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Roads and nicer things edition

Inside ... crucial information about a letter / questionnaire you will be receiving from the Council. We urge you to respond as it will impact a lot of us.



Quiz Night for All

Saturday 25 March 2017
7.15 for 7.30 pm
Clyde Hall, Clyde Road

Tickets £10 includes fish and chip supper

Come as a team of up to six people or on your own and join up with others.

Expect a warm welcome and fun evening

A variety of questions to suit a variety of people. Hall is fully accessible. Please let us know when you book if you would like a table near the people calling out the questions. Please bring your own plate, cutlery, drink, glass and condiments.

Please is anyone with a car able to volunteer on the night to help pick up the fish and chips from Addiscombe?

Many thanks to Andreou's for being so generous again in what they are charging for the fish and chips. This helps raise funds for Woodside Bereavement Service which provides invaluable local support to children, teenagers and adults.

For catering purposes please let Anne know by Friday 17 March if you would like to come along. Please be aware that last year we had to turn away some residents in our roads who tried to book last minute so please don't leave it to a couple of days beforehand.

Consequences of Lebanon Road one-way imposition – proposed changes by the Council affecting hugely Canning Road and local traffic

From the start of 2016, Croydon Council chose to make Lebanon Road one-way southbound only. The manner in which this was done and the limitations of the so-called 'consultation' have been widely criticised. **Experience has shown that that Council decision was fundamentally flawed.** As a result residents in Addiscombe Court Road have seen a large increase in traffic with decrease in quality of life. There has also been a new safety risk at Lebanon Road tram stop as cars not wanting to wait pass the tram, then turn left into Addiscombe Court Road where unsuspecting pedestrians newly alighted from the tram are crossing. Residents in Canning Road have seen an increase in traffic but – so far – to a lesser degree. Thank you to Councillor Sean Fitzsimons for listening to residents and getting the Council to take note.

Back in September the Council verbally suggested making both Addiscombe Court and Canning Roads no entry from Addiscombe Road. We consulted our residents through a questionnaire asking people to give a 1st and 2nd choice between

No Entry, No Change, Wait and See. The result was essentially an even split between those three choices. We also gave residents the opportunity to express any other views about local traffic management. Having collected the responses, we consulted again with residents over our summary and

◆ **our conclusion was that the Council needed to come back with a better solution** ◆

Results of Canning & Clyde Questionnaire October 2016

Section 1	Canning		Clyde		Totals	
	1 st choice	2 nd choice	1 st choice	2 nd choice	1 st choice	2 nd choice
1. Make southern (i.e. Addiscombe Rd) end of Canning one-way south-bound—Council suggestion	14	4	3	1	17	5
2. No change	10	4	5	0	15	4
3. Wait & see	13	17	1	6	14	23

Traffic Management Advisory Committee on Wednesday 8 February 2017

We sent to the Council Officer and our Ward Councillors the results of our own questionnaire plus the full, unedited and uncensored (!) residents' views. To their credit, the Council reproduced these in full for the Traffic Management Advisory Committee on Wednesday 8 February 2017. You can view all the papers on Croydon Council's website. We can run off paper copies for those who do not have access to a computer or smartphone.

At the meeting the Chair, Councillor Stuart King, who was not Chair at the time of the Lebanon Road one-way imposition decision, thanked Canning & Clyde (and TACRA—Tunstall, Addiscombe Court Residents Association) for the hard work they had put in to find out views of residents in their roads. He noted that the results of the Canning & Clyde questionnaire were less clear cut than those of the TACRA survey. He said—the response from Canning Road was quite mixed; that one of the challenges the committee has to address is what the response of Canning Road residents would be to having a lot of extra traffic going down the road. Councillor King said there was a need to ask Canning Road residents to what extent their view would change if they had a lot of extra cars coming down their road.

We welcome the fact that the Council has taken on board the suggestion that the consultation should be held far more widely than the highly restrictive Lebanon Road one-way so-called 'consultation' in 2015 when Canning, Addiscombe Court and Tunstall Road residents were not included in the statutory consultation area, even though we made the case they should be and it was obvious these were the roads that would be most affected by the Lebanon Road one-way imposition.

The Council at this stage has chosen not to take into account our opinion that they need to come back with a better solution to mitigate the effects of their flawed Lebanon Road one-way imposition. Instead, for 8 February 2017 Traffic Management Advisory meeting, the following options have been discounted by the Council. We quote from the paper that went to the committee — *'OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED 12.1 Other options considered and not taken up were 1. Reversing the direction of the one way system in Lebanon Road, implemented in January 2015. This would result in the traffic transferring back onto this road, thus reintroducing the same problems as are currently being experienced in Addiscombe Court Road. 2. Removal of most or all one way or no-entry restrictions in the roads running north-south between Lower Addiscombe Road and Addiscombe Road between Cherry Orchard Road and Ashburton Road. This would not resolve the issues of high traffic flows travelling through the area. Indeed, this could lead to a further increase in such traffic if the movements are perceived to be easier. 3. Making each of the north-south roads in paragraph 12.1 (2) above one way in alternate directions. Making these roads alternate one-way would also lead to an acceptance of the high traffic volume using the residential roads as through routes and could lead to these roads becoming the default route for all north and south bound traffic to the east of the town centre.'* **We note that the Council Officers offered no statistical evidence or traffic flow modelling to support these assumptions.**

There was discussion around the need to press Transport for London (TfL) harder for improvements to the main roads they control (Chepstow Road, Addiscombe Road) so cars can have an easier journey along main roads. Council Officers are currently in discussion with TfL about Cherry Orchard Road.

Here's what our Councillors had to say at the meeting on 8 February. All three supported the proposal.

Cllr Patricia Hay-Justice – Addiscombe Ward - Supported

Welcomed the wider consultation. Hopes that the information coming back is used to lobby Transport for London (i.e. for improvements to main road junctions). Up to Croydon Council to come up with a medium term solution. Large number of flats being built in the area. People will have cars.

Feels the option they have come up with is the best we could have. Not ideal but best could come up with at this moment in time but should be interim rather than permanent measures because should be working with TfL for more permanent solution.

Lebanon Road tram stop is an accident waiting to happen.

Cllr Sean Fitzsimons – Addiscombe – Supported

There has been an issue since trams started in 2000. People are trying to avoid Cherry Orchard Road. The system designed 20 years ago has failed (i.e. trying to get cars to stay on Chepstow and other main roads). Not possible to design a road system with no downside. Have to amend.

In his view, Addiscombe Court, Tunstall and Canning Roads should not have to have heavy traffic for even one year.

Closure of Black Horse Bridge has led to residents in Dalmally saying how much better the road was now it's quieter, even if they have to take a little longer to get to and from their road. Said there is a benefit of having quiet streets locally even if cars have to take a bit longer to get to places.

Strongly supports view that need good monitoring on impact on other roads. Need to beef up monitoring if implemented so one road not benefitting at expense of others.

In the Addiscombe Ward Manifesto – said would reduce rat running in roads.

Cllr Mark Watson – Addiscombe Ward — Croydon Council Cabinet Member– Supported

Declared an interest – lives in Lebanon Road. Talked about why Lebanon Road residents wanted one-way—fighting in the street, Police had to be called, ambulance couldn't get through to reach an injured child.

Said Lebanon Road still gets 1,000 cars southbound.

Said the displacement of the 2,000 northbound cars has not had the same impact on Canning Road. Said Lebanon, Addiscombe Court and Tunstall Roads are all narrow and the houses close to the road.

Said won't tackle this until dealt with the two Cherry Orchard Road junctions at each end. People will continue to find short cuts.

Said need to find short-term solution, particularly where houses are particularly close to the road.

Sadly we are aware that one Councillor has privately (so off the record) told some residents of a nearby street that Canning Road is wide enough to take all the cars displaced by the flawed Lebanon Road one-way imposition. This is very unhelpful.

We are grateful to Councillors Sean Fitzsimons and Patricia Hay-Justice for their great support in seeking to listen to all residents' views and for taking an unbiased, impartial and fair approach.

The Council will be writing to all residents in a wide area round here in (they say) March or April to consult on their views. **We urge you to respond to this consultation as changes will have a big impact on many of us, one way or another.** It will be an opportunity to agree or disagree with the Council proposal and make any other comments you wish to add. This important consultation will be followed in (they say) May or July by a statutory consultation. We would urge all residents to express their view, whatever it is, directly to the Council. We'd be grateful if you could copy us too so we can continue to build up a picture of what people are thinking. Anne will collate responses. Please email them to annebridge175@gmail.com or drop through the door at Flat 3, 42 Canning Road (bang opposite the church, red door).

All residents have an equal right to express their opinion and for their opinion to be respected.

To summarise—The choice being offered by Council's proposal to make Canning Road no entry from Addiscombe Road

If Canning Road IS made No Entry from Addiscombe Road

Drivers – which includes some Canning and Clyde Roads residents— when travelling to their homes from the Chepstow Road or Park Hill area, will have to go a longer way round via inadequately functioning junctions on the Chepstow Road and both ends of Cherry Orchard Road. This would add extra journey time, sometimes considerable, and frustration.

If Canning Road is NOT made No Entry from Addiscombe Road

Croydon Council will send up to 1,600+* extra cars a day along Canning Road, displaced from Addiscombe Court Road (1,200+* of which were originally from Lebanon Road). This is on top of the existing number and will lead to increased noise and pollution levels and a change in quality of life for people living in Canning Road, especially those whose flats or houses face the road.

* Figures are Council's own January 2016

For as long as the displacement of traffic from Lebanon Road continues to affect disproportionately only one or two roads – it will remain the Lebanon Road one-way imposition issue. The Council cannot use the forthcoming consultation as a way of 'brushing it under the carpet' and blaming residents for subsequent Council decisions.

Croydon Council created this situation with the Lebanon Road one-way imposition. Whatever decision Croydon Council now makes – Croydon Council will remain solely and wholly responsible for the outcome. If they get it wrong, this story will run and run

Coming up ... Music, Theatre and Art

Croydonites Festival of New Theatre

16 March—1 April 2017

Festival of new theatre for Croydon.
Venues: Council Chambers, Matthews Yard, Spredaleagle Pub, Turf Gallery plus a Secret Location.

For more information see www.croydonites.com



Art

TURF

'**Silence Is So Accurate**' is on at Turf Gallery, Keeley Road, Croydon CR0 1TF until Saturday 18th March. The gallery is open 11:00am – 5:00pm Tuesday to Saturday. Entry is free.

The Light Within

Exhibition Dates 10th February – 9th March 2017
Opening Times Tuesday to Friday 10am-6pm, Saturdays 10am-4pm
Address RISEgallery, 7-9 St George's walk, Croydon, CR0 1YH

For the first show of 2017, RISEgallery will be transformed into a radiant explosion of light and colour for its first ever light-only show, 'The Light Within'.



Music

Lots on at: Café Adagio, Oval Tavern, Builder's Arms, Boxpark