

Responses to public questions submitted at the Walworth community council meeting held on 21 June 2010.

Question	Response
<p><u>Burgess Park and Development:</u></p> <p>1) Why were we not consulted as resident on the recent Burgess Park development?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We learnt about the meeting by chance. ▪ The meeting was organised by the developer and the Council. ▪ The meeting was held recently in the sport centre at Neat Street. <p>2) What is the International Concert Centre about?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Heard it has a capacity of 100,000 people 	<p>Since being awarded the funding in March 2009 the Council has consulted over 1000 people through more than 25 events and activities about the future of Burgess Park. This consultation has involved short presentations at a number of Walworth, Peckham and Camberwell Community Council meetings.</p> <p>In addition the Council's website has a dedicated Burgess Park page with up to date information on it and 5 newsletters have been emailed to the distribution list of over 1000 people. There are 2 dedicated facebook pages on the Burgess Park project which enable the Council to drop brief messages to keep those who are interested up to date. There are boards around the park notifying local residents about the project and letting them know where they can get more information. Finally, in July a mailshot was sent out to those residents who live within half a km of the park.</p> <p>The project is steered by a community stakeholder group which was set up as a forum for nominated individuals to feed into the project and represent their various groups who have an interest in the park. Following discussions with stakeholder group members it was decided to increase the membership of the group and the membership now includes new groups including more local tenants and residents associations.</p> <p>The project is governed by a project board which consisted of representatives of the funders and the Council. In September 4 members of the stakeholder group were nominated to sit on the project board to better represent the local community.</p> <p>There are no proposals, nor has there ever been a proposal, for an International Concert Centre in Burgess Park. The only events and activities that are planned for the park are those that already take place on an annual basis - such as Carnival Del Pueblo which attracts about 100,000 people per year. The proposals for the park look to improve access to the good things that already take place in the park.</p>
<p><u>Regeneration:</u></p> <p>1) How does the council feel that the past, current and proposed developments in Walworth, Canada</p>	<p>Response attached</p>

Water, Bermondsey Spa and Aylesbury Estate will have an impact on crime statistics, unemployment, economic growth, rental and house prices in the area?

2)How does the council plan to grow in sustainability; will we be providing more recycling facilities for residents and local businesses?

A commitment has been made by the Executive to double the current recycling rate by 2014. The Council has invested in the provision of a 25 year waste contract with Veolia Environmental Services to guarantee our compliance with annual landfill targets that set by the European Union (Landfill Allowance Trading Scheme) and improve on our recycling rate as set out in Southwark Council Waste Management Strategy 2003-21.

Measures being taken to provide more recycling facilities for residents include;

- The provision of Tetra Pack recycling bins at Old Kent Road Tesco in addition to a number of other sites in the borough. Residents can also bring them to the Household Waste and Recycling Centre at Manor Place Depot where over 30 different items can be recycled.
- A commingled recycling service being rolled out across the borough. What does this mean for residents living in Southwark?
 - Recycling bring banks that are located throughout the borough on Housing Estates, in schools and in Parks have been changed.
 - Source separated containers that were originally for glass, paper and plastics have been refurbished and you will see bins with blue lids that can take all recyclable materials (a copy of the poster has been included). 96 sites have been converted in Walworth.
 - 37 additional sites have been identified in Housing Estates in Walworth to locate the new bins given that less space is now needed to house recycling bring banks.
 - The Council is working closely with Housing Managers, Managing Agents and Housing Associations to identify further sites.
- An additional 58 commuter style recycling bins are being installed throughout the borough at locations where there is a high footfall. Sites and the designs of the bins are just being finalised for roll out towards the end of the year.

<p><u>Elephant and Castle Regeneration</u> Will the percentage of affordable housing in the elephant and castle re-build be over 35%? Will it replace that demolished?</p>	<p>The council's regeneration agreement with Lend Lease requires them to provide a minimum of 25% affordable housing. The council anticipates that over the lifetime of the programme subject to viability this figure will be exceeded and that the Southwark Plan policy of 35% will be achieved.</p> <p>The council is already progressing with a programme of affordable housing to replace the number of dwellings demolished at the Heygate. Six schemes at the following locations providing a total of 265 new affordable homes are under construction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Georges Road • New Kent Road • Library Street • Brandon Street • Townsend Street • Camberwell New Road <p>In addition, planning consent has been granted for the 96 dwelling scheme at Royal Road and this scheme is expected to commence prior to Christmas. A planning application for a 72 dwelling scheme at Harper Road will be considered at planning committee on October 12th.</p> <p>The combination of the affordable homes built upon the Heygate footprint and the schemes that form part of the programme set out above will replace the units lost through the redevelopment of the Heygate Estate.</p>
<p><u>Elephant and Castle Regeneration</u> Is a new library with a proper reference section still on the agenda as part of the elephant and castle regeneration? We were told the current arrangement at the Newington library is temporary.</p>	<p>This question has been forwarded to the relevant strategic directors for response.</p>
<p><u>Elephant and Castle Regeneration</u> Could plans for the demolition be considered by the Walworth Community Council planning meetings?</p>	<p>Under the terms of the council's constitution decisions on 'Prior Approval Notices' concerning demolition are delegated to officers for decision. While the community council will not be formally considering the matter there will continue to be full briefings on all issues relating to the demolition works.</p>
<p><u>Aylesbury Estate</u> Noting massive costs in public spending on the way and ongoing weak economy do you agree there is no way the anti-democratic privatisation demolition scheme can continue on the Aylesbury estate?</p>	<p>The council does not believe that its current plans for the Aylesbury Estate are anti-democratic; nor are they aimed at removing anyone's right to a decent home. The</p>

<p>Therefore, will the council drop the scheme and review the way forward with the intention of returning residents rights and decent home improvements and proper environmental upgrade?</p>	<p>arrangements for the Aylesbury Estate aim to provide decent new homes for all residents through the most cost-effective means available. The refurbishment of existing homes and common parts on the Aylesbury Estate to a decent standard within the context of the council's work across the borough, however, is not financially feasible at present.</p> <p>The results of Government's Comprehensive Spending Review will not be published until the end of October 2010 and it would be imprudent to second guess the impact of the results on the HCA's funding plans and the council's capital programme at this stage other than stating that the regeneration of the Aylesbury Estate and the provision new affordable housing and where viable new council owned homes remain council priorities.</p>
<p><u>Bus Lanes</u> Is it necessary for the Heygate bus lane to be enforce 12 hours per day 7 days a week (07.00-19.00) for one bus - the 343 when bus lanes elsewhere e.g. the Old Kent Road are only enforced 07.00 – 10.00 ad 16.00-19.00 6 days a week and cover hundreds of buses per hour.</p> <p><u>Charity and Community Group Networks</u> Walworth Community Council should work closely with charities and community centre, creating a database of these organisations and sharing the information between. Also create a networking and support between organisations around Walworth are sharing: community centres, officer space as this will alleviate running costs f the projects in this financial crisis.</p>	<p>The 343 route is extremely popular and serves many of the borough's deprived areas where car ownership is minimal and residents are dependant upon public transport links to key destinations and facilities. In line with Southwark's Community Strategy, residents living in deprived areas require priority access to key health facilities to enhance social inclusion. The westbound bus lane in Heygate provides essential journey time savings benefiting up to 800 passengers an hour. Bus Lanes also provide a facility for cyclists and taxis.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Co-ordinator in consultation with the Chair will work to compile a list of voluntary organisations in the community council area. The chair will seek to engage with these groups and invite them to future community council meetings to inform residents of their work.</p>
<p><u>Controlled Parking Zones</u> Can low emission discounts be applied to older controlled parking zones?</p>	<p>The introduction of discounts for alternative fuel vehicles requires a change to the Traffic Management Order, which has substantial costs attributed to the process. The introduction of the discount has been identified for implementation as each zone is reviewed. By the end of 2010/11 all CPZs in Walworth (and Southwark) will have the discount available.</p>
<p><u>Elephant and Castle – Parking issues</u> Can the time of parking restrictions be looked at in the area as non-residents who use the elephant and castle tube station are taking parking spaces which local</p>	<p>There are three Controlled Parking Zones (M1, E and C2) (CPZs) that operate in the vicinity of Elephant and Castle. Each zone operates 8.30am – 6.30pm, Monday to Friday, therefore</p>

residents wish to use?

protecting resident's parking interests during the standard commuter hours. Outside of these hours, however, controls do not operate and anyone is permitted to park.

In 2007 a public consultation was carried out with residents in both E and C2 CPZ, about (amongst other things) days/hours of control. An option was offered to increase the operational times to include the weekend. However, there was no clear level of support for such change and therefore the council respected this and made no changes. The results of these consultations were reported to the community council. In view of the above, the council has no plans to review the hours of CPZ control around Elephant and Castle tube station. Future s106 agreements from developments in the area may provide an opportunity to re-review this, however, there are no such funds available at this point.