

Community Conversation Hampton and Hampton North Wards

Date: 15th September 2021

Time: 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Venue: Zoom

AGENDA:

Agenda Item One: Update from Councillors

Agenda Item Two: Presentation

Agenda Item Three: Key theme breakout discussion groups

Agenda Item Four: Open floor questions

Ward members in attendance:

Hampton North

Councillor Coelho - Liberal Democrat

Councillor Howard – Conservative

Councillor Samuel – Conservative

Hampton

Councillor Nicholson - Liberal Democrat

Councillor Roberts - Liberal Democrat. Leader of the Council

Councillor Thomason - Liberal Democrat. Vice-chair, Audit, Standards and Statutory Accounts Committee

Agenda Item One: Update from Councillors

Headline Topic: Ward Achievements	
Councillor	Achievements
Cllr Coelho	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dealing with a lot of fly tipping • Speeding along Oak Hill on Avenue has resulted in wildlife being killed • Drone flying over the parks is happening. This has been reported as it is illegal • White House YMCA. Please ask me if you need directions to services that used to be at the White House • Amphitheatre in Hampton Hill – working with business who all seem to be interested in this
Cllr Samuel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lots of complaints about waste collection and the state of the recycling centre • Verges and open spaces look scruffy, there should have been a consultation on whether to leave the cutting of verges • 1,300 resident signatures about Burtons Road traffic management scheme
Cllr Roberts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hampton Village traders put on very successful classic car show and open air cinema

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue occurred today re drains – emergency closure for 3 days • Planning application for 18 foot phone mast on edge of Hampton Green has been refused by the Council. It may go to appeal • Lack of goal posts, unfortunately this is an issue with the contractors Continental Landscape. Due to the haulier’s crisis, there is a backlog of sports equipment • MTV Youth have had their 10th anniversary, they really are a force for good • Due to the flooding issues a couple of months ago, a full survey of the drains is being carried out • Serco are not doing enough when it comes to the waste contract. We are meeting them next week to discuss • Green waste was suspended due to lack of drivers due to Covid’19. An extra 5 months of free provision has been arranged • Councillor Nicholson is Deputy Major for the rest of the municipal year
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Agenda item three: Key themes arising from discussion groups

Key Points From Group Discussions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More banks • Need better cycle routes • Community office hubs • Need better lighting and transport to support safer nightlife • Want a cinema • Need better use of the riverside and ports • More EV charging points • Space for locals to sell their crafts • Accessible riverside • Want a hardware shop • Overall website for the area • More links to Hampton North needed • More parking needed • No idling signs • Community speed watch for 20mph enforcement

Agenda item four – open floor questions

Headline Topic	Road gullies with regards to flooding
Question 1	Who is responsible for maintaining the road gullies with regards to flooding? Some gullies resemble plant pots with the amount of greenery in them.
Response	Cllr Nicolson: Sometimes it is Thames Water who are responsible, they are at Warwick Close. They need to do more there. The Council is chasing them too. Please report a drain to your Cllr and they will get it cleaned.
Additional Question	Why is there not a regular maintenance drain cleaning system?
Response	Cllr Nicolson: I think there is.
Headline Topic	Supporting local businesses
Question 2	Can we ask businesses themselves in Hampton what they need from the council? And for their views on how best to fill the vacant sites? I think their views are key to understanding how to help - they face the challenges daily and will have grounded opinions.
Response	Cllr Baker: Good point, we discussed this in our group. Businesses in Richmond and Twickenham both have BIDs to support them, trader organisations. Hampton and Hampton Hill have traders' organisations who work tirelessly to organise the requirements of businesses and liaise with the Council on what they need.
Headline Topic	Drains on Hampton Hill
Question 3	What about the drains on Hampton Hill opposite the pool? There are none, the area is constantly flooded. There a very few drains on that section of road. Why is that and what can be done?
Response	Cllr Roberts: I think that this is a historical oversight. Because it is on a hill people think it will drain down the hill into a drain when infrastructure is required at the side of the road. We will have a look at this now that we are aware.
Headline Topic:	Sainsburys in Hampton North car park
Question 5	The car park at Sainsburys in Hampton North is dangerous and needs replacing. It has been reported yet there are no plans to resurface it.
Response	Cllr Nicolson: The Council have put a pavement around the car park. I've been here and don't recognise what you are saying. Cllr Samuel: I agree with Cllr Nicolson. I was there today and didn't see a problem. I will check again tomorrow. Cllr Coelho: I walk around Hampton Square twice a week, there doesn't seem to be a problem with the surface.
Headline Topic:	Local policemen
Question 6	Why do we never see local policemen anymore on foot, as we now work from home and use the local shops, we are around all the time? Terry the road cleaner is our local eyes and ears.
Response	Cllr Roberts: We need to influence the deputy Mayor of policing. I met with her yesterday and brought this subject up with her. It is a Borough wide problem. There is a lack of capacity within the police force. It is unlikely we will get back to having local police as we used to have. Some of our local police are fantastic.