

At the recent East Putney Report Back Meeting on 14th February 2008 a range of issues were discussed, including:

- At the junction of Putney Hill and Upper Richmond Road and along Putney High Street, pedestrians have problems crossing the roads at pedestrian crossings as vehicles tend to stop across the crossings in order to avoid being 'caught' in the 'hatched boxes'.
- Lack of visibility due to parked cars, causing potential danger when residents wish to exit their driveways.
- Use of mobile phones whilst driving still seems to be prevalent.
- Disabled parking bays, especially by Sainsbury's and Putney Library are often used by the non-disabled and they seem to be able to get away with this practice.
- Cyclists using the pavements and of riding through 'red' traffic lights.
- Children using scooters on pavements can also be a hazard to other pedestrians.
- Thank you to the Council for resisting the putting up of another mobile telephone mast in the vicinity.
- decline in quality at Putney Library with a lack of new 'intelligent' fiction, books being sold off after only a few months and an unwillingness by the staff to post up lists of new fiction and to deal with noisy visitors.
- Issue of Freedom Passes being capable of use from 9.00 a.m. but Putney Station staff saying that they cannot re-programme the barriers at the Station to accept these Passes earlier than 9.30 a.m.
- Pavements in Cambalt Road, Putney Hill and Gwendolen Avenue need attention.
- Putney High Street paving renewal.
- Removal of gum from pavements on Putney High Street.
- The collection service keep changing the day they come and facilities are also inadequate leading to bags being left out, an unsanitary situation, fox activity and a tripping hazard. There are particular problems at Heath Royal Estate with the collectors not putting back paladins.
- Clarification sought on what can now be recycled, for example envelopes with a plastic window.
- An area in Charlwood Road by the railway bridge (by Malta House) needs clearing of rubbish before it becomes a health hazard.
- A tree has lost a large branch lying on the ground at West Hill Road.
- Various areas need clearance of leaf fall.
- A tree is raising a pavement.
- Need for deep cleans to be regularly undertaken at Downholme in Upper Richmond Road and there are ongoing problems over the collection of bulk rubbish.
- Brandlehow School.
- The Council should consider more carefully before granting permissions for people to concrete etc. over their front gardens to provide hard-standing for vehicles in view of the drainage position.
- Developers seem to want to 'cram' more and more development on sites especially on 'back land' and continually put in new applications for sites where they may have already been refused a number of times. Additionally, because of development there is less and less off-street parking available leading to greater pressure on and for street parking.
- The period before a decision is made on a planning application especially if it goes to appeal is very long and those making representations are not always told the outcome.

- The Planning Applications Committee should not only act according to the ‘letter of the law’ but should also be ‘sensitive’ to the views of local residents and a greater element of ‘common sense’ should prevail.
- Can any action be taken regarding attempts by a developer to get permission to develop a plot in Roehampton Lane and also in respect of an enforcement issue affecting a property in Cherrywood Drive
- There is a planning application which would involve the provision of 12 paladin bins located near the entrance of an adjoining property.
- Council’s policy on dealing with planning applications for high rise large developments, for example a 25/30 floor block at Clapham Junction, the Youngs Brewery site (20 plus floors) and a rumour of a 60 floor block by the River.
- Benefits from the development of the South Thames College site.
- Developments in Putney have caused Putney High Street to become difficult to walk along because of the numbers of people using the road and this should be a factor for consideration when deciding planning applications. Also the number of people now in Putney has lead to water main and other infrastructure problems.
- There is concern that a recent planning application will result in trees at Oakhill Court being cut down.