

East Greenwich Residents Association
Draft Exec Meeting Agenda
7:30pm Monday 25th November

Attendees: 24

1. Minutes / Matters Arising / Housekeeping
 - Previous minutes approved; no issues raised
2. UEFA Fan zone 2020 – 19/3497/F Exhibition last Monday 18th November – Any individual comments should be submitted as soon as possible.

Aim of this section was to come up with items to include in comments / objection to the planning application

Blackheath Society, Westcombe Society, Greenwich Society, Friends of Greenwich Park and others have held multiple meeting with the organisers and are working together on this matter.

Summary of issues raised:

- Parking – need to ensure there is enough parking enforcement in place
- Environmental impact assessment – Richard will have a look at this with the ecology park. There is meant to be no single use plastic at the event.
- Transport – 30,000 people travelling on the existing public transport. What additional provision is being made (particularly at game times 2pm / 5pm / 7pm). Only 23,000 for the Olympics and there were large numbers of stewards to make sure this worked. Railways are nervous about this in terms of capacity, particularly at end of semi & finals 10:30pm. It has been suggested that there will an uplift in DLR service.
- Security – What is the plan for this to be managed both inside and outside the venue?
- Conflict with other events: On Blackheath, O2 (Diana Ross) etc...
- Safeguarding – The fan zone backs directly onto the children's play area; how will they ensure safety of children playing or going to and from the park.
- Air pollution – use of generators does not align to the low emissions zone etc...

Mitigations to request:

- Ask for no alcohol at the event
- Searches & knife arches
- Enough toilet facilities
- Community Days – keep park open as much as possible
- Clean up, repairs & reinstatement not just inside the park but also outside the park as well i.e. whole of SE10.
- Additional security around the park, not just on the doors and inside.

- Buffer area between the children's play area and fan zone.
- Don't want to have this become a regular feature, want to keep the park open and available to all.
- Police involved, vetting those who receive tickets e.g. known troublemakers.
- Prevent drunken entry to the event.
- Shepherding of people back to transport links
- Additional funding for local projects as recompense

3. Sivyer Morden Wharf – 19/3298/F

Summary: Construction waste reprocessing for reuse, there are currently 30 movements in an out along tunnel avenue per day. Sivyer want to swap Primrose Pier (currently public space) with Tunnel wharf (next to Enderby wharf) so that they can bring barges in and have overhead conveyors to transport from the boats to site.

Concerns: This will result in loss of public realm for duration of build or permanently if Tunnel wharf is not suitable for public use, loss of willow trees. Increase in noise & vibrations. Survey on site suggests that the part of the river wall with the willows on it is a revetment, taking away trees and adding piles for conveyor could result in land slip into the river, there is also risk of explosion of ordnance due to extensive bombing in the war.

PLA is on board with this already and we believe they have agreed to the wharf swap.

Comments for planning:

- The new wharf should be made suitable for public use ahead of taking away the old one.
- Issues with dust and how can this be managed? Wheel washing at roadside. Other sites are enclosed and set back including earth works and dust screening.
- Only electric tugs should be used
- Is there any way to reduce the number of lorries? Commitment has been made to bring 80% by river but if there is an overall increase what does this really mean?
- As part of the works, can the river path be made wider and improved?

4. Silvertown Tunnel

Sadiq Khan has signed the deal for Silvertown tunnel, expectation is that work will start next year and complete by 2025. Green party candidate has written to request a judicial review

5. Other Planning Matters:

BP Garage 19/3618/MA

- 24 hours opening of retail facilities. Concern raised in the meeting that opening the retail part of the business all night will create additional

disturbance: more traffic, noise from customers visiting the store all through the night, there is some petty crime around the filling station and this will increase, disturbance from deliveries and the use of the rubbish collection area, increased noise from the operation of the air conditioning units. Please add any objections to the planning portal using the above reference.

