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Dulwich Community Council



Notes from the meeting on Tuesday January 13 2009
Kingswood House, Seeley Drive, London SE21 8QR

Issue no. 22

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Your next Dulwich Community Council meeting is on:
Wednesday March 4 2009

Main items discussed at this meeting:

- Local Area plan for the Dulwich C C area (College ward focus)
- Public Realm issues in College ward
- Residents' views on traffic / other matters relating to College ward

Local Area plan for the Dulwich community council area (College ward focus)

Stan Dubeck, area manager - Camberwell & Dulwich Area Management Team presented:

The development of a local Area Plan for the Dulwich community council is still in the early stages - the process is to identify the key issues in the area, which also include priorities and services provided by the Council for each of the three wards and those within the ward boundaries.

What are Area Plans?

Area Plans are being proposed for each community council area and they are linked to the sustainable community strategy which is an overall Plan for the borough up until 2016.

The area plan will set out local people's expectations and empower local communities. Stan explained that College Ward is relatively less deprived compared to the rest of the borough as a whole, however deprivation is higher in some areas such as

Kingswood Estate. However it was noted that Kingswood Estate suffers less crime compared to other areas. Dawson Heights, Lordship Lane and Kingswood Estates experience higher deprivation in terms of income, especially affecting older and young people.

Residents and College ward members highlighted that the local safer neighbourhood teams act swiftly on anti social behaviour which is generally low. Areas of concern include Dawson Heights, Lordship Lane and Kingswood Est. ranging from general policing, deprivation in relation to older people, children and income. Other wider issues include poor accessibility by public transport and traffic projects – people having their say on how schemes are selected in their area.

For a copy of the area plan for College ward please refer to agenda and minutes page for Dulwich click on Agenda for January 13, 2009 meeting:

<http://www.southwark.gov.uk/YourCouncil/Agendas/Minutes/AMCommunityCouncils/AMDulwich.html>

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Public Realm issues in College ward

Todd Strehlow from Environment & Housing presented:

The officer explained that College Ward have fewer cleaner greener safer projects in the area as most of those projects have been successfully completed. The Council also recently allocated funding to the area to upgrade street lighting to make it brighter and more energy efficient.

Paxton roundabout

A great deal of discussion focussed on the Paxton roundabout (SE21 area). Todd reported – the roundabout needs to be reviewed which at the moment is still in the initial stages of discussion. Many residents felt this was long overdue as this is a genuine concern for everyone. One resident echoed: *It will only be a matter of time before a fatality or serious accident occurs at that roundabout.*

Southwark officers will draw up proposals for the roundabout which they think is viable and then present this to a future Dulwich community council meeting.

Residents' views on traffic / other matters relating to College Ward

Youth issues and youth provision:

Cllr Holford said youth provision in the borough needs addressing because it is quite poor – e.g. Croxted Road genuinely has a problem with anti social behaviour. As a result Ward Councillors have been working hard to address this – setting up more youth projects could solve the problem.

Lack of transport provision across College ward:

It was noted that the lack of transport provision affects mainly Croxted Road whereas Denmark Hill, (South of the Borough) has better transport provision. Residents and local Councillors agree that more needs to be done to improve transport in the area.



Also the aim is to:

- Have better transport access into East Dulwich
- Ensure the SNT Police (safer neighbourhood team) have a local base in the Kingswood area
- Ensure the Older persons bus network is fully operational

Dulwich Society representative, Alastair Hanton mentioned West Dulwich Train Station is pretty inaccessible to most users. He said the Council should press Network Rail for ramps and possibly lifts so it is more accessible to all.

South Croxted / Kingswood Drive

A local resident highlighted the concerns of other residents stating a lot of car accidents have happened at the Kingswood Drive roundabout and nothing has been done to improve this. He said there should be proposed restriction for buses with their own entrance or place speed humps in surrounding roads or those on the border to stop motorists from speeding. The resident also added that Lambeth Council should be contacted about the dangerous roundabout to avoid a serious accident from happening. Ward councillors agreed to look into this and provide feedback at the next meeting.

Lighting at Sydenham Hill Station

Another resident felt there was a need to improve lighting around Sydenham Hill Station because there has been a spate of muggings in the area.

Cllr Humphreys explained that local Ward Councillors have been working with the SNT Police (safer neighbourhood team) and Network Rail. Hopefully, CCTV cameras will identify the perpetrators.

Cross border issues

Croxted road – there are crossover and border issues with Lambeth which at times are difficult to tackle but College ward Councillors work closely with their Lambeth Colleagues.

Health issues

A local GP said that cross boundaries is a huge issue mainly with regard to access to health organisations and having closer links to the local Primary Care Trust (PCT).

Your next Dulwich Community Council meeting is on Wednesday March 4 2009 from 7pm at Christ Church, 263 Barry Road, SE22

Some of the topics up for discussion at the next meeting:

- Cleaner greener safer and community council fund
- Policing and crime
- Report from Southwark Primary Care Trust (PCT)

Please come along to the meeting and have your say. Everyone is welcome.

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