
<p>Councillor Hargrove spoke about the cost of replanting trees lost to the redevelopment projects and other public works. Is it possible to require landowners/developers/investors to include funding for tree and green space replacement in the proposals they submit for regeneration projects? If it is not possible to require this, might they be strongly encouraged?</p>	<p>The council would seek to negotiate with developers to replace those trees which were agreed could be removed. There are some cases, when a tree is either subject to a tree preservation order (TPO) or is identified as having a very high amenity value, where the council's planning department may not agree to its removal. Lend Lease Elephant Park is a good example of a comprehensive approach based on replacing overtime the value of the trees which are to be removed.</p>

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<p>When are the pavements on Walworth Road being cleaned with water jets? None of the residents has ever seen this happen.</p>	<p>Walworth Road was washed week commencing 27 July, 24 August, and 29 September. Walworth Road is washed on a monthly basis during the summer months. Walworth Road is very busy at the best of times, so the street is washed between 5.00am and around 6.30am, as it then starts to get busy with footfall. We usually allocate three mornings to clean the whole road, dependant on how dirty the paving is. (see also photos below) When the weather is too wet or cold, the road is not washed to prevent issues such as erosion and damage to paving.</p>



