

Better Together – Abbey Wood, Glyndon and Plumstead area meeting

Abbey Wood ward

Facilitated by: Cllr Denise Hyland, Cllr Ann-Marie Cousins, Cllr Clive Mardner and PS Martin Lockwort – Abbey Wood and Thamesmead Moorings Local Policing Team

Priority	Group discussion theme	Group concerns	You Suggested
1	Local Issues	It was raised the parade of shops at Eynsham Drive needs to be made more attractive as this does not look appealing	No suggestions were made
2	Local Issues	At the junction of Knee Hill and Federation Road it was raised drivers cannot see and noted it is dangerous for all	A mirror to be fitted at the junction to improve road user safety was suggested
3	Local Issues	Residents felt wanted more information on the proposals for the retention of the Crown Post Office at Abbey Wood village	There needs to be more resident involvement in the plan and this would be looked into.
4	Local Issues	Concerns about cars regularly being broken into at Bracondale Road was raised. However, this apparently is not for theft purposes but malicious vandalism. Cars are having their windows smashed repeatedly.	A suggestion of CCTV being installed was raised. Along with a neighbourhood watch scheme. There is a need for a joined up working approach to tackle the issue. A suggestion of plain clothes policing was offered.
5	Local Issues	Concerns were raised over how dark it is under the flyover at Bracondale Road	Additional lighting to improve community safety and to deter undesirables and would-be car vandals for committing malicious damage to parked vehicles.
6	Local Issues	Suggestions of more parking enforcement, especially on housing land, raised. There were complaints about people who park over dropped kerbs and on grass verges etc	This would be raised with the Enforcement Team at Royal Greenwich

7	Local Issues	<p>The question was raised as to who will be undertaking the monitoring of standards of 'Sheltered accommodation' and 'assisted living' homes.</p> <p>To maintain the maximum level of support as and when residents needs change.</p> <p>It was suggested can information on safeguarding contacts be displayed on every floor on all sheltered and assisted living accommodation.</p>	The pensioners forum will raise with Councillor Lekau
8	Local Issues	The poor road surface of Eynsham Drive was raised and the need for it to be improved	<p>Royal Greenwich is proposing work along Eynsham Drive, which is planned for this financial year including a local safety scheme; and planned resurfacing of the road.</p> <p>The local safety scheme will introduce improved pedestrian facilities and features to improve road safety, particularly for vulnerable road users.</p> <p>Full width road resurfacing will also be completed this summer. The scheme will run from Penmon Road to Grovebury Road and is currently programmed to commence on 28 August 2018. More details will be published locally closer to the time and in advance of the start, including a letter drop to immediately affected frontages.</p>
9	Local Issues	Concerns about the potential return of drug dealing and people on mopeds at the bridge near to Mottisfront Road was raised once Crossrail has been completed. Residents noted the presence of Security by Crossrail had made a noticeable difference	This would be raised with the local Police Safer Neighbourhood Team and Royal Greenwich Community Safety Teams

10	Local Issues	Abbey Wood train line is due to go All Zone the question of when this is due to be implemented was raised	This would be raised with South Eastern Railway
11	Local Issues	There are currently no road markings (Zone areas) on the roads showing where parking spaces are available.	This would be raised with Royal Greenwich Highways

Glyndon ward

Facilitated by Cllr Adel Khaireh & Ruth Wiltshire, Borough Inspector

Priority	Group discussion theme	Group concerns	You Suggested
1	Local Issues	<p>It was suggested that more police officers are needed to patrol these areas along with the consideration of using the 'Dog unit' as it has been effective in the past</p> <p>The issue of drugs on the estate needs to be tackled and four hotspots were highlighted, Dawson Close being the worst followed by the back of Ann Street doctor's surgery and the back of Claymill House near Congleton Grove and the Oaks</p>	<p>Inspector Ruth Whiltshire (RW)) undertook to take the matter back to the local Policing Team</p> <p>She would consider a flexible approach to resources across the sector to tackle problems</p> <p>RW undertook that she would consider using plain clothed and uniformed officers to tackle the problem.</p>
2	Local Issues	<p>It was agreed more education about keeping scooters safe from theft and owners preventing them from becoming a nuisance and threat.</p> <p>Motor scooters were an issue on the Thames Path by Erebus Drive and on Glyndon Estate by The Greens</p>	<p>RW suggested working with the traffic police to look at the problem</p> <p>It was suggested some trained officers were able to access the use of dye to mark people/vehicles involved</p> <p>It was noted the police would be working with Parks police and Royal Greenwich Parks staff to come up with a plan to tackle the issue in the local parks during the Summer months.</p>