Vanbrugh Tavern 19/3587/F

- Further planning application to build a 3-bed property at back of premises on Vanbrugh Hill. Application is the same set of plans as previously submitted but with increased amenity space to meet the council's minimum requirements. Amenity space is compromised and in 2 parts some at lower ground level and it is believed that a case can be made that the design is poor. Tom to send detail of objection to EGRA to include in email to members.

Bellway Parking 19/2701/F

- Application submitted to create on street parking next to gardens of houses on Christchurch Way. This goes against the previous ruling that there wouldn't be any on street parking for these developments

Christchurch Way Heating Plant

- This is situated next to the social housing blocks, they have a ground sourced heat pump, but this has never worked. The council has given open ended permission for the on-road solutions, but we have been informed by the council officer that a new solution is meant to be tested this week. We believe it is oil fired and are waiting for a confirmation from the council officer dealing with it. The plant is situated adjacent to the LEN as the boundary is Pelton Rd. A lot of frustration was expressed in the meeting that it was there at all, members hadn't realised just what it was.

Knight Dragon meeting – Richard is going tomorrow night (26th November) and will report back, Sheila will accompany him.

Thames Path – Near the Magazine venue, Knight Dragon have taken away some of the cycle path and it is finally being reinstated to old lines meaning cycle path will be separate again.

6. Greening

Woodland Walk

- We will be replacing trees with more drought tolerant varieties to help reduce watering requirements in increase chances of survival. We have had a gardening company to help take these apart and put them back together to

add additional soil as well to help them retain water. Proposal is to continue this with the remaining planters. No objections raised at the meeting

Pocket Parks

- The company appointed to plant and maintain the 3 pocket parks is called Gavin Jones www.gavinjones.co.uk. It appears that planting may not now take place until the New year, probably late Jan, early Feb. Growing Greenwich, a Greenwich Co-operative Development Agency initiative will look after the community planting via a network of local volunteers, this will happen sometime after the initial planting by the contractor.
- Sam Manners house is being closed off for redevelopment and has meant that Mell St pocket park can't go all the way to Tesco as originally planned and has been stopped short of the road. However, we have been advised that once the Sam Manners development is complete the park will be instated across the road as originally planned.

Blackwall Lane – Trees & shrubs



- There is now a drainage ditch with little squares coming off it next to the raise, and there has been some work on the school site to install a drainage tank. Trees will be planted in the squares to drink some of the water with overflow going into the drainage tanks under the school car park. Eight new street trees will be planted and in between the street trees will be street specific wildflower meadow. Owen Davies at the council has been very helpful with this initiative.

Forest School Tree Problems

- Neighbours near the school have had some subsidence on their house. Advice was that we would need to take out the trees within a 10m radius of the house. This is not as damaging to the Forest School as was first thought

and could start a Saturday Forest School to rebuild the forest with other species & shrubs.

Orchard Project

- Have been awarded funds for 10-15 trees. 5 members of the community garden are also funded to go on courses to learn how to plant, prune & tend to trees. We have been able to persuade teachers & governors that can dig up some of the playground for this.

7. Greenwich Growth Fund

This round ends on the 18th Dec. Christchurch Community Garden will be putting in for funding. We believe that other groups such as Mycenae House & St Alfege's will also be submitting.

8. AOB

Greenwich Environment Champion scheme has started and there will be a kick off meeting in the near future that EGRA will be attending (date TBC)

Bus Routes

- Tunnel Avenue (outside Alcatel) is impossible to get on a bus in rush hour as the buses are already full. Can we lobby for more buses or a different route? Why has the bus stop going the other way into Greenwich also been moved?
- Need to lobby TFL to get this changed, can do this via the TFL website and keep pressure on. All the bus routes were supposed to change when Cross Rail opened so this is all a bit up in the air. Patrick will look for previous contacts used. We will add as agenda point for next meeting.

Request made for more people for the Exec committee

We would like to encourage Increased membership, particularly from the new developments. If you have contacts who you think would like to join, please reach out to them and ask them to get in touch.

Hills & Vales traffic consultation, attention was brought to the current consultation that can be found here:

<https://consultations.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/kms/elab.aspx?noip=1&CampaignId=654>