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Working together Edition

Your views on big changes by end October ! Please see pages 2&3

Annual residents' meeting and social evening

Thursday 20 October 2016

7.15 for 7.30 pm start

Edward Jobson Court, Canning Road

(two doors down from the church, entrance along the driveway)

Come along to express your views on current issues and meet neighbours. We know we have quite a few people who receive information and express opinions to us electronically. This, however, is your chance to have your say in person. It's also a sociable event and we provide finger food and drink.

Current hot topics are

- * Traffic management – Council and our suggestions; parking when Box Park opens on Saturday 29 October; parking and traffic management when Westfield Hammerson opens
- * New street lighting
- * Rubbish and recycling – need we say more?
- * Anything you would like to suggest? Please let Anne know by Monday 10 October.

We are inviting our elected representatives (MP, Greater London Assembly Member, Councillors). We will be asking them to assist on local issues of concern or interest.

If you would like to become more actively involved with Canning & Clyde, do please let us know. We welcome new ideas and are always adapting. If you would like to put on an event that would be of appeal to a fair number of people, we are able to help publicise it and possibly assist in any other way.

We do need a committee. As usual every year the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer posts are up for election. If you would like to put yourself forward, please feel free. If you would like to get involved but without taking on one of these posts, then your input would be very welcome.

Many thanks in advance to our neighbours at Edward Jobson Court for agreeing to host the event.

Eileen Walkin our very own Great Briton

If you've been following Great British Menu on BBC2, you may know that top UK chefs will be cooking a banquet for the British Community Honours Awards at Westminster Palace on 21 October. This is to celebrate 'Great Britons' who have made outstanding contributions to the community. Our very own Canning Road resident, Eileen Walkin, will be at the banquet. Earlier this year Eileen was also named as an Ambassador for Peace, Women's Federation for World Peace. This recognises people who are living examples of the ideal of living for the sake of others. Eileen is very active with a variety of community groups and is a great supporter of Canning & Clyde. Thank you, Eileen, and enjoy the banquet!



Newly formed neighbouring residents association - TACRA

Very best wishes to our neighbours in Addiscombe Court and Tunstall Roads who have recently formed the Tunstall & Addiscombe Court Residents Association (TACRA). We look forward to working with them.

Traffic Management in local roads – your views needed by end of October

How has this situation come about?

The Lebanon one-way imposition in January has meant that cars can no longer turn from Addiscombe Road into Lebanon Road to get northbound to Lower Addiscombe Road via Leslie Park Road. This has led to an increase in traffic in Canning Road and a very marked increase in Addiscombe Court Road with knock-on effects for Tunstall Road. This has resulted in a severe reduction in quality of life in those two roads. They now have over 1,640 cars travelling along Addiscombe Court Road per day travelling mainly from Addiscombe to Lower Addiscombe Road (northbound). An increase in traffic has been noticed in Canning Road and for some there have been noise issues in the evening, when it's easier for cars to get out onto Lower Addiscombe

Road, leading to windows having to be closed. It is the northbound traffic which is the heaviest. The manner in which the Lebanon Road one-way was handled has made a difficult situation more difficult to sort now.

Councillor Sean Fitzsimons has been getting representatives from local roads together to listen to concerns and ideas.

Essentially there is a lot of rat running from non local cars peeling off the Chepstow Road at the roundabout and cutting down Park Hill Road. They turn right onto Addiscombe Road and then nip left down either Addiscombe Court or Canning Road to reach Lower Addiscombe Road. This is because they perceive it as being quicker than carrying along the Chepstow Road to the traffic lights. Chepstow Road is the A232. As a major route it is managed by Transport for London and the Council says it has no control over it, the roundabout or the traffic lights. We have been reliably informed, however, that the Council can lobby Transport for London. What the Council can definitely control is these cars' access to local side roads.

A possible simple solution

There is a simple solution to reducing the unacceptable level of northbound traffic in Addiscombe Court Road without sending it all down Canning Road. That would be to reverse the direction of the Lebanon Road one-way so cars can travel northbound from Addiscombe to Lower Addiscombe Road. Addiscombe Court would still experience higher levels of traffic than before but it would be more evenly divided between Lebanon, Addiscombe Court and Canning Roads. Canning & Clyde and TACRA have suggested the Council consider this as a serious option. So far – for some reason – this has been rejected out of hand. The two associations will continue to press for this and ask for a credible reason why it cannot be tried.

Croydon Council suggestion

This leaves Croydon Council officers with the dilemma of finding a way that reduces the unacceptable level of rat running in Addiscombe Court Road without swamping Canning Road with up to an extra 1,640 cars

on top of those already going down Canning Road. This would have a severely negative impact on the quality of life of the 289 households in Canning Road with raised noise and pollution levels. It would also be highly undesirable with the pre-school every weekday morning at the church, children's groups three evenings a week and a weekly afternoon children's group.

