

“Leader Listens” Meeting

**Wormholt & White City Ward
7pm - 8.30pm 31 July 2008**

At Bryony Centre, Bryony Road W12

Introduction

Cllr Greenhalgh welcomed residents to the meeting and briefly referred to some issues in the local area – changes to ownership of QPR Football Club; re-location of BBC staff to Salford; and congestion in Wood Lane together with the impact of the opening of the new Westfield development. The main aim of the evening was to hear local concerns. He confirmed 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.

The Leader also took the opportunity to introduce Cllr Aherne, a Wormholt and White City ward Member. Andy Slaughter MP also joined the meeting later.

Summary of Points Raised

	Issue	Comments/ possible Action
1	Traffic <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bad state of traffic at Shepherds Bush Green, with two extra bus routes but little room for them to park since closure of garage on North side and of garage at Acton Tram shed. Need for tube station to re-open and for Wood Lane to be re-opened to two-way traffic.	<p>Leader confirmed that both Westfield Centre and Shepherds Bush tube station would re-open in October. Work on Imperial Wharf station further down West London line was starting and the council was keen to lobby for better interchange between London Overground and Underground.</p> <p>Agreed need for schools but transport issues would need priority, particularly work on Shepherds Bush green and Wood Lane /A40</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 500 signature petition on 228 Bus Route submitted, referring to flawed consultation by TfL, fear of huge rat run and threat to child safety. • Concern about South Africa Road re-surfacing, traffic being compressed on to Bloemfontein Road and some residents not being told by TfL about buses being diverted there while the Tube station was closed. • Need to know how long Wood Lane being closed for. • Other traffic issues: <p>Mini-roundabout on c/o South Africa Road/ Bloemfontein Road might improve road safety and stop traffic backing up.</p> <p>Not enough room around Shepherds Bush Green for buses to turn around, made worse by extra 31 and C1 bus routes; will there be a bus garage next to Wood Lane station, as originally planned?</p> <p>On CPZs, could tradesmen/visitors just pay one hour a day instead of for whole day?</p> <p>Petition being circulated re: new position for Fire Gate at North end of Wormholt Estate which currently traps people in top of that area.</p>	<p>areas.</p> <p>Leader referred to issue in Addison ward where TfL attended to explain the issues.</p> <p>Cllr Aherne supported new bus route as bringing benefits for people visiting the library and Westfield; but opposed to changes to Steventon Road</p> <p>Council had lobbied for provision of buses during station closure. Cllr Aherne was keen to establish when residents were told about this.</p>
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	<p>Some speed humps badly positioned so they cause traffic bottlenecks and cause problems with drivers turning.</p> <p>Need for filter for traffic making turns at Old Oak Road/Askew Road junction.</p> <p>Chairman of Residents Association raised issue of time when visitors' parking would be introduced and trend for overlapping parking on pavements, causing problems for partially sighted/blind people.</p> <p>Resident of Wormholt Road who had a garage in 16 Becklow Gardens asked why he paid as much for garage as Council tenant</p> <p>Resident had car damaged due to wall falling down</p>	<p>Leader mentioned different schemes being tried out for visitors and would see how this would fit in with consultations.</p> <p>He understood parking on pavement was illegal although double parking did occur on QPR match days</p> <p>LA collecting details of address.</p>
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<p>2</p> <p>3</p>	<p>Housing Issues</p> <p>Resident of Pansy Gardens concerned about lack of repairs to her windows & need to have lockable door. Neighbouring house had been broken into. Problem of repairs appeared to affect Lilac St, Erica St, Sawley Road, Viola St, Tamarisk Square and 3 blocks at top of Sundew Avenue: Acer, Welland and Orwell Houses.</p> <p>Doctors' Parking</p> <p>Dr. Saf Ghauri of Ghauri Dental Centre on 1-3 Wormholt Road had applied for doctors' parking spaces but had been</p>	
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<p>4</p>	<p>turned down, despite supporting letter from Health Authority. Granted disabled access but needed 10 parking bays, not two to enable dentists at centre to travel out to see homebound patients. Centre served eight PCTs in North West London area.</p> <p>Environmental Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Willow Vale – passageway from Uxbridge Road a continual dumping ground and resident had to take her child out of adjacent nursery because of use of passageway for drugs, etc; railing outside nearby garden used as latrine and for drug dealing. Suggestion for moving sign saying Cul de Sac so it appears at top and deters traffic coming down. • Adelaide Grove/Oakland Road – passageway with similar problems. • Daffodil Street – gates from Sundew Avenue to Bramble Gardens being broken and subject to dumping. Resident cleared five black bags of rubbish recently, including used nappies. Also, motor bikes go up and down when gates broken and area used as toilet. However, gates need to be locked and unlocked regularly by residents for deliveries to be made. Resident tried to contact council to rectify but was passed around different people. • Garden Waste Collection – GW bags were delivered but no one picked them up on right days; problem still not sorted. • Devon House – problem with people throwing rubbish down from upper floors to bins which should not be outside anyway. 	<p>Suggestion by resident that traffic wardens might look out for things like this; Leader mentioned that street wardens are looking</p>
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<p>5</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grot spots – junction of Sawley Road/Wormholt Road attracting lot of fly tipping; plus same at Hilary Road/ Foxglove Road, including roadwork’s material. • Skips – previously these were advertised in local paper and residents used them as council service. • Street sweeping – streetsweeping perceived as having deteriorated especially round Pansy Gardens where street sweepers allegedly hide trolleys while on long tea breaks; and sweeping needs doing after refuse collection not other way round. <p>Miscellaneous</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wormholt Park – appeal for more benches, sited in places where people more likely to sit e.g. under trees • Allotments – noted shortage of allotments in this part of Borough • Council Tax - suggestion that there should be bigger discounts if residents wish to pay in one go or by Direct Debit. • Public Conveniences – lack of PCs in Wormholt Park and Hammersmith Park. 	<p>into this.</p> <p>Leader mentioned street wardens and street scene officers now operating as one team.</p> <p>Leader commented that this was a good idea in theory providing builders did not take advantage of them</p> <p>Leader noted that new contractor SERCO would be held to account by Council; SERCO should also manage its own staff more effectively.</p>
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