



Canning & Clyde Road Residents Association

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Operation Clyde Hall

The owner of Clyde Hall, a charitable Trust, has put Clyde Hall up for sale. Ever generous, the Trustees of Clyde Hall have given first option to buy to Surrey Opera who have used the hall for over 20 years.

In order to avoid potential demolition by a possible developer and to preserve Clyde Hall for its own and wider community use, Surrey Opera are launching Operation Clyde Hall. They intend to set up a limited company called Clyde Hall Ltd to buy and run the hall. This would have a separate legal identity from Surrey Opera. The company would allow Surrey Opera and The Addiscombe Christian Church to continue to use the hall. In return Surrey Opera would maintain and eventually improve the building. As the hall is not currently in continuous use, some income may be raised by letting the hall to other groups.

Surrey Opera can only do this if they can raise £500,000 before the end of the year. They hope to do this by issuing shares to people interested in preserving the building for community use. Developers and speculators need not apply! If you are not in a position to become a shareholder, perhaps you could offer your services and skills which might benefit the hall.

If you would like to know more, please contact Jonathan Butcher on 020 8654 9306 or email jonathanbutcher@blueyonder.co.uk **very soon.** It would be helpful if you could contact him before 21 September.

We as a residents association wholeheartedly welcome and support this brave venture. We have to point out, however, that we are not here giving investment advice. People must make their own personal decision about investing in Clyde Hall.

Bubbly BBQ

Many thanks to the 70 or so people who came along to our Bubbly BBQ and helped to make it such an enjoyable event. Thanks to our Councillors, MP and GLA Member who came to this and our AGM. Special thanks to Linda for her as ever excellent raffle ticket selling skills, to Doug, Mark and Robert for all the barbecuing, to those who helped set up and carry chairs and tables to and from the church and to the church for lending



East Croydon Masterplan

Carry on reading! The *East Croydon Masterplan* may sound dull but it is an extremely important document that will affect our area. It is one of several masterplans being drawn up by Croydon Council for different parts of the town. They will form part of a Core Strategy for Croydon. The underlying thought is that Croydon must change and adapt in order to flourish.

Below are some of the key points. We would encourage you to find out more detail either online or by visiting any library or one of the exhibitions. Do please give your thoughts directly to the Council, our Councillors and to us. We would very much like to hear what you think, **preferably by 17 October**.

The *East Croydon Masterplan* has been drawn up by (amongst others) Croydon Council, Menta (who own land by the station along Cherry Orchard Road), Stanhope Schroder (who own land by the station along Dingwall Road), Network Rail and Transport for London.

The plan covers the station and the area bounded by George Street/Lower Addiscombe Road (name changes on the bridge) between Dingwall Road and the NLA Tower; Cherry Orchard Road to Oval Road; the nearest part of Dingwall Road and Lansdowne Road.

The main proposed features are:

A new bridge across the railway with access to platforms and linking Cherry Orchard Road (nearly opposite Cedar Road) to Lansdowne Road (by the roundabout with Dingwall Road).

The ability to be able to walk round all four sides of the station, the new bridge being one of these walkways.

The entrance to East Croydon Station would be more open and include more ticket barriers (by the removal of Smiths). Green roofs (i.e. with plants) on the platform canopies.

Modifying the area around the train station and bus station so it would work better. This would include a longer tram platform, extending the bus station to include an extra bus stop, rethinking pedestrian crossings, moving where people in cars can drop off friends and family back as far as Orchard Road.

An emphasis on including plants throughout the whole area, for example trees along Dingwall

Road.

The Stanhope Schroder side would contain modern offices (possibly five blocks) alongside the station bordering Dingwall Road and high density housing (possibly four blocks) bordering Lansdowne Road. They would have a green square, Ruskin Square, providing lunchtime, evening and weekend activities.

The Menta side would contain a grand staircase leading up to the new bridge; there would be some unspecified access to the bridge for people not able to manage these. Next to this would be a very high rise residential tower block with ground floor commercial use including a café, restaurant and bar. On the other side of the steps would be a tall residential building. The Porter & Sorter pub would be demolished and replaced with a building of unspecified 'mixed use'.

Menta also own the land on the corner of Oval Road and Cherry Orchard Road where the blocks of flats are currently empty. It would build more high density housing but not as tall as on the station side of the road.

The Royal Mail building will remain as it is.

All work would happen gradually over a period of time in a co-ordinated way.

How to find out more about the East Croydon Masterplan

Copies of it in every Library. Download from www.croydonthirdcity.co.uk and click on the link Exhibition 18&19 Sept, 9am- 5pm, NLA Tower Drop in 16 Oct, 10am- 3.30pm Fairfield Halls

Steve's Tree

As you may have seen, the other Friday night Steve's tree became a casualty of Croydon's '*vibrant night time economy*'.

Steve's response would be '*Pick yourself up. Dust yourself down. And start all over again.*'

This we have done. The torn branches have been cut smooth and damaged wood coated with protector. Given the vigour of Steve's tree, we are hopeful that around mid May next - **it will sprout again!**

