

# TAKEnote

## Walworth Community Council



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off Albany Road, Walworth SE17

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### Main items at this meeting

- Update Walworth Road project (agenda item 6)
- Transport for the next five years (agenda item 7)
- Street leaders (agenda item 8)

## Update on the Walworth Road project

Recent developments for the Walworth Road project were presented by Andrew Downes, Street Scene and Transport Infrastructure Manager at Southwark Council. Originally two options were put forward to Transport for London (TfL), however with further consultation, a revised option was submitted in July 2005. TfL has now agreed the submission in principle.

Andrew described the key features of the proposal which includes the partial removal of the north bound bus lanes between Fielding Street and Manor Place, widening of footways, pre-signals for buses at traffic lights and the continued provision of loading bays for local businesses. Many questions were asked about the proposals including: the positioning of pedestrian crossing facilities, the partial removal of bus lanes and the effect this would have on commuters and the idea of pre-signalling for bus at traffic intersections.

The process and timetable for the project was outlined. The Project Board – which includes councillors, officers and members of the public – is running a competition for an urban designer to make the concept real. Eight urban designers have now been short-listed and tenders have gone out. From these tenders, the Project Board will choose two finalists, in December 2005. In January 2006 exhibitions will be held at the town hall and on street locations showing the work of the finalists. The community will then get to vote on the concept they prefer.



For further information about the Walworth Road Project contact Andrew Downes on [andrew.downes@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:andrew.downes@southwark.gov.uk) or go to [www.southwark.gov.uk/YourServices/transport/walworthproject/](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/YourServices/transport/walworthproject/)



## Transport for the next five years

A workshop to help plan future traffic improvement schemes in Walworth was held by Sally Crew and Erica Blennerhassett from the council's transport department. The workshop was part of a consultation process under the Local Implementation Plan (LIP). The LIP, which was briefly discussed and presented at the community council meeting, sets out how the council proposes to deliver transport improvements from 2005 to 2010 through specific transport schemes and proposals.

Officers will provide a complete consultation response for circulation at the next Walworth Community Council meeting. The following are some of the concerns and ideas which resulted from the workshop;

- Rethink the design of the bus shelters as people stand outside the shelters instead of inside, which blocks the pavement.
- The positioning of bus shelters in relation to the bus stop and general bus stand congestion.
- Drop curves so prams and mobility impaired people can access all buses.
- Difficulty for disabled persons catching the bus, particularly in bus locations on Walworth Road.
- Issues of integrating Elephant and Castle regeneration including cycle lanes.
- 'Home Zones' suggested for Salisbury Park Road, Manor Place and Olnes Road.
- Concerns with cyclist on pavements.
- Yellow box for police to exit out of Amelia Street onto the Walworth Road, similar for the fire station.
- Congestions on Camberwell/Walworth Roads and New/Old Kent Roads creates 'rat-runs' throughout the Walworth area.
- Need to improve bus services – in particular 343 – and create a new bus stop at Guy's Hospital.
- Amount of time pedestrians have to cross the road with the changes proposed for under the Walworth Road project.

## Street leaders

Street leaders are ordinary people who volunteer to keep an eye on their neighbourhood. They report problems like flytipping, graffiti, abandoned cars, damaged trees to the council using a freephone number and a digital camera.



Ian Smith from the council's environment and leisure department described the scheme and its results.

The street leader scheme was launched in March 2003 to make neighbourhoods cleaner and safer. It works as a partnership between local residents and the council's environment and leisure department.

Street leaders receive a monthly progress report, a quarterly newsletter and are invited to street leader conferences. More than 300 adults and 150 schoolchildren have signed up as street leaders across the borough.

There are 54 street leaders in Walworth. One of the very first street leaders Pauline Sandford spoke at the meeting. Pauline said she became a street leader because she was frustrated about vandalism and flytipping in her area. She believes it's important to be proud of our neighbourhood and so decided to put something back into the community. Pauline said: "Seeing the benefits to my area is what motivates me. And it only takes a few moments each day as I go about my daily business."

**If you would like find out more about becoming a street leader please contact Dave Taylor on 020 7525 2455, email [dave.taylor@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:dave.taylor@southwark.gov.uk)**

Your next Walworth meeting is on  
Wednesday January 4 2005, from 7 pm  
at the Pasley TRA Hall, Stopford Road, SE17

Everyone welcome.

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