

East Street Infrastructure Improvement Programme briefing **Walworth Community Council meeting.**

The project involves 3 main elements of work, these are:

1-East Street footways and carriageway improvements; we are currently preparing feasibility design and options; this may include the raising of the carriageway level to that of the footway. Also we are considering resurfacing the carriageway by overlaying the existing surface to raise it so that the kerbs are at the same level and installing hazard warning paving 800 mm wide in the footways. The carriageway will be finished with light coloured anti skid surfacing. The main area involved is the section from Walworth Road to Dawes Street.

2- Walworth Road near its junction with East Street; carry out improvement to existing Pedestrian Crossing. The proposal is aiming at improving pedestrian safety and address local concern. Initial consultation with TFL is well underway with some initial options are being drawn. Further investigation and surveys are required before TFL can approve the options. They have informed us that they will require 6-9 months to approve and implement any proposals. Assuming that we require a month to undertake the surveys then we hope to implement the proposals if all locals support the improvement by end of March 2011. Funding needs to be spent by 31st March 2011.

3- Other possible works; new raised zebra crossing in Browning Street near King and Queen Street, also raising an existing zebra crossing in Flint Street near Deans Buildings, and considering constructing a speed table across Portland Street junction and moving the compactors to the down stream side to improve visibility and safety. All these proposals are subject to further investigation and budgetary constraint.

4- Funding streams; the total funding available for the project is £350K. £250K has been allocated by TFL, with the remaining £100K being allocated from the Council. However, the actual works budget is £330K, after taking away consultation and other feasibility costs.

Works are currently being assessed and costings obtained.

As part of this assessment we take into consideration the allocated budget, the variety of material that can be used and their acceptability locally. Also we are considering the costs of replacing the power points to the stalls with units flush with the footway if possible.

5- Consultation; the feasibility and detail design would require approximately 2 months to complete, with a further 1 month for public consultation. If majority of the local community supports the scheme, then we can undertake the statutory consultation and S58 notices which normally takes 3 months to complete, with the view to start works on site in January 2011.

We will seek to consult with Walworth Cllrs, Southwark Traders reps, shoppers and local community, and then report back to Community Council in October to approve agreed scheme for sign off by Cabinet Member.