

**Notes from EGRA Public Meeting. 30 June 2015**  
**7.30 – 9.00 Star & Garter, Old Woolwich Road.**

Welcome from Dan Hayes, who chaired the meeting. The meeting was well attended (approx. 35-40 members).

**Green Trafalgar Road**

Shade Abdul and Steve Wreyford presented the Spacehive film for a Green Trafalgar Road, and explained how this initiative came about, and what is needed. Several members responded positively to the suggestion of re-introducing market stalls. The film can be found at <http://www.spacehive.com/trafalgar-road>.

Shade and Steve met with the Council to discuss this project, and have attempted to galvanise them into action. Pippa Hack (RGB) had said that the stretch of road from the roundabout to Blackwall Lane is being looked at to identify areas of improvement.

**Q&A:**

How much money does Spacehive get from this initiative? 10%

Why are we trying to raise £25000? This was deemed to be a realistic amount, with which we could do something meaningful.

**ACTION POINTS:** The link to this site can be widely distributed. An update will be sent to members in due course.

**Clean streets**

Kate Joekes gave a quick update on behalf of Tony Batten, who had met with the Assistant Borough Cleaning Manager and the Local Street Cleaning Supervisor mid June. This meeting is a positive step, which addressed the state of the dirty street, littering hotspots, broken street furniture and suggestions for bin locations. Tony introduced them to the 'broken windows initiative' in New York. The council representatives made notes and were grateful for the input from local residents.

**NO ACTION POINTS**

**East Greenwich Library building**

Guest speakers from The Bridge Project; Kelly Salambasis, Eve Daniels and Glenda Smart. They spoke about an initiative to try and save East Greenwich Library building on the Woolwich Road. The Bridge Project is a social enterprise which already runs a not-for-profit business and runs various activities at the Pleasaunce in East Greenwich. They took over the building from the council in 2011 and run the space for the benefit of the Community.

They have been talking to the Council to find another building to provide a second social enterprise to provide child care (nursery), co working spaces, career support to new parents looking for a change of direction or family friendly working opportunities and apprenticeships and training to local people.

The Council had mentioned the possibility of using the East Greenwich library in this context, and then withdrew that opportunity, announcing that the building is to be sold for development to the highest bidder on the open market. The council have lost the covenant to the building which could prohibit them selling on, however, their lawyers have stated if they sell with a "lost" covenant the purchaser can do as they wish with the building.

The Bridge Project is looking for ways to raise funding to save the building as a community asset. The Greenwich Pensioners Forum would also be interested in using space in the old East Greenwich Library.

A representative from the 'Save East Greenwich Library' group was present, and highlighted how the Council has consistently shown a lack of interest in saving this building.

**ACTION POINT:** EGRA will maintain contact with The Bridge Group to offer support where possible.

### **Enderby Place & Cruise liner Terminal – Planning Application**

Ian Blore and John Miles (EGRA) and Ralph Hardwick (a resident from Tower Hamlets) gave an update of the detailed work they had done to examine the new Environmental Impact Assessment documents that were submitted to RBG as part of the revised planning application. These reports were generated in response to concerns raised by EGRA and others.

The Developers' Consultants, in support of the application, labour the point that the fuel used whilst in UK waters is cleaner than the bunker fuel used at sea, which is a fact – it contains less sulphur – but admit that it's much the same as automotive diesel. They state that a medium sized vessel (for the proposed Terminal that's a vessel of 25,000 gross tonnes) will burn approximately 700 litres of fuel per hour whilst in port (Ian equates this to 400 HGVs idling for an hour). The largest ship that could be accommodated here may burn twice this amount, so whereas the increased road traffic movements are of concern they pale into insignificance compared with the ship's discharge.

The Consultants' contention that only 5% of the expected ships could connect to a shore side power supply is unsubstantiated. Ralph contends that with the necessary converters/rectifiers, power could be supplied in a way that any vessel equipped to receive shore side power could be supplied.

In Europe, 26 other ports have a shore-side power supply. RH points out that all arguments hinge on a report produced by DEFRA in 2009. The EIA identifies that the Sulphur Oxide content in the emission will be low, and they therefore conclude that there is no problem with air pollution as a result of the cruise ships. RH is pursuing DEFRA and the PLA for comments.

CleanAir London has apparently written to RBG to say the EIA is not adequate. The GLA have asked questions about the Cruiseline Terminal, but have not raised concerns about air quality.

In conclusion, the report does not adequately address the concerns about air quality and emissions, and dismisses the need for shore-side power. Our stance from the pollution aspect is that the Terminal should only go ahead if shore side power is provided.

#### Q&A

Do EU guidelines on air quality not impact on this application?

Not clear.

What about air quality as a result of increased road movement?  
needs to be looked at.

Indeed –

#### ACTION POINTS:

EGRA will send an objection to this revised Planning Application.

Members are urged to register any objections before 5 July.

#### **Resident Groups meet the Council**

Richard Baglin (EGRA member and Chair of the Greenwich Society) gave a brief update on the pending meeting, due to take place on 2 July. This meeting will include officers from the RBG, our ward councillors, and one representative of various local groups (including amongst others EGRA, Greenwich Soc, Blackheath Soc, Westcombe Soc, Charlton Soc, Greenwich Conservation). This meeting was organised in response to local groups expressing concerns about the scope of the Knight Dragon development. The topics to discuss include: what the Council plans to do regarding social housing, what their plans are for the CIL money and how they intend to involve the community in the decision on how to spend CIL money.

Note: This is **not** the meeting local residents had asked for at an earlier forum at the Greenwich Social Club.

ACTION POINT: EGRA will report back to the membership about this meeting.