

Traffic and Beyond Issue

Date for your Diaries: TACRA AGM

Wednesday 8th November 2017 at Tunstall Road Nursery from 7.30pm

It's just over a year since we came together to form a resident's group and much has happened since then. Although the focus has been mainly on the traffic, we have also come together for other events. It's time to meet again to say hi and explore what we want to do going forward as a group.

If you have something you would like to discuss with your neighbours on the night and want to let us know beforehand, email us at 'contact@tacra.addiscombe.net' Below, one committee member shares something he would love to have a conversation about at the AGM.

'Dog fouling', 'litter', 'broken glass bottles', 'discarded kitchen cabinets' – what do all these things have in common?

These are all things that I see on the pavement as I walk up from Tunstall Road to the Tram Stop. A couple of weeks ago, someone decided to throw out their refrigerator on Heron Road, someone else decided to deposit their unwanted bed set at the bottom corner of Addiscombe Court Road, while some other person decided that the Northern end of Addiscombe Court road which leads towards Leslie Park Grove would make a good spot for their unwanted sofa set.

While some of these may be preplanned council collections. Is this the kind of roads that we want?

I'd really like to know what ideas you have that could prevent this problem from occurring further. I think as a group we could go even further and make our road one of the most beautiful in the borough - let's make it a place that we're proud to call home.

There is also a proposal from Croydon Council to consider the area we live in as a focus for developing a 'Liveable neighbourhood'. This is a London wide approach that is being consulted on by Sadiq Khan (Mayor of London) as part of his on going future transport strategy. This is an opportunity to keep the pressure on Croydon Council to work with residents to find a better solution to the traffic issues in our area rather than the piecemeal ones resulting from the Lebanon Road decision and the impact of developments in Central Croydon, such as Westfield.

<https://tfl.gov.uk/info-for/boroughs/liveable-neighbourhoods>

**Join us from 7.30pm to meet your neighbours and share your ideas for our streets.
We will start the formal business of the AGM from 8.00pm**



Summer Fair - 15th July 2017

TACRA Cake Sale at the SUMMER FAIR

Much fun was had at the summer celebration held on Saturday the 15th July hosted by local residents' associations and St Mary Magdalene Church. As ever the children's events were very popular. Many of our local residents' kindly baked for the occasion. Among the goodies, there were cake pops beautifully decorated which were a hit with the little ones, lovely cupcakes, gingerbread loaves, pizzas and other Italian treats that were very popular. Thank you to all who generously donated goodies and could be there on the day.

WARD BOUNDARY CHANGES

We mentioned in an earlier newsletter that the Local Government Boundary Commission was consulting on boundary changes for the election of Councillors to Croydon Council. They published their final recommendations on the 4th July 2017, and subject to parliamentary approval our two roads will sit within a new ward named Addiscombe West and we will be electing 3 councillors when we vote in the local elections next May (2018). More detail and a map of the boundaries for the new ward can be found at <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/8775>

CONSEQUENCES OF CHANGES TO LEBANON ROAD

– RESULT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING ON 11TH OCTOBER 2017

Following the Council's statutory consultation on their proposal to overcome the traffic problems and public safety risks, the Transport Management Advisory Committee (TMAC) decision was to **unanimously approve the proposal** at their meeting last Wednesday (11 October). They will make both Addiscombe Court and Canning Roads no entry from Addiscombe Road (exit-only). In doing so, they also highlighted the need for a medium term approach to traffic in our area. At the committee meeting they heard passionate representations from our neighbours sharing their real life experiences of living with the consequences of the changes to Lebanon Road. Thank you for continuing to communicate with the council, attending the TMAC and speaking on the night; together it meant our concerns were heard. Our ward councillors, Sean Fitzsimons and Patricia Hay-Justice expressed support for making both roads no entry, with Mark Watson speaking in favour of making Addiscombe Court Road no entry and keeping Canning Road open.

During the informal consultation the majority of residents' in our roads opted for making ACR exit only onto Addiscombe Road, so blocking northbound 'rat running' traffic. It was made very clear to the committee both in July and last week that the majority of resident didn't want this but were willing to accept it, to reduce the risks resulting from the changes in traffic flows. Whatever they chose to do last week, in many ways it was a no-win situation, as almost everyone would experience some negative impact, be it longer journey times and increased petrol use, or Canning Road residents potentially living with around 4,000 motor-vehicles a day (*based on Council monitoring figures from June 2017 and assumes the potentially blocked ACR northbound traffic will then use Canning Road instead*) and 'head to head' driver behaviour (their Road is 4cm wider than Lebanon Road). With the decision to block northbound entry to both ACR and Canning, only time will tell what impact this will have on residents in ours and other roads, such as, Elgin & Havelock to the East and Addiscombe Grove & Cherry Orchard to the West.



Coach on ACR - 7.13pm, 8th October

We propose that along with Canning & Clyde Residents Association we continue to urge the Council to get the whole road system locally much better sorted; seeking to work with our neighbours in other residents' groups either side to press for this.

LOCAL PARKS AND COUNCIL CONSULTATION

One of the committee members attended a workshop to explore a way forward for our local parks and was in the group that discussed Lloyd Park. Views were expressed and ideas shared, these included improving the existing cafe, the proposed cycle track and potential for community events.

If you wish to take part in this or other Council lead forums you can sign up on via their website at: <https://getinvolved.croydon.gov.uk>

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