3	Local Issues	A community initiative with Parks, the police and the community where the overgrown bushes get cut back and then searched for weapons or other illegal activities was raised. The establishment of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme was suggested.	RW to work with Ward Councillor to try and get the residents involved in the process
4	Local Issues	Tackling areas of stagnant water at Erebus Drive along the Thames Path – it was raised as a health hazard attracting mosquitos	Encourage Highways department to speak to Environment Agency to confirm whose area is responsible for the maintenance.
5	Local Issues	The concerns over fly-tipping was raised Tackle dumped of rubbish from private properties generally from in and around the Glyndon Estate	The aim to resolve this problem would be to get more residents involved and target local areas with information about getting larger items removed
6	Local Issues	The installation of a new outdoor gym for Glyndon for all to use was put forward to support the money invested by Neighbourhood Growth to fund community exercise	No suggestions were made.
7	Local Issues	Checks are made to ensure Greenwich Info is delivered to all residents. There had been a number of properties, approximately 400 SE18 0GD-0GM) that have not been delivered	Royal Greenwich have investigated the issue and had determined the problem which has prevented the delivery of the Greenwich Info to the blocks. This has now been resolved and delivery is now resume from the next edition.

Plumstead ward

Facilitated by Cllr Matt Morrow & Cllr Angela Cornforth

Priority	Group discussion theme	Group concerns	You Suggested
1	Local Issues	It was noted priority should be given community space to encourage people's sense of community; Where people can meet?	It needs to be visible high street space Use of unused retail units? RBG to look again at its assets beyond its current vision for the library
2	Local Issues	Issues concerning parking, parking enforcement, especially in Abbey Street car park. Residents wanted to know the proposed CPZ arrangements such as double yellow lines being implemented	More parking wardens required. Concerns over implementing CPZ could be bad for local businesses Short stay parking is required for the High Street A strategic plan is needed
3	Local Issues	HMO's	Improve HMO register Reject planning permission for gradual home extension Person or business? Whole planning department poor?
4	Local Issues	A new Neighbourhood Plan for Plumstead needed. Residents feel they know best and don't need to be told by the Council what local people need	Plumstead Parish Council to be involved Neighbourhood Forum and quarterly Councillor reports requested
5	Local Issues	Concerns raised about litter and fly-tipping eg Pettman Crescent	Enforcement Team to be involved time and more pride in the community needed

Thamesmead Moorings ward

Facilitated by Cllr Olu Babatola

Priority	Group discussion theme	Group concerns	You Suggested
1	Local Issues	It was felt there is a need to restore the community spirit in Thamesmead by having: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • good publicity about the area rather than negative • a bank for Thamesmead. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Challenge the perception held by others of Thamesmead 2. Provide employment opportunities for young people 3. Involve and promote local Community groups 4. Support isolated immigrants 5. Bringing back community centres 6. More publicity of community events 7. Put leaflets in resident's houses 8. Create a Thamesmead community radio <p>Support cultural and diversity integration in the community.</p>
2	Local Issues	A need to preserve the community green spaces.	There is need to ensure cleaning the lakes and canals are done. Enforcement to deal with fly-tippers and prosecute offenders and publicise the results.
3	Local Issues	Youth facilities Computers in libraries was suggested with more support groups for debt management, housing crisis and homelessness	Create more facilities for young people. Increase the numbers of PCs in libraries.
4	Local Issues	There was a strong feeling to make Thamesmead an urban parish.	Take away the boundary in Thamesmead which divides Thamesmead into two boroughs.