

The H.O.M.E. Residents' Association

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From the Chair



Dear neighbours, it does not seem so long since the previous pre-Christmas Newsletter. It has been a busy year with lots of planning applications and the traffic consultation to deal with. In February 2018, it will be 14 years since H.O.M.E. RA was formed. For those new to the area, do get in touch, we hope you will enjoy your new homes and get to know us. H.O.M.E Residents' Association exists for the benefit of the residents in Havelock Road, Outram Road, Mulberry Lane, Elgin Road and Ashburton Road/Gardens/Close. It aims to preserve, conserve and improve the environment in the H.O.M.E. roads while keeping an eye on plans and proposals for other, nearby areas that may have an effect on our area.

Together we have really done a lot to make our neighbourhood much nicer to live in. The controversial decision by Croydon Council on 11 October to introduce no-entry from Addiscombe Road into Canning Rd and Addiscombe Court Road will possibly have the biggest impact on the quality of our environment since we became a Conservation Area. If you feel that this is something you are not happy about please get in touch and help with our efforts to stop this. Read more about this on page 2.

Our fourth H.O.M.E. in Bloom competition for front gardens was again run successfully. The aim of this is to encourage everyone to make our streets look nicer, greener and cleaner. See more on page 4 of this newsletter while, on our website, more photos and a video produced by Leslie, this year's organiser, can be seen. We have not yet managed to have H.O.M.E Open Gardens Day to showcase some of the fine back gardens. We do, however, plan to have it in July 2018. More information will be available in due course on the website, by email and in a future newsletter. If you are not yet a registered member of H.O.M.E. and would like to be, please see page 4 of this newsletter. In this way we can reach you with important news between the two printed newsletters (in winter and in summer).

We currently await the decision on three important planning applications to which H.O.M.E. and many of you have objected: No 6 Ashburton Rd. to be converted into flats; a bungalow at no 60 Outram Rd to be demolished and a block of flats built in its place and, at no 172 Lower Addiscombe Road, for retrospective approval to windows which will overlook Havelock Hall.

So do keep an eye on our website where, among other things, you will find news/ links to planning applications and an update on anything we have done or are planning to do.

With early Seasonal Greetings we wish all our members a happy New Year and offer a welcome to new residents. Come and join us at our traditional New Year's Social on 13 January !!

Take Pride in your H.O.M.E.! - H.O.M.E. CLEAN UP THIS SUNDAY

Tim Duce writes:

Like me, you are probably rather fed up with the amount of litter carelessly or deliberately dropped on our streets. Sadly, the more the HOME area is made to look untidy, the worse people treat it. I'm tired of 'tutting', hand-wringing and stepping over it, and have decided to TAKE ACTION! A group of us will meet on Sunday, **26th of November** when we shall be cleaning up the HOME streets. If you would like to join us, your help would be greatly appreciated. Come and meet your neighbours and have a jolly time making this H.O.M.E. Conservation Area look lovely. Tools, bags, gloves etc will be provided and we'll all have restorative refreshments afterwards at mine.

H.O.M.E. clean-up will be 10 am - 1 pm Sunday, 26th of November

4 Wavell Court, 9 Elgin Rd. (opposite the Elgin nursery) If you can come for part or all of the event, you will be most welcome.

You can also support the event by supplying water or tea to the workers. Anything you can do to help make it a success will be appreciated.

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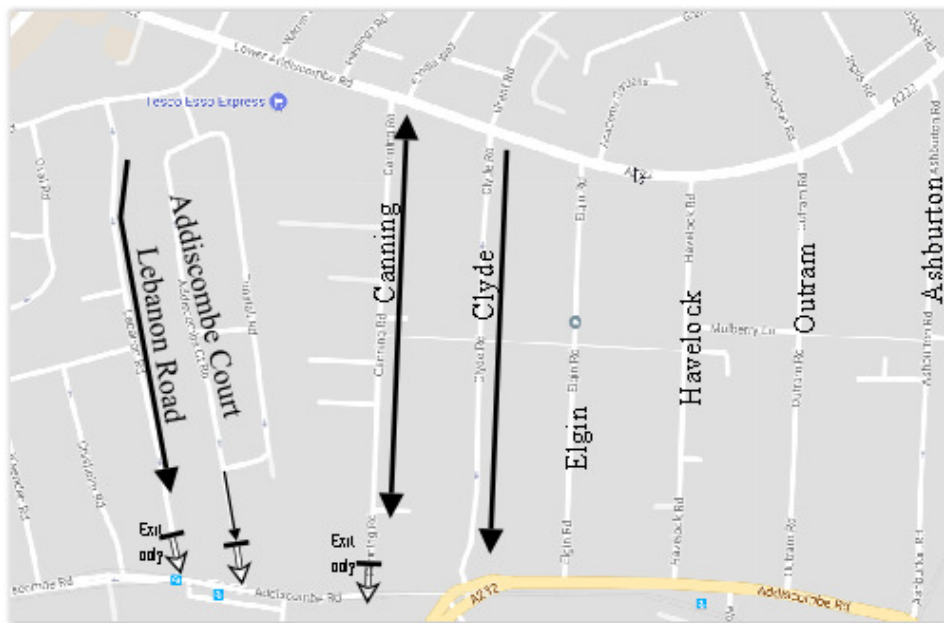
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Proposed Traffic Flow Changes

In our May 2017 newsletter we informed you that, following pressure from the residents of Addiscombe Court Road, who were suffering from the results of an earlier Council decision to make Lebanon Road one-way for part of its length, the Council's Traffic Management Advisory Committee (TMAC) had agreed to consult residents of this area of Croydon about an intention to make not only Addiscombe Court Road but also Canning Road one-way southbound from Lower Addiscombe Road to Addiscombe Road (where the trams run). This consultation subsequently took place, not without a hiccup or two. The Council did not give any information about the likely impact this change would have on traffic flow in the H.O.M.E. area, from Elgin to Ashburton Roads, particularly Elgin Road, not to mention other potentially affected roads, nor on potential changes to noise and pollution levels.

