



From the Chair

Dear Neighbours

When it comes to writing about the year in a neighbourhood like ours, I wonder if we all see the same value in achievements we have made. We have certainly seen improvements in the look of the area. The new conservation area street lights and street signs have made the streets smarter. I have had many calls from other areas asking for advice on how to do the same. Out next new project may be the planting of trees in Elgin Road.

FOR YOUR DIARY

AGM AND SUMMER SOCIAL 3rd JUNE!!!!

This year's AGM and Summer Social will be held on **Saturday 3rd June** from 2-5 pm in Clyde Hall, Clyde Road. Please make a note in your diary and come and join us. Bring your neighbours along, too, if they have not been before. There will be food and plenty of conversation. The AGM is the most important event in HOME's calendar as the committee takes the opportunity to give an account of the year's activities and gives you, the residents, the opportunity to comment on what has taken place and to give your views on what the priorities should be for the coming year. If you are interested in joining the committee, please call me. We meet every 2 months, on the third Tuesday in the month for about 1 hour.

POSSIBLE CHANGE TO TRAFFIC FLOW WITH A DIRECT IMPACT ON YOU

The increasing amount of through-traffic passing through residential streets in the East Croydon area remains a problem. Various meetings have taken place in the past year with Council representatives, and with representatives of other residents' associations about this. What is needed is a strategic approach by the Council together with Transport for London (who are responsible for the main roads) regarding forecast traffic levels and how they are to be dealt with, especially in view of the many new homes being built in central Croydon and the proposed Westfield development. Instead, there has been an unsatisfactory piecemeal approach, a good example of which is the current consultation on a proposal to have no entry to both Addiscombe Court Road and Canning Road from Addiscombe Road. This could lead to a significant increase in through traffic along HOME roads. Please see the details on page 4 of this newsletter and respond to this consultation.

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CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED WARD BOUNDARY CHANGES

Another important consultation taking place is that regarding election ward boundaries. Because of the increase in the number of people living in Addiscombe, it is proposed to divide the present Addiscombe ward into two – Addiscombe East and Addiscombe West – in such a way that our conservation area and HOME itself would be split between the two, a very unsatisfactory solution as it takes no account of existing community structure.

The deadline for comments is 8th May!!! Please see more on page 6 of this newsletter or respond to the separate email we have sent to those of you on the email list.

As in previous years we have kept a close watch on **planning applications**, some of which, thanks to your assistance, we have been successful in opposing. Details can be seen on pages 9 to 11 of this newsletter.

It is planned to hold the **Home in Bloom** competition for the fourth year, with voucher prizes for the best effort, best look, best display. Additionally we plan to hold an **Open Your Garden** event. Details on this will follow in due course in a separate e-mail and on our website.

Mira Armour

THE NEW CONSERVATION AREA ROAD SIGNS



During the inauguration of the new road signs on 8 January 2016



Regarding the new street signs we are still seeking contributions to help pay for them. We are very grateful to those of you who have already contributed but are still short of around £250. Any additional contributions would, therefore, be very welcome. Your contributions can be put in an envelope with “Street Signs” on the outside and handed or dropped off to

29 Ashburton Road – Phil Emson

74 Outram Road – Stan Goron

6 or 27 Havelock Road – Ellen Forester or Mira Armour

44 Elgin Road –Norman Young

BLACK POLES

A far less welcome aspect of street signage has been the way an increasing number of black poles have appeared in our roads. Following a request by HOME and other residents’ associations, the Council organised a walk around Addiscombe involving council officers, a councillor [only one??] and residents’ representatives from the East Croydon area. HOME was represented by Kate Davies. Apparently, the additional signage has to be in place because of the legal regulations about parking. Much of the new signage and poles, however, can and will be removed or replaced onto lampposts which are already there. The parking meters that were placed against the property walls have been repositioned on the edge of the pavements. If you have any particular concerns please contact:

David Wakeling at david.wakeling@croydon.gov.uk and copied to athome@addiscombe.net



