

From: Pru Bland [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, February 18, 2018 4:00 PM
To: Kissi, John
Cc: [REDACTED]; Lauraine Turner; Walpole, Will; Rapson, Stuart; Hargrove, Barrie; Mills, Victoria; Hamvas, Renata; Edwards, Gavin; Dolezal, Nick; Ali, Jasmine; Mohammed, Jamille; Barber, James; Shimell, Rosie; Smith, Charlie; Wingfield, Ian; Hill, Matthew; Liz Brough; Paula Orr
Subject: Peckham Rye flood alleviation scheme

Last week on behalf of the **Friends of Peckham Rye Park** I sent a short email of support for the scheme. Subsequently a fellow FoPRP committee member, Paula Orr, has put together a much more considered letter of support on our behalf.

I attach the letter as a document for ease of forwarding it to the relevant authorities. FoPRP fully endorse everything that is said in the letter.

Good luck with the application.

Best wishes

Pru

Subject: Peckham Rye Flood Alleviation Scheme

To: London Borough of Southwark Highways Department

The Friends of Peckham Rye Park (FoPRP) is a group of like-minded volunteers dedicated to preserving and maintaining the historic beauty of Peckham Rye Park and Common. We are instrumental in shaping the future of this important community space. We look after the interests of park users and raise any issues – from conservation to anti-social behaviour – with the relevant authorities. The FoPRP committee finds out about future plans and canvasses popular opinion, organising meetings for members and inviting park officials and councillors when there are issues of concern.

Our committee has been closely involved in discussions with Southwark Council's Highways Department about the proposed flood alleviation scheme for the north end of Peckham Rye Common. This careful process has ensured that queries and concerns raised by the committee on behalf of park users have been discussed and answers provided.

We are delighted that the Highways Department team led by John Kissi has come up with a proposal that meets a range of objectives and enhances this part of the Peckham Rye Common in a way that maintains the openness and accessibility of this important area of Metropolitan Open Land and makes the space more attractive to users and passers-by.

We would like to comment in particular on the following benefits that would be provided by this project:

- Enhancement of existing green space: during 2017 the Committee carried out a survey with local residents in the immediate vicinity of this part of Peckham Rye Common and with users to find out what they saw as the benefits of this space and how they felt it could be improved. The results of the survey indicated that people value the open area for children's play, recreation, access to nature and being outdoors. Many people felt that the space could be improved by better planting and enhancement of biodiversity but some were concerned about any possible loss of openness and access.

We feel that the current proposal to improve the area involved responds well to the needs and aspirations expressed to us by local residents and users.

Some residents and users indicated that improvements in physical layout – for example by removing the old iron railings that run east to west across the area – could increase natural surveillance and a feeling of safety. We are glad to see that the proposed project identifies this aspiration and includes measures to achieve it.

- We recognise the importance to providing protection to properties in the area and making provisions for future climate change impacts and are satisfied that this project makes the most of the capacity of this area of the Common to temporarily retain surface water and reduce flood risk, with minimal impact on the use and enjoyment of the area.
- We are delighted that the proposed project is intended to enhance biodiversity through the use of native plants and we look forward to working with the project team to ensure that planting and maintenance achieve these goals.
- We are keen to see that the project proposes to encourage connectivity between existing green spaces in Peckham, Dulwich and other parts of South London and will follow with interest the measures taken to facilitate this.
- The Friends have been promoting the idea of using information boards to create awareness and recognition of the rich history and environmental contribution of Peckham Rye Common and are delighted to see that this could be delivered as part of the project.

We would like to express our support for this project. Equally, we would like to register our recognition of the work that the Highways Department team has done in involving local user groups like FoPRP.

Pru Bland
Treasurer
FoPRP

From: Wingfield, Ian

Sent: Friday, February 16, 2018 8:48 AM

To: Kissi, John

Subject: Re: Peckham Rye Flood Alleviation & Scheme- REQUEST FOR LETTER OF SUPPORT

Dear John,

I hope this will suffice:

“As the relevant Cabinet Member in Southwark and a local resident in Peckham Rye I fully support all the Flood Alleviation and Improvement Scheme and all the project objectives. In particular I would like to stress the importance of the enhancement of the ‘bog garden’, reclaiming the ‘donkey ride’ area, safer cycling routes and enhanced pedestrian pathways, improved air and noise quality, and recognising the history of the Lost River Peck. The Scheme as a whole will make the Peckham Rye area far more attractive and accessible to be enjoyed by residents of all ages, abilities and backgrounds”.

Regards,

CLLr Ian Wingfield

Cabinet Member for the Environment & Public Realm

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From: Hargrove, Barrie
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Cc: Wingfield, Ian; Hill, Matthew
Subject: RE: Peckham Rye Flood Alleviation & Scheme- REQUEST FOR LETTER OF SUPPORT

Dear John,

I am very happy to express my support for this flood alleviation scheme and its objectives as set out, in the knowledge that you and your team will deliver it to the high and publicly sensitive standards of the other flood alleviation projects you have developed.

All best wishes,

Councillor Hargrove

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From: Barber, James

Sent: Sunday, February 18, 2018 8:34 AM

To: Kissi, John

Cc: Shimell, Rosie

Subject: Re: Peckham Rye Flood Alleviation & Scheme- REQUEST FOR LETTER OF SUPPORT

Hi John,

I fully support these proposed measures to alleviate flood risk in the area.

I've witnessed first hand the impact of flooding in local residents and the extreme distress it caused them and support these measures to help avoid this risk.

Having seen the very successful flood alleviation measures in the local area such and those on Alleyns playing fields and Dulwich Park you have a great track record of such scheme implementation. I'm also sure you've taken into account the new Lido proposals.

My only question is when will they be completed / they can't happen soon enough!

Regards James Barber

Liberal Democrat councillor for East Dulwich