While H.O.M.E. sympathised with the residents of Addiscombe Court Road, it was felt that the Council proposal, while seeking to solve one problem would merely shift the problem elsewhere and, hence, would be no proper solution at all, as all roads from Lebanon to Clyde (inclusive) would be "No Entry" to northbound traffic thus resulting in Elgin Road being the first northerly route, see map below.



What was needed was for the Council, together with other interested parties, to consider a comprehensive East Croydon/ Addiscombe solution that allowed a safe, balanced sharing of traffic both in a northerly and southerly direction from Cherry Orchard Road to Ashburton Road.

Following the statutory official consultation to the proposal, which received 84 objections from residents in roads other than Addiscombe Court Road, a report was compiled by the Council officers for the consideration of the TMAC. This report recommended the original proposal while rejecting other possible solutions and was discussed at a public meeting of the TMAC on 11 October. Individual members of the public were given a maximum of two minutes each to support or object to the recommended proposal, not the easiest of things to do bearing in mind the complexity of the issue and the failure of the Council to provide any meaningful forecasts regarding the impact on other roads and traffic flows. No other possible solution or option, whether contained in the report or proposed from the floor, was allowed to be voted on by the Committee; it was as if the decision had already been made with the public meeting being merely a rubber-stamping exercise.

Now that the decision has been made to proceed with the proposal to make both Addiscombe Court Road and Canning Road no-entry from the south we will have to wait and see and possibly suffer the consequences. The changes will happen at the end of this year or early in the New Year. It is to be hoped that the Council will monitor the impact thoroughly on all the roads in the affected area and will make comprehensive and meaningful data available on a regular basis to all interested parties. It is also hoped that the Council will desist from making any more piecemeal changes that merely displace problems without solving them. In the meantime, H.O.M.E. have made a formal complaint to the Council in the belief that both the manner in which the decision was made and the evidence provided were flawed. Contact us if you are concerned.

Neighbourhood Watch Update

With continued pressures on funding, more police counters are closing so using technology to engage with the police is likely to be more convenient for you – here are the details:

Our Safer Neighbourhood Team have a new website where you can report a local crime or look at the local crime statistics. <https://www.met.police.uk/your-area/croydon/addiscombe/>

There is also a new police app called “Self Evident” where you can report crimes from your phone and even upload photos or video and record a reliable statement. You should be able to download the app from your usual app shop.

You can also follow the Addiscombe Safer Neighbourhood Team on Twitter @MPSAddiscombe. If you do not use Twitter, just type it in your web browser and you can still see all the posts from your computer. You can also get updates from the Addiscombe SNT on Facebook – search for (and then follow) Addiscombe Police.

Trees in Elgin Road

Following a site visit by Sean Fitzsimonds (one of our Councillors), Richard Edwards (the Council Tree and Woodland Officer) and two residents of Elgin Road it was agreed that Elgin Road has very few trees compared with any other roads in the area. We are waiting for a sub-ground scanning survey (check for cables and pipes etc) before any planting can take place, but there are potentially around 35 places where trees could be planted along the road. We have been promised funds for up to ten trees this year. The original intention was for the process to be completed by the beginning of October, with the trees being planted in October. Clearly there has been a delay, but we are assured the funding has been provided and ring-fenced for this little project.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

You are all invited to

The HOME New Year Social on 13 January 2018 (see below)

The Big Lunch (outdoor event) on 2 June 2018 – organiser required!

The HOME AGM on 8 September 2018

***** HOME NEW YEAR SOCIAL *****

**We should like to invite you to our New Year Social on Saturday 13 January from 3-6 pm
at 31 Havelock Road .**

Our socials are friendly, informal, with food and refreshments available. The social will be held at Peter and Irmela’s home this year again. We shall invite our MP, councillors, Safer Neighbourhood Team and other guests.. So, do come along and bring your neighbours with you!!! Any contributions of food and drinks are welcome; however, do not feel obliged. Unwanted Christmas gifts will be gratefully received and used for our popular raffle.

RSVP please-to athome@addiscombe.net or drop this slip at

27 Havelock Road

16 Ashburton Road

44 Elgin Road

74 Outram Road

Name(s):

Number of people:

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Home in Bloom

The winners of this year's Home in Bloom competition were 1 Mulberry Lane - Best Traditional Front Garden and 20A and 20B + 22A and 22B Elgin Road- Best Joint Effort Prize. Congratulations to them and our thanks to the organisers and judges, Leslie England and Lucie England-Duce, from Elgin Road.

We are looking for garden enthusiasts to get involved in this worthwhile activity for the 2018 competition with regards planning, nominating, judging etc. Please contact us via the H.O.M.E e-mail address or via our website.



1 Mulberry Lane



20B Elgin Road

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Not yet a member of HOME? Please-mail the following details to Deirdre Rainbow
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Please note that membership of HOME is essentially free but the Association is funded by voluntary annual subscriptions and any funds raised by raffles or donations. This helps to cover expenses incurred in maintaining the website, printing newsletters, correspondence with the Council and others, matters relating to the Conservation Area, as well as the bi-annual social events. Please also note that any personal information provided is confidential to the Committee and will not be passed on to any other organisation or individual.