

TAKE note

Dulwich Community Council



Notes from the meeting on Tuesday March 13 2007
Herne Hill Baptist Church, Half Moon Lane, SE24

Issue no. 11

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Main items at this meeting:

- Proposals to close Herne Hill sorting office
- Supplementary planning document (SPD) - a summary sheet
- Policing issues - police station closures & role of safer neighbourhood teams (SNTs)
- Officer report on Herne Hill controlled parking zone

Policing issues – police station closures & role of safer neighbourhood teams (SNTs)

Superintendent David Chinchen gave a presentation at the meeting followed by a short presentation from Simon Taylor, chair of Southwark police and community consultative group, on the police station and accommodation issues, and the role of SNTs.

David Chinchen conveyed the borough commander's apologies at this meeting and commented on the following:

- Confirmed that the MPS intention was to align SNT boundaries with ward boundaries within the Dulwich community council area. This would mean that data collection was aligned for the purposes of police and local authority services and would mean that SNTs and councillors always dealt consistently with the same group.
- Confirmed that SNT staffing would be maintained on a 1+2+3 basis (Sergeant, PC and PCSO) in each SNT area, with the possibility, but no commitment, of additional PCSOs.
- Explained that SNT shifts were organised so that all six SNT officers were rostered together, in order to support team working.
- Explained that the MPS intention was to find two bases for SNT teams within the Dulwich community council area. One for the College ward team, likely to be in the Kingswood estate, and one for the Village and East Dulwich SNTs, likely to be on Lordship Lane. High street or shop front locations were generally preferred. Park locations were felt to be unsuitable. Over the borough as a whole it was intended to find between eight and ten SNT bases of which two would be in the Dulwich community council area, to reflect the larger geographical spread of the Dulwich community council compared with other community council areas.
- Noted that the Lordship Lane police station building had been identified for disposal within a one to four year time span.
- Undertook that the Lordship Lane police station would not be closed until alternative accommodation for the SNTs had been secured.
- Reminded the meeting that the SNT officers do not represent the totality of policing in the area.

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Control parking zones (CPZ) Review

Tim Walker reported on this item and outlined programmes for 2007/08 and 2008/09. He mentioned that there was no funding in 2007/08 for anything beyond a review, of how the CPZ would operate, based on the streets in the controlled parking zones (CPZ). Cllr Nick Vineall said that Lambeth were consulting on a CPZ on the other side of Herne Hill and that it was unlikely to reach a conclusion before November 2007.

It was agreed by Dulwich community council members that officers would undertake a limited consultation on the existing CPZ in the financial year 2007/08. However, in light of the outcome of the pending Lambeth CPZ consultation, officers would also reconsider whether to undertake a full review and consultation in relation to the Herne Hill CPZ (including questions of extending the CPZ) at the end of calendar year 2007.

For more information contact Tim Walker at Southwark Council on 020 7525 2021 or email tim.walker@southwark.gov.uk

Supplementary planning document (SPD): A summary sheet on design and access statements - Suburban/urban zoning

Simon Bevan from planning & transport spoke on the above and circulated briefing papers on both items. The briefing note on the urban/suburban densities is attached to the minutes agreement form, which is available at www.southwark.gov.uk/communitycouncil and click on Dulwich, then the agendas and minutes link.

The meeting noted that the critical issue was the densities that would apply in the suburban north zone and mentioned the worst possible outcome would be to rezone as urban and keep Southwark UDP densities. The London plan densities for "urban" zoning were, depending on public transport accessibility, lower than Southwark UDP urban densities.

For more information contact Simon Bevan at Southwark Council, regeneration, Chiltern House, Portland Street, SE17 on 020 7525 5411 or email simon.bevan@southwark.gov.uk

Proposal to close Herne Hill sorting office

Melanie Corfield and Christopher Woods gave a presentation on the closure of the sorting office at Herne Hill. Melanie mentioned that Royal Mail post office profits had fallen by £22m because of falling volumes of business and the new competition from other bulk mail carriers, which is why the post office has to cut costs. Herne Hill sorting office served 7,152 delivery points, delivering 33,000 mail items a week, of which less than five per cent were bulky items. Five hundred or 600 items a week had to be redelivered or collected. The Herne Hill sorting office function is going to be transferred to Camberwell, with changes in Camberwell beginning on March 26, ready to sort Herne Hill mail by May 19, and an actual transfer of functions on June 4 2007.



Dulwich community council thanked representatives from Royal Mail for their attendance and presentation and for responding to the concerns of residents about the proposed closure and relocation to Camberwell.

It was noted at the meeting that there had been no environmental impact survey because the view of the post office was that this was not required under current regulations. The Royal Mail representatives agreed to provide further details as to why this was the case.

It was noted at the meeting that a petition would shortly be presented about the proposed closure and the chair thanked representatives from the Royal Mail for clarifying the situation.

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**Your next Dulwich meeting is: Monday April 23 2007, 7pm start
Christ Church, 263 Barry Road, SE22**

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Your next Dulwich community council meeting will have a transport theme with officers from the transport planning team plus much more.

Everyone is welcome !