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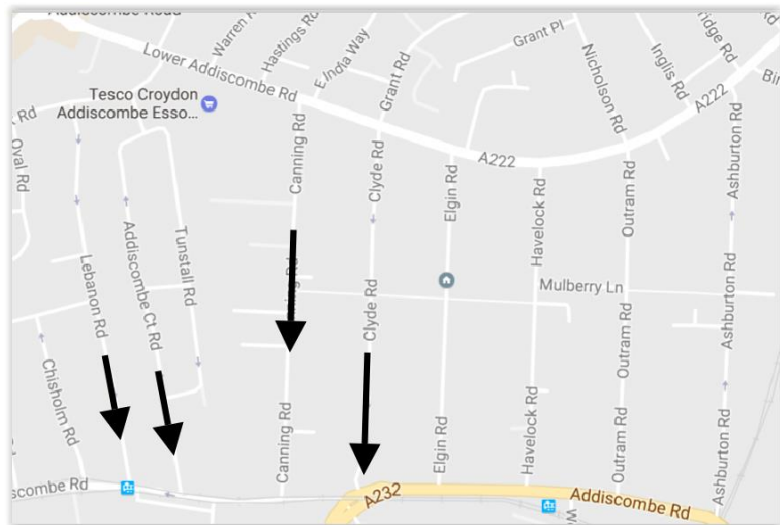
With pressure from the residents of Addiscombe Court Road and Canning Road, the Council Traffic Management Advisory Committee agreed to consult residents of this area of Croydon about an intention to make these two roads one way southwards from Lower Addiscombe Road to Addiscombe Road (where the trams run). You should have received a questionnaire about this, and you may have already responded. If so, thank you. If not, you should be receiving a revised questionnaire with appropriate map showing the neighbouring roads which could be affected.

However, the Council has not indicated what impact this would have on traffic flow in our Conservation area – Elgin, Havelock, Outram and possibly Ashburton Roads.

The situation was aggravated when Lebanon Road became one way a while ago – without consultation of other residents.

We are very sympathetic to the issues facing Addiscombe Court and Canning Roads, but the proposed changes will mean that all roads from Lebanon to Clyde (inclusive) would be “No Entry” to northbound traffic so the first northerly route would be Elgin Road. Unless residents in this Conservation Area overwhelmingly object to this plan we will probably find:

- Much more traffic travellings down our roads, particularly Elgin Road
- It will take much longer for residents of our roads to access the Addiscombe and Lower Addiscombe Roads
- Significantly more noise and vehicle pollution
- An increased risk of damage to parked cars



Rather than try to solve a significant traffic problem by simply shifting the traffic a few roads further away, the Council needs to consider a whole East Croydon/Addiscombe solution that allows a safe, balanced sharing of traffic both in northerly and southerly directions from Cherry Orchard Road to Ashburton Road.

The deadline for responses is the beginning of June - if you haven't done so, please express your views by contacting the Council by email

Russell.birtchnall@croydon.gov.uk, calling 0208726 6000 ext 62178, or writing to Mr Russell Birtchnall at

Place department Streets (6C), Bernard Weatherill House, 8 Mint Walk, CR0 1AE.

JOINT MEETING OF ADDISCOMBE PLANNING FORUM AND SHIRLEY PLANNING FORUM WITH THE COUNCIL AND TFL - 23RD MARCH 2017

The meeting was requested by 15 residents' associations represented by the two forums mentioned above. It was supposed to be a meeting with Jo Negrini (chief executive of Croydon Council) and other members of the Council team as a preliminary session to look at the long-term inclusion and consultation of residents in any planning for road use in Croydon with particular reference to the major developments scheduled to start within the next couple of years (Westfield, Fairfield Halls etc). The area affected is covered by 15 RAs, which represent thousands of people. Residents are concerned about the construction traffic and the impact of this on Croydon. We want to be consulted, to be involved in discussions and to be able to give our advice.

The meeting had some benefits, but we had expected this to be a discussion rather than a series of statements from the Council on road planning. Yet, there were some benefits and some interesting facts were shared. The Council realised there is a communication and expectation gap with communities which they need to address.

Main facts gathered at the meeting:

- There has been no modelling for roads in Addiscombe or Shirley (including Cherry Orchard Road). *This worries us as we are aware that the Council have further plans to restrict traffic flow in some of our roads, and without proper planning, this will simply shift the problems from one road to another, and hence not solve the major concerns.*
- TFL is losing all government funding (not sure when), so this will impact on TFL's ability to fund future development plans.

There is plenty of evidence to show that Council communications with residents of Croydon has been unsatisfactory, particularly in the traffic area, and this needs addressing with the increase in new development projects in the centre of Croydon. A lack of understanding of traffic issues and implications for businesses and residents was highlighted during the tram works last year, when considerable unnecessary disruption was initially experienced by Thackeray House (and others) due to a lack of thought by TFL and the Council. One of the residents – with experience in this area – advised TFL and the Council on a simple solution, but they were not interested. Luckily the contractors did listen, and the problems were resolved.

Concern over noise and air pollution during building works is being addressed, however:

- There is a new department in the Council specifically to deal with air quality (dust and dirt for example) plus noise and traffic problems associated with the new building works. They have strong powers, and seem to be using them. Contractors are not allowed to leave their lorry engines running on idle for long

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periods, and any deliveries occurring outside the allowed times may result in heavy fines.

- No deliveries between 8 am and 6 pm Mon – Fri, and 8 am till 1 pm on Saturdays.
- No noisy works on Sundays or Bank Holidays
- Lorries have a holding bay on the Coulsdon bypass.
- Cranes to be delivered at quiet times with resident notification.
- the contact details for concerns / complaints regarding construction works:
Monday – Friday 9-5 0208 7605483 or email pollution@croydon.gov.uk

There is a new initiative - www.lovecleanair.org – which is aimed at addressing issues of air quality in Croydon and neighbouring boroughs.

It is hoped that, at the next meeting (not yet scheduled), Jo Negrini will attend and that there will be time for genuine discussion.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION REVIEW OF WARD BOUNDARIES – Deadline for comments on draft proposal 8th May!!!!

The Commission is carrying out an electoral review of the London Borough of Croydon. The aim of the electoral review is to recommend ward boundaries that mean each councillor represents approximately the same number of voters. They also aim to ensure that the pattern of wards reflects the interests and identities of local communities as well as promoting effective local government. In order to achieve these aims, they need to re-draw ward boundaries across Croydon.

The Commission are asking local people and organisations to comment on their draft recommendations for new ward boundaries across Croydon. They have an open mind about further suggestions from local people to change and improve these recommendations. They will consider all the submissions they receive whoever they are from and whether your evidence applies to the whole of Croydon or just a part of the borough.

The proposals at the moment are to divide the present Addiscombe ward into two wards: Addiscombe West and Park Hill, and Addiscombe East. Each ward would cover areas both to the north and south of Addiscombe Road. Moreover, the HOME area would be split with Elgin Road being placed in the Addiscombe West ward and the rest of HOME in the Addiscombe East ward. As such, the proposals can be considered to go against the aim mentioned above about reflecting the interests and identities of local communities.

More Information about this can be found at
<http://www.lgbce.org.uk/current-reviews/greater-london/croydon>

This links directly to the relevant area, and the 'have your say' link for more information and to submit comments. Comments can also be sent by e-mail to

reviews@lgbce.org.uk or by post to: The Review officer (Croydon), Local Government Boundary Commission for England, 14th Floor Millbank Tower, Millbank, London SW1P 4QP

There are a number of alternative proposals for ward changes that *do* respect 'Addiscombe' as an area. Your MP or your local councillors (each from their own viewpoint) would be only too happy to share these with you. One such proposal, has been proposed and supported by ASPRA RA (around Bingham Road), and CHASE RA (other side of Lower Addiscombe Road). If you would like their proposal emailed to you please let us know, but be mindful of the submissions deadline of 8th May!



Spring has arrived and it's great to see the trees in blossom and the flowers growing!

HOME Residents' Association likes to encourage those residents who care for their gardens and environment and make the area more pleasant for all who live here.

This year, we've *extended* the HOME in Bloom Competition to include *everyone*... whether they have a garden, some pots, a window box... or not! We'll be looking for the most cared for frontages and judges will be rewarding residents who have:

- stored their bins neatly
- organised their rubbish considerately
- generally tidied up and picked up litter dropped by passers by
- cared about their shared areas, whether they have gardens or not, and generally tried to make the frontage of their home look inviting and cared for.

If you yourself have a frontage you are proud of or, if you have seen a well-tended garden or smart looking frontage on your walk down your street, please enter your nominations for our judges to consider. They will be awarded certificates and some prizes too!

So get nominating now! Send your nominations by completing the slip below and returning it at our HOME Social on 3rd June, or by emailing:

leslie_england@mad.com or miraarmour@gmail.com

You can also hand in your HOME in Bloom nominations by 3rd of June to Leslie England, No. 4 Wavell Court, Elgin Road and the HOME representatives mentioned on page 3 of this newsletter.

Judging will take place on **1st July 2017**

Good luck !! and now let's get gardening!!

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HOME in BLOOM Nomination Slip - Please provide the following information:

I wish to nominate..... And (optional).....

Reasons

My name.....

My address.....

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Applications - How to see what applications have been made

Planning applications are regularly updated on the HOME website (<http://www.home.addiscombe.net>) or you can register on the Croydon Council Planning website (<http://publicaccess2.croydon.gov.uk/online-applications/>) and then create and save a search in your road and / or neighbouring roads so that the council will send you and email every time there is a new application or a decision that meets your saved search criteria.

Applications refused

6 Ashburton Road

This application sought to convert the property into flats and to build a rear and side extension. There was an excellent response to our leaflet urging you to object to this application. Many thanks for your efforts.

59A Outram Road

The developer had allowed the erection of a dish aerial on the front elevation of this fine new building and when HOME alerted the Council to this contravention of Conservation Area policy had sought post-factum permission for the installation. This was refused and the aerial re-sited.

95 Outram Road

A building had been erected in the back garden of this property without planning permission being sought. A post-factum planning application had been made but

the Council determined that the building should be demolished as it did not have prior planning permission, was unsightly and affected neighbours' enjoyment of their gardens. This took two years to happen but happen it did.

IMPORTANT

86 Outram Road

This application relates to one of four adjacent and identical locally listed buildings, and seeks approval for the erection of a three-storey rear extension including basement extension and accommodation in the roofspace to form 13 one bedroom flats. Forty-two public objections to this application have so far been registered.

If you have not already done so, please register your objection at

<http://tinyurl.com/kylk8be>

because

- It would involve a change to the roof design from sloping to square, which would be detrimental to the street scene;
- It would involve a change to the window design at first floor level by creating another floor and 2 rows of windows where there was one;
- The symmetry of the two sets of 2 semi-detached properties would be destroyed at the front and at the rear;
- A large family house would be replaced by 13 one-bedroom flats, when the centre of Croydon (half a mile away) is already awash with newly built / proposed flats including, 201 flats on Addiscombe Road.
- The proposed extension would destroy the sight line of surrounding properties by extending further into the garden.
- There are as yet no plans for any amenities, such as parking or refuse. Both would be of great importance.
- There would be visual intrusion to both sets of neighbours, to the north and south, and to Ashburton Rd.

11 Outram Road

This application seeks permission for some internal reorganisation of the present building and for a roof extension. It is the proposed roof extension that is of concern. The building in question is a fine, modern symmetrical building. There is, however, already a small "outcrop" on the roof which detracts from both the symmetry and style

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of the building as seen from the street. The proposed extension would detract even more and would be tantamount to the construction of an additional floor. It would also have an adverse impact on the properties immediately to the north.

If you have not already done so, we would urge you to register your objection at <http://tinyurl.com/kkr6sl5>



60 Outram Road

This application seeks approval to demolish the present single-storey family house and to replace it with a three-story building comprising 7 flats. Twenty-six public objections to the application were registered and a decision is now awaited from the Council.

ADDISCOMBE SUMMER FAIR – SATURDAY 15 JULY 12 - 3 PM

One or two local residents groups along with St Mary Magdalene are organising another Summer Fair. There will be stalls, food, music and entertainment. If you have good quality items to sell (crafts, almost anything but no bric a brac or sweets or cakes as we already have our maximum of these) – tables will be £5. Please contact Anne from Canning & Clyde (annebridge175@gmail.com; Flat 3, 42 Canning Road).

If you know of any children's or adults' groups (eg dance or song) who would like to entertain us, please could you let Anne know? Assistance with the barbecuing would also be welcome, as would any help with delivering fliers, setting up and dismantling on the day. Again, anyone willing to help is asked to contact Anne

PARKING PROBLEMS IN ASHBURTON ROAD

Residents in Ashburton Road/Close and Gardens have indicated that there is a lack of available parking spaces. This is caused by commuters and residents of other nearby roads taking advantage of the free parking in these roads. Consequently, some of the affected residents are proposing to consult on the desirability of introducing some parking restrictions in Ashburton Road/Close and Gardens. If you have any suggestions and would like to help in finding a solution to this problem please get in touch with HOME or the local HOME representative Phil Emson

JOIN NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Are you concerned about local crime such as; burglary, vehicle crime, bogus callers, graffiti, theft, abandoned vehicles, poor street lighting and other anti-social behaviour? Can you spare an hour a month? If so, read on.

We're looking for a Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator for Ashburton Road (including Ashburton Gardens and Ashburton Close).

The aim of Croydon Neighbourhood Watch is to bring neighbours together to create strong, friendly, active communities where crime and anti-social behaviour are less likely to happen.

- Neighbourhood Watch is a charity which encourages residents to get together to combat local problems and enables the members to work with the police and local council to take action to resolve them.
- It encourages people to be good neighbours and look out for each other, especially the vulnerable and elderly. It helps to create a united, caring community and a safe and pleasant environment in which to live and work.
- Sharing information with other Watches in your area, and with the Croydon Borough Neighbourhood Watch Association, will provide a network of support from which you can all benefit.
- Once registered, members of a Watch can display window stickers and street signs to show that it is an active Watch area and this may help to deter crime.
- Opportunity for NHW co-ordinators to attend FREE training and awareness sessions.
- NHW Co-ordinators and those part of an active watch can purchase SmartWater property marking kits at a discounted price!

Please contact Melanie de Villiers (devilliers@hotmail.co.uk) for information on how to become a NHW Co-ordinator or visit the Croydon Neighbourhood Watch website www.cbnwa.com

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Annual subscription request for the H.O.M.E Residents' Association. Membership runