

Feedback on queries raised at previous community council meetings

Question	Response
<p>Have LendLease the finance in place yet?</p>	<p>Not yet, as no financier will agree to fund a scheme which doesn't yet have planning consent. Discussions with financiers are progressing well, however, with considerable favourable interest being shown for the scheme.</p>
<p>ACTION: Chair to invite TfL to the next meeting to present give feedback on accepting Southwark's "AD" badges on red routes.</p>	<p>Awaiting response from TfL.</p>
<p>"Can we have a plaque to honour, Princess Diana in front of St Matthews's Church at the Elephant and Castle, because next year will be the 20th anniversary of her visit to Southwark?"</p>	<p>It is possible that such a plaque could be commissioned through Leaner Architecture who administer the Blue Plaque schemes. However, this would require the endorsement of the Community Council, the identification of funds via the Cleaner Greener Safer fund and the agreement of the Church. Any such plaque may also require planning permission and the agreement of Princess Diana's representatives/estate.</p>
<p>"Did you have a meeting on Southwark burial or is it to come?"</p>	<p>Deborah McKenzie, Parks Service Development Officer, attended Walworth Community Council on 14 September 2011. At that meeting, she announced that a consultation event would be held on 24 September 2011 from 1pm to 4pm at Honor Oak recreation ground in Brenchley Gardens.</p>
<p>"We as a tenant and resident association are being asked to change our constitution by the council: 1. We have a clause that a general meeting may be called, if and when needed, 2. The council ask for a change to 4 general meetings a year, 3. What happens if at our AGM the members vote against this?"</p>	<p>All TRAs in Southwark should operate in line with the agreed model TRA constitution if they wish to be recognised by Southwark Council. The current model constitution stipulates that an association should hold a minimum of 4 general meetings a year, one of these being their AGM.</p> <p>Not meeting the requirements also affects funding from Southwark Council.</p> <p>The Council have identified a small number of Assns who have amended this clause at some point in the past</p>

	<p>and are asking that those groups bring this back in line so they are operating the same way as the other TRAs</p> <p>If the membership do not agree the change at the AGM then there is still an expectation that the Assn meet this requirement and they would have to evidence the four meetings had been held in the annual funding and recognition form. The council would recommend the change be formally agreed so that any new committee members are aware of this stipulation. For further information; a working party of residents from tenant council and homeowners council are currently reviewing this constitution which may result in further changes taking place next year. Towards the end of the year consultation will take place with the area housing forums. TRAs can participate with this consultation through their four forum delegates.</p>
<p>“In light of the increase in trend of the practice of skin lightening/bleaching. What are the council going to do to ensure that the availability of these poisons are stopped: financial implications, prosecutions and education.”</p>	<p>Product safety is one of the main Trading Standards priorities, especially skin lightening products. Officers work very closely with the Medicines and Healthcare Regulatory Agency (MHRA) in addressing this area. Recent cases have involved prosecution followed up by proceeds of crime confiscation of assets. If the Community Council have any intelligence regarding the supply of these products please let officers know so that they can investigate. Obviously because of the action officers have taken in the past the sale of these goods is more 'under the counter' than it used to be, therefore officers are to some extent reliant on incoming Intel to assist them. However, this area still remains a priority and officers take action wherever they can.</p>
<p>“Will the council take steps to improve the safety of Mina Road? It has become a ‘rat-race’ for cars and vans who want to by-pass the traffic lights at the Albany Road/Old Kent Road intersection. The 20 mph limit is ignored. They push through three lanes of traffic to get across to Dunton Road, causing traffic jams and road rage incidents. I am waiting for an inevitable fatal accident on Mina Road. There were proposals to make Mina Road</p>	<p>Awaiting response from officers.</p>

<p>a dead-end at the Old Kent Road. What happened to this?"</p>	
<p>"The signs on the hoardings enclosing the Heygate Estate state clearly: 'THIS REGENERATION SITE HAS 24 HOUR LIVE SECURITY PATROLS'. The police approached residents of Garland Court on the evening of 31 December 2011, looking for witnesses to an incident by the estate. Has the Community Council been informed about this event?"</p>	<p>Awaiting response from officers.</p>
<p>"Are the Community Council also aware of the case of serious assault that occurred on Wansey Street at around 11.00pm on 18 August 2011?"</p>	<p>Awaiting response.</p>
<p>"Is security for the Estate provided by the Council or by the regeneration firm LendLease?"</p>	<p>Awaiting response from officers.</p>
<p>"Residents of Garland Court have not noticed any visible signs of security, or the presence of security on the Heygate site for over a year. How often do these take place?"</p>	<p>Awaiting response from officers.</p>