

**COUNCIL ASSEMBLY
(ORDINARY)**

WEDNESDAY 28th JANUARY 2004

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

**1. QUESTION TO THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND
TRANSPORT FROM MR. DAVID LOSHAK**

Given the persistently neglected and environmentally deplorable state of the footpath/cycle path known as Green Dale running between Dulwich and Camberwell, will the Council arrange without delay for a report on how to overcome the problem and take timely and appropriate action accordingly based on the report's recommendations?

RESPONSE

Yes I am happy to give that undertaking. A detailed report on the condition of Greendale is set out in the concurrent report for Motion 8.10 prepared by the Director of Environment.

2. QUESTION TO THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR REGENERATION FROM MR. PATRICK YORKE

When will the Adventure Play Park/Community Facility (Kelly Avenue, SE15) and Cator Street Child Centre constructions (Developments) take off and will the Council assimilate Residents/Tenants to have daily administrative responsibilities in their management and accountability?

RESPONSE

The Peckham Programme Team has been leading the work on these two projects to ensure that they benefit the local community.

The Adventure Playpark/Community Facility (Kelly Avenue) is at the final design stage. Building should start in the first week in May and will be completed by December. The intention is to carry out the soft landscaping first and open the adventure play area and sports pitch over the summer.

The Peckham Youth Forum will be based in the building and the Council's Youth Service will maintain and be responsible for the site initially.

There have been preliminary discussions on the project for a combined children and community centre located on the former Lister Health Centre temporary site. These discussions have involved representatives of the Sure Start West Peckham and Peckham Voluntary Sector Forum (PVSF) - on behalf of a range of local community groups. They want to see a joint project on the sites sharing various facilities and objectives. If that is to be considered it will be essential that parents, residents and all local interests are fully represented in the future discussions. No decisions have yet been taken on the project.

SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTION FROM MR. PATRICK YORKE

The youth's services will be maintained and will be the responsibility of the Eastside Mansion and if we go to the last paragraph it said that the Peckham Voluntary Sector will come back to us but our community has not been addressed. The majority addressed within their need is that our community has been ostracised. We do not know whether in this new environment our people will get to know how we can get ourselves involved within a community programme.

RESPONSE

Thank you Mr Yorke for coming. I know you come frequently and you are very concerned and rightly about what is going on in Peckham and I think it is great that a member of the community is interested enough to come to Council regularly to ask questions about this. If you are asking about future involvement I think the supplementary question is meant to relate to the question that you got a full response to that. Hopefully it tackles it in the final paragraph where it said we haven't yet taken any decisions on the project but it is absolutely our hope and intention that there will be involvement from local users, from local parents and residents in the area. You might also be interested to know, or maybe you already do know, that Peckham Community

Council has just contributed, because obviously it is already very involved, and that is another way in which local residents can get real involvement and get to make some decisions which direct finances. The Peckham Community Council has just agreed it gets something like two lots of money of £80,000 and a separate £30,000 grant to improve the lighting and safety around the canal path area around Gerrard Street area so that it is much safer for people when they are on their way to Kelly Avenue.