

**Public questions received at Peckham and Nunhead Community Council
29 June 2016**

Question	Response
<p>PQ 1:</p> <p>Brayard Road road works have been going on for months. They have expanded pavements, dug and re-dug the pavements which has reduced parking or eliminated parking for residents. The work is so bad they have put tar as an after thought near pavements to cover their mistakes for pedestrians. Local complaints go unheard. No consultation took place prior to any works or during works etc.?</p>	<p>Works have been delayed due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • unforeseen construction issues and, • a pause to accommodate urgent works request by Network Rail on their bridge at Brayard Road <p>We are expediting the works and hope to complete before end of September 2016.</p> <p>The outstanding works are manly carriageway resurfacing and installing raised junction tables.</p> <p>The tar mentioned in your email is a temporary measures to facilitate the access for pedestrians until the raised junction tables are constructed.</p> <p>Details of the consultation and decision making process can be found under the following link http://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=5249</p> <p>Works notification letter were sent out last year before we started on site and we will notify residents prior to commencing the carriageway works mentioned above</p> <p>It's inevitable that highway works will cause a measure of disruption and inconvenience, but be assured of our best intentions to reduce any discomfort to local residents.</p> <p>Senior Projects Engineer, Environment and Leisure</p>
<p>PQ 2:</p> <p>The question I would like asked is when Southwark occupational therapy work so hard to apply for grants for apparatus for disabled people that a lot of it gets ripped out by the housing associations or council properties when a new tenant moves in.</p> <p>Would it not be better to put a new tenant in there that would need the same equipment i.e. hoist equipment or a lift rather than ripping it all out? This is a total waste of resources and funding. Could someone come to the meeting with a price list of how much it cost for disability equipment. Could housing associations and the council be more responsible to find the right tenants for</p>	<p>My staff deal with council voids and ensure that there is close liaison with Occupational therapist (OT) and Housing Solutions to ensure that, where possible, an adapted property is let to another person who requires the same adaptations. This is not always possible as individual requirements differ. However, a referral is always made OTS when the property becomes empty. Carol Purdie, the OT service manager and John Cowderoy , the OT who deals with void [properties have provide the following comments</p> <p>ALL LBS adapted voids come to me for inspection. If the adaptation is old and worn out I might allow the voids team to scrap it such as a ten year old shower. All adapted voids, we are talking principally showers here, are either advertised as E+ adapted, so they can only be bidden for by disabled people, or if they are accessed by stairs then I recommend they are advertised as general purpose with shower, bath not to be reinstated.</p>

<p>homes already equipped?</p>	<p>Some adapted properties are difficult to let as E+. They are advertised and sometimes there are no takers. In such cases they are let to general needs applicants but the adaptation has to remain. If an adaptation is removed it is because it is worn out or there has been a rare mistake.</p> <p>Stair lifts are the odd case. If there are no external stairs and there are other adaptations in the property such as a shower, then we keep the lift in place and advertise as E+. When re-let I visit the tenant to make sure they are safe on the lift. I would estimate that about 50 % of voids with stair lifts are successfully re-let with lifts in place. If there are no E+ takers and the lift is not required by the new tenant of the property (or if it is accessed by external stairs) then we remove and recycle it. Nearly all out lifts are Stannah and it is Stannah that remove and recycle them for us. Either refitting them in other homes or recycling the parts.</p> <p>Head of Repairs and Maintenance Housing and Modernisation</p>
<p>PQ 3:</p> <p>Is it right that given the difficulty in the past of obtaining access to viability studies that the council has decided to make all viability studies public?</p>	<p>All development proposals which result in 11 or more new homes are required to provide a proportion of the homes as affordable. In all such cases the applicant must submit a viability study alongside their application to demonstrate the level of affordable housing proposed is deliverable.</p> <p>In March 2016 the Council adopted the Development Viability Supplementary Planning Document. This states that all viability studies submitted in support of new planning applications will be published prior to determination.</p> <p>Planning Policy Team Leader Chief Executive</p>
<p>PQ 4:</p> <p>Some years ago we were assured the traffic problem along St Mary's road would be looked into. A traffic survey was actually done. What was the outcome of this survey? It would be appreciated if this problem could be revisited to avoid road rage incidents on St Mary's Road?</p>	<p>Awaiting response from officers.</p>
<p>PQ 5:</p> <p>Artwork for walls: Rye Lane to Choumert Road car park</p> <p>The artist appointed in June 2013 by Pocket Places (Sustrans) was given permission to spray paint body</p>	<p>Awaiting a response from officers on the points raised.</p>

shapes on to the corridor walls from Rye Lane to Choumert Road, without first collecting the views from residents about which artist's design people actually preferred for this space. Pocket Places (Sustrans) is an organisation in receipt of public funds to work in Partnership with Peckham Platform, Southwark Culture and Arts team, to improve the space of the pedestrian route across Grove Park through the Corridor to Rye Lane. The said artwork has done nothing to improve this space for pedestrian users. It has been left in this poor state since June 2013 and is peeling off the walls. During this time, vandals have covered the walls in drawings, scribbles, foul offensive messages, tags and have written all over the walls and other surfaces making this space look worse than ever before and extra work and expense for the council to remove it. In April 2015 Pocket Places apologised for the outcome of this artist's trial work citing it was a result of limited funds.

Will this community council take this issue up with the relevant cabinet members who may share responsibility for the separate areas covered in my question, to do the following?

- Ensure public funds are being spent responsibly with a view to recoup any unspent funds from this organisation so the money can be used for local area food banks to buy food for families who need it, or in donation to the popular Peckham Lido Crowd funding Campaign to rebuild the Lido on Peckham Rye Common (Spacehive.com/Peckham-Lido).
- Give this community council a full break down of the expenditure on this project so residents can be given the opportunity to scrutinise it. Also publish the amount of council public funds that were awarded to Pocket Places and Sustrans from June 2013 to this present date to show exactly how public funds have been spent or unspent.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To invite another public/private body to take over this project and to come and address this community council about how they can deliver the said project within agreed projected timescales. • Given the significant delays to the delivery to date it is right it is now properly scrutinised at this community council by its members and residents before it is implemented this year 2016. • Instruct the council's relevant project management team to fully investigate whether Sustrans (Pocket Places) or any new organisation appointed to deliver the said project does have a proven track record of working with different communities, enough resources and a proven expertise in this area to do deliver it on time. Then report the investigation findings back to this community council for the relevant ward members and residents to review it. 	
<p>PQ 6:</p> <p>Is bulk rubbish being charged for example, sofas - £16 for council tenants if so why haven't this been advised because it's causing a lot of confusion? There has been an increase of dumped items over the last couple of months. If charged how do you pay if you do not have a credit card?</p>	<p>Awaiting response from officers.</p>