A Council Officer has come up with the following suggestion. We are aware that different residents in Canning and Clyde Roads may have different views for different reasons. Please be assured that we will represent everyone's views to try and give a balanced overall picture of what people are thinking. The Council have told us they will consult with residents first before introducing anything. We and TACRA have insisted that this time it should be a ***genuine engagement with residents***. Here's the suggestion.

The Council makes an Experimental Road Order for a year to see how things work out. *'To introduce a short length of one-way working at the southern end of Addiscombe Court Road, operating southbound, so that there is a no-entry for motor traffic from Addiscombe Road. This would be introduced with a cycle bypass to allow cyclists to use the road two-way.'*

To introduce a short length of one-way working at the southern end of Canning Road, operating southbound, so that there is a no-entry for motor traffic from Addiscombe Road. This would be introduced with a cycle bypass to allow cyclists to use the road two-way.'

These restrictions would effectively remove the northbound through route to Lower Addiscombe Road, which aims to significantly reduce traffic volumes and congestion within this area.'

This one-way stretch would be right at the top of Canning Road so that Canning Road residents with cars can still travel either way up or down the road. The Council would build a similar arrangement as for Chisholm Road to prevent cars from turning in. It would mean, however, that Canning Road residents with cars would have to enter Canning Road via Lower Addiscombe Road and Clyde Road residents with cars would not be able to drive down Canning Road to reach Clyde Road.

This would mean for some journeys they would have to travel a longer way round.

Basically the Council proposal would be forcing us to choose between quality of life for residents in Canning Road and convenience for car drivers. There might also be knock-on effects for residents in HOME (Havelock, Outram, Mulberry, Elgin and Ashburton Roads).

As we have said, reversing the Lebanon Road one-way direction would avoid the need for this choice.

We are working with TACRA to lobby the Council for a solution that relieves the amount of traffic in Addiscombe Court and Tunstall Roads without sending it largely down Canning Road. TACRA are being very supportive about not sending high levels of traffic down Canning Road. We are also contacting HOME as changes may well impact on their area. Together we have a stronger voice.

Do let us know your views on this before the end of October. The reason for choosing this deadline is that in November Council Departments will start drawing up their budget proposals for the financial year starting April 2017. We need to ensure that measures to alleviate rat running are factored in then.

When the Council consultation does happen, we encourage everyone to express their own views directly to the Council. It would be helpful if you also copy us so we can be sure of accurately representing everyone's views. Thank you.

A reminder of local election promise

The paper version of the local election manifesto of our Councillors promised to 'reduce traffic in residential roads'. This was a simple, unqualified statement. Our Councillors will be expected to deliver on it for ***all*** local residents ***equally***.

Clyde Road – cars / vans travelling and speeding the wrong way

We have raised this with the Council and local Police team in the past. We have recently done so again in writing.

Request from local Police Safer Neighbourhood Team

Dear Ward Member, Are you fed up of speeding vehicles in your area? Would you be able and enthusiastic enough to help the police with this issue? Would you be willing to spare a few hours of your time to help?

Addiscombe Safer Neighbourhood Team are looking for volunteers to help our Roads and Transport policing team in cracking down on speeding. The Scheme involves residents being trained on a speed gun by Police Constables or Police Community Support Officers who then record all the car registrations the volunteers clock with the speed gun. Once recorded the offenders will receive a warning letter in the post but if the same person is caught three times or more they can then be fined.

Please be aware that if you are to participate you will not be allowed to perform checks in your own road but will be able to do checks on neighbouring roads. This is to avoid any unnecessary disputes with people you may know. Please provide your name, address, email and phone number should you wish to take part.

Regards, PCSO 7308 Angela Kilden Addiscombe
Email - Addiscombe.snt@met.police.uk Tel - 020 8721 2473

Street lighting

Please let us know how you are finding the new street lighting. In the last week we have had two different comments from Clyde Road residents. One is that light is shining into a bedroom. The other that one side of the road is rather too dark. We will feed your comments back to Skanska and the Council. In the meantime, if you have any comments, please make them direct to Marc Zahra (Skanska Customer Liaison Team Leader}. 07785518941 or marc.zahra@skanska.co.uk.

Addiscombe Railway Park



The Friends of Addiscombe Railway Park (just over five minutes walk away) are very active. There are various events happening at the park over the year. There is now a community garden (pictured) and over the summer there have been gardening events on Wednesday evenings. Every second Sunday of the month there is a work day. For more information see

<http://park.addiscombe.net> or phone 0208 655 0011.

And finally

This picture was taken recently in a local back garden.

