

Kew Leaders Question Time Event 2017

Issue	Cllr / Officer Responsible	Actions and response
<p>Can the Council renegotiate the paper and cardboard refuse box collection so that large cardboard boxes which are unable to fit inside the blue boxes can also be collected?</p>	<p>Assistant Director for Environment and Community Services – Leisure and Contracts</p>	<p>The contract manager has discussed this situation with the contractors who provide the service. Discussions are ongoing.</p>
<p>Kew is a triangle bound by three main arterial roads to two bridge pinch points.</p> <p>My concern is with the decision to allow Brentford football club to develop a site between Kew Bridge and Chiswick roundabout plus the new plan for Super cycle highway no 9 which is routed through Wellesley Rd into the north circular on the other side of the bridge and across to Brentford.</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Planning and Strategic Development</p>	<p>The Council has asked Hounslow for £100k for further parking controls as a result of this development.</p> <p>Full planning permission was granted by Hounslow B.C. in June 2014 for a stadium and associated road works (including a foot bridge over a railway line and pedestrian underpass to Kew Bridge Station) and a car park.</p> <p>Outline permission was also granted at this time for enabling development of a hotel, housing and commercial uses and further parking. Also, in 2014 a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) was issued for much of the land involved.</p> <p>Full permission (reserved matters approval) for the hotel was granted in 2015 (with amended detail permission in 2016). Full approval the housing was granted in 2016 and</p>

<p>I am especially concerned for games, conferences and concerts at the new stadium. We have the example of Twickenham Rugby events to show how traffic is affected.</p>		<p>the CPO confirmed by the Secretary of State after a Public Enquiry.</p> <p>Approval (variation) to permit Rugby as well as Football was given in February 2017 (if may become the home of London Irish).</p> <p>Work commenced on site in March 2017 to secure the original permissions.</p> <p>This Application</p> <p>The application was to reduce the capacity, floor space and height of the stadium from the original plan, introduce a northern perimeter road (marginally moving traffic away from LBRuT) and make improvements to the public realm including a new public square.</p> <p>The most recent application did not introduce additional homes, taller buildings or new uses within the approved scheme.</p> <p>Consultation letters were sent to statutory consultees, neighbouring boroughs and local amenity societies, and to over 930 residents in surrounding areas. A total of just 12 submissions were received from individuals and amenity groups comprising of 7 in support, 3 objections (including the Kew Society), 1 mixed, and 1 neutral response.</p>
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When is Kew Gardens station, which serves a World Heritage site, going to get a lift for wheelchair users and parents with prams?	Strategic Transport Team Manager	<p>The Council continually push for step-free access/lifts but there are no current plans for this with Network Rail.</p> <p>The Eastbound platform is accessible to/from the street. The Westbound platform does not have step-free access; so coming from the East (Central London) you would need to go to Richmond and go back one stop to Kew Gardens.</p>
A recent petition calling for a 20mph speed limit of West Park Road, Beechwood Avenue, Burlington Avenue and North Road was submitted to local Councillors and appropriate officers.	Assistant Director for Environment and Community Services – Traffic and Engineering	<p>The criteria for the introduction of a speed limit change is well established in the Council's Traffic Management Policy. This considers a number of factors including speed, volume and traffic accident history. The Council will be consulting on a Borough wide 20mph limit in Spring 2018.</p>

<p>80% of households felt that the traffic speed was unacceptable and dangerous. The Council's traffic survey showed that there was not a problem with the speed of traffic and that there had only been one accident in the last five years. This does not take into account the views of the 80%</p>		
<p>Traffic management at Victoria Gate Kew Gardens – there are a considerable number of taxis who stop illegally waiting to collect visitors from Kew Gardens. Also coaches are known to frequently stop in the bus stops which causes noise pollution as bus drivers then toot their horns</p>	<p>Assistant Director for Environment and Community Services – Traffic and Engineering</p> <p>Head of Engineering</p>	<p>Officers are in discussions with Kew Gardens and the Local Associations around the various traffic issues in this area. This is being investigated as part of a Corridor study which will reply back in early 2018.</p>
<p>Kids have to take the number 65 bus to school and the Avenue is not safe.</p>	<p>Assistant Director for Environment and Community Services – Traffic and</p>	<p>Assuming this is referring to the zebra crossing on the A307 by The Avenue, this has been picked up as part of the corridor study.</p>

<p>There are also concerns that the pedestrian crossing is not safe.</p>	<p>Engineering</p>	
<p>Is the Council currently looking at better signage on the East side of the station? Can you also look at better parking provision for cyclists?</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Highways and Streetscene</p>	<p>As part of the detailed design there will be a review of the existing street furniture, which will include signs and cycle parking. There will be an opportunity for local groups such as the Kew Society, Residents/Business Associations and Kew Gardens to provide input regarding the street furniture layout.</p>
<p>I am suffering from light pollution from the new floodlights from Queens school. Do floodlights need planning permission and how do I oppose these lights?</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Planning and Strategic Development</p>	<p>Details of the external lighting were secured via a condition when the original application was approved. The application submitted details of such as part of application 15/0073/DD02, which were reviewed by the Councils Environmental Health Officer who found these acceptable.</p>
<p>In the light of the recent report for Richmond Parish Lands Charity 'On the Edge', what action is taking place in Kew to promote more effective collaboration between funders, local residents, businesses and statutory, voluntary and</p>	<p>Voluntary Sector Partnerships Manager</p>	<p>Cllr Linnette, officers and representatives from local funders and RCVS met with the resident who posed this question to discuss the report and local efforts in establishing effective partnerships between organisations.</p>

community sectors to address increasing need, particularly among older people, carers, people with mental health issues and children with special needs?		
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