

Wandsworth Healthy Streets Forum
Minutes

Wednesday 2 March 2022

7pm – 9pm

	<p>Attendees: Cllr McDermott (Chairman of Strategic Planning and Transportation), Cllr Locker (Cabinet Member of Strategic Planning and Transportation), Cllr Fraser (Opposition Speaker at the Strategic Planning and Transportation Overview and Scrutiny Committee), Paul Chadwick (Director of Environment and Community Services Directorate) Nick O’Donnell (Assistant Director for Traffic and Engineering), Jeni Jackson (Assistant Director for Planning and Transport), Henry Cheung (Head of Engineering), David Tidley (Transport Strategy Team Manager), Margo Turner (Principal Transport Planner), Rebecca Howarth (Transport Strategy Programme Co-ordinator), Jason Andrews (Environmental Health Pollution Manager), Daive Pascarella (Lead Officer Air Quality & Contaminated Land), Gary Hipple (Head of School Support Services and Traded Service), Jabed Rahman (Public Health Lead), Susie Morrow and Andrew MacMillan (Wandsworth Living Streets), Chris Puleston (Southfields Grid Resident’s Association), James Houghton (Tooting Healthy Streets), John Hallmark (formed councillor and wheelchair user), Lilias Gillies (Wandsworth Older People’s Forum), Toby Hopkins (Wandsworth Cycle Campaign)</p> <p>Apologies: Business and Enterprise Manager, Wandsworth Chamber of Commerce, Metropolitan Police, Wandsworth Community Transport, Enable, Wandsworth Access Association, Share Community, Wandsworth Friends of the Earth, Royal National Institute of the Blind, Youth Council</p>	<u>Action</u>
1.	<p>INTRODUCTIONS.</p> <p>Everyone introduced themselves and the organisation they represent.</p> <p>Condolences were given to the late forum member and Wandsworth Living Streets founder Robert Molteno who sadly passed away last month. Robert was a great and ardent advocate for healthy streets in the borough.</p>	

2.	<p>WALKING AND CYCLING STRATEGY</p> <p>Margo Turner presented on the development of the strategy thus far, analysis of the consultation responses and how the responses have fed into the latest version of the strategy. The presentation is included with these minutes. The following comments were made by the forum members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All invited to send photos to insert in the final draft of the strategy to transportation@wandsworth.gov.uk - Is the road user hierarchy accurate? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Communications – the council has a role in raising awareness of the road hierarchy to the public. o Visitor Parking Permits – the policy towards visitor parking permits and general cost of parking permits should be coordinated with the relative cost of visitor parking permits for non-parking permit holders and the relative cost of bike hangar spaces to ensure the council is sending the right message to residents. (Wandsworth Living Streets) - What role should play streets have in the council's strategy? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Play Streets are symbolic in showing that streets are social places and play a valuable part of re-thinking and re-balancing our streets. They should be made easier for communities to set up and encourage a resident-led approach. (Wandsworth Living Streets) - Pavement Parking, protruding vehicles, dropped kerbs and EV charging cables <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Pavement parking – the ambition in the strategy to remove pavement parking should be caveated by acknowledging that there will be some instances where removing pavement parking is not achievable due to various factors including but not limited to emergency service access, parking stress in the area, vehicle damage and lack of safe passing space etc. (Engineer Team) o Pavement parking - people driving up onto the pavement and up dropped kerbs can be confusing for children (Wandsworth Living Streets) o Dropped kerbs – it should be made easier to install cycle storage units in driveways compared to installing dropped kerbs/off street parking o Dropped kerbs - More work is needed on the interplay between the council departments to create policy on dropped kerbs and pavement parking and preserving front gardens o Protruding cars – long term ambition should be to give parking enforcement team powers to look at pavement infringements - What role should 'changing attitudes and behaviours' have in the council's strategy? 	ALL
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ focus should be not on ‘nudging’ but on ‘enabling’ as this is a sphere that the council has unique power in and therefore should be the focus of energies. - How can we improve urban greening as part of ‘routine’ resurfacing projects? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ there’s scope for a more joined up approach with Enable. ○ bollards and kerb build outs present opportunities to be done differently through urban greening. - What role does the council have in 20mph enforcement? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wandsworth Living Streets – enforcement is needed ○ 20mph enforcement can only be carried out by the Police ○ Older People’s Forum – enforcement should be proportionate to the severity of the criminality arguing that over 20mph speeding isn’t widespread ○ Southfields Grid – the SIDs (electronic signs) are working well on Replingham Road ○ Paul Chadwick – a recent survey showed that there are several hundred offences per annum implying that SIDs have limited impact - Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The council is in a strong position with capital funds due to funding received from developers. ○ Funding from Transport for London which has traditionally funded a proportion of the council’s work is at risk causing the council to pay more than an ideal proportion of transport works. - AOB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wandsworth Older People’s Forum - pleased to see the major things for Older People, i.e. uneven pavements and pedestrian conflict with bicycles and scooters reflected in the strategy and raised that Copenhagen crossings could be featured more in the strategy. 	
<p>3.</p>	<p>UPDATE ON BIKE HANGAR PROGRAMME</p> <p>Margo Turner presented an update on the programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The factory default colour of bike hangars is green. Green bike hangars are installed on council estates and bike hangars installed on streets are sprayed blue. - Supply chain issues have caused a delay to delivery. The bike hangars are being installed and the on-street bike hangars are expected to be installed in April 2022. - Cllr Fraser raised that there needs to be more transparency in how locations are prioritised. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bike hangars aren't accessible to cargo bikes. The needs of cargo bike users will be explored in a survey published in the summer, in the meantime the council has published policy to allow cargo bikes to park on-street (Non-standard cycle parking - Wandsworth Borough Council) 	
4.	<p>UPDATE ON SCHOOL STREET PROGRAMME</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Becky Howarth presented an update on the programme including timescales on the latest Phase 3 implementation. - Noted that the consultation engagement is focussed on the school community whereas the wider resident community needs to be reached. Suggested that quotes from residents on existing school streets should be shared. - Commented that schools on busy roads should be prioritised. - Commented that the council could run a regular comms piece with residents. - Comment on why the whole of Franciscan Road wasn't included in Tooting Primary's School Street 	
5.	<p>AOB</p> <p>Items for the next meeting: consultation, car clubs and electric vehicles (recommendations from Wandsworth Living Streets)</p> <p>Thanks were given to Cllr McDermott for chairing the forum. Cllr McDermott will step down as councillor in May 2022.</p>	