

## **“Leader Listens” Meeting**

**Sands End Ward  
7.30-8.20pm 13 March 2008**

### **At Wharf Rooms, Imperial Road SW6**

Thank you for attending the ‘Leader Listens’ meeting on 13 March. Apologies for the delay in producing this update. Restrictions around publicity in the period leading up to the Sands End by-election on 1 May prevented the Council from producing this update in April as originally planned.

#### *Introduction*

Cllr Greenhalgh welcomed residents to the meeting, confirming that a summary of the points made would be prepared and those attending would be contacted with a progress report on the issues raised in a month’s time.

He also outlined some of the Council’s priorities including:

- Stronger, safer Neighbourhoods including expanding Neighbourhood Watch groups and building on 24/7 policing pilot around Fulham Broadway.
- Value for Money including reducing Council Tax whilst maintaining high quality services.
- Creating a clean, green environment, working with the new contractors SERCO and Quadron to improve open spaces and clean streets.

Like other Wards, Sands End had a polarity of households – the Council aimed to bridge the gaps between the better and less well off through initiatives on education – aiming to achieve local parents sending children to local schools; housing – providing a range of ownerships, including discounted market housing; and regeneration opportunities eg from the Olympia and Earls Court sites

#### *Summary of Points Raised*

	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Comments/ possible Action</b>
	<b>Imperial Wharf Station</b>	
1	Long delay in getting station agreed	Council has agreed to enter into an agreement with St George to build the station

		on 28 April. Subject to all agreements being signed, construction is due to start in June with the station opening during 2010.
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	<b>South Park</b>	
2	<p>Various issues including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of activities for young teenagers ( Harbour Club facilities only for those up to 11) and need for functioning toilets for when they do</li> <li>• Derelict tennis court – needs repairing and tennis co-ordinator to organise sessions. Courts on Right coming up from South not swept for ages</li> <li>• Wooden play equipment installed but now vanished</li> <li>• Derelict toilets, full of needles for drugs</li> <li>• Pathway at top end near childrens playground all broken up</li> <li>• Anti-social behaviour by schoolkids hanging around near Hugon Road gate around 4pm especially in little sheds, built like bus shelters</li> <li>• Aviary taken away</li> <li>• More dog mess than before</li> <li>• Basketball Court – needs higher fence to avoid players doing suicide leaps into garden to retrieve balls.</li> </ul>	<p>South Park is second on list of five flagship parks for more investment.</p> <p>Quadron, new contractor for parks, is keen on devolving local decision-making and making use of Friends of ... Groups.</p> <p>Need for more monitoring by local beat police.</p>
	<b>Transport issues</b>	
3	<p>Concern about problems getting into central London by car from area. Private road under railway bridge good for scooters,etc but cars need to be able to go up Imperial Road, turn right and get straight to Lots Road and Embankment.</p>	<p>Council working with K&amp;C to develop “permeability” between Boroughs.</p> <p>Forthcoming traffic summit with TfL would include better North/ South routes</p>

		and clearer idea how much they might cost
	<b>Building Issues</b>	
4	Concern about what was happening about building next to Sainsburys; about rubbish blowing out from PC World and that the area is used for flytipping; concern about boarded up storage area at c/o William Morris Way and Townmead Road	Discussions ongoing between GLA and Council about use of wharves.  Opportunity for a development now that Tesco has released derelict land it owned.
	<b>Street Environment</b>	
5	Action needed on dog poo and irresponsible owners. Worst affected areas include South Park, Stephendale Road, Pineapple Park, Broughton Road and Hazelbury Road	Park staff need to be more pro-active including using powers to issue dog control orders.
6	Too many signs saying "Borough of Opportunity"	Signs will be replaced in the next few weeks .
7	Bollards at top of Harwood Road are too close together	The Parking team are investigating a mobile enforcement solution to address abuse of the width restriction at Harwood Terrace.
8	Can the pedestrian crossing from Townmead Road to Sainsburys be extended to go right to the front of the store - bling pedestrian shoppers to enter and for people to board 391 bus.	Planning consent for the Sainsbury's store, which includes the upgraded pedestrian crossings, was granted on 26 July 2006. Under the provisions of the consent the store have three years to start construction.
	<b>Schools</b>	
9	What is being done to improve secondary schools?  Problems at Peterborough School with pupils being released on to the street but	Consultation on Council's vision for secondary school consultation concludes on 2 June. Proposals include developing Hurlingham &

	don't go home	<p>Chelsea into a trust or academy with the option of bi-lingual education from 3 to 19.</p> <p>Other proposals include bringing Henry Compton and Fulham Cross with the establishment of a sixth form and improved curriculum.</p>
	<b>Parking</b>	
10	<p>Concern about how easy it will be to get temporary replacement permits for cars being repaired once parking office moves North.</p>	<p>Council will look into this and is lenient around this subject.</p> <p>Changes are taking place in permit administration which will enable people to register on line.</p> <p>The Council is also in the process of piloting a new type of electronic permit. Once the electronic permit is available borough-wide residents will no longer need to visit the Council in person to change their vehicle registration number as this will be done remotely. In the meantime, residents will need to continue to attend in person.</p> <p>While residents will need to travel to the Hammersmith Town Hall until the electronic system is fully implemented, the merging of the two offices will mean savings for the Council in the region of £8 million by 2011/12. To assist residents who work, there</p>

		will be late night opening hours on a Thursday of 9am to 8pm.
11	Road markings could be improved. There should also be marked parking bays.	<p>Our road markings are remarked on a three year rolling programme. This programme is currently under review and the frequency maybe increased in the near future subject to funding being made available.</p> <p>As far as marked parking bays are concerned, the problem is that there are no standard vehicle lengths. The length of vehicles can vary from the width of a motorcycle or a small city car to that of a transit van. As we would be required to mark all bays at the same length, this would result in an overall loss of space, compared with the current situation where, for example, a motorcycle could maximise available space by fitting into the small gaps between parked vehicles.</p>
12	Request for permits to be applicable across Borough	<p>May not be practical as some specific areas are under parking stress. However, a review of zones is being undertaken.</p> <p>The introduction of the new match day parking controls in Zones X and Y has been proven a success as residents now find it much</p>

		<p>easier to park on match days. The scheme has been reviewed and minor amendments are currently underway. Once these are complete the Council are looking to implement match day schemes in controlled parking zones that are affected by Chelsea Football Club. Residents will receive further information in the near future.</p>
13	<p>Can we have visitors permits – say 10 a year – at reduced price, operating like scratch card</p>	<p>The electronic SMART Visitor Permit was introduced on a trial basis into three controlled parking zones in December 2007. The trial has now been extended and this year the permit will be introduced into a further four zones. The usage of the permit is currently being monitored and we will continue to monitor it once it has been introduced into the additional four zones. If it proves successful we will then look to introduce it into other areas of the borough.</p> <p>An electronic system was chosen over a scratch card system as it gives the Council more flexibility to tailor the permit to individual controlled parking zones.</p>
	<p><b>Aircraft</b></p>	
14	<p>Support for Council's stance on Heathrow Airport expansion consultation and for application for judicial review of consultation process</p>	<p>The Government announcement on future expansion plans is expected shortly. The 2M Group of local councils has</p>

		<p>been advised to wait until then before making a final decision on seeking a judicial review. LBHF supported a legal challenge to the Government's night flight controls at Heathrow, which came to court in May. Even though the legal challenge was unsuccessful the Council will continue to support all efforts to stop uncontrolled expansion.</p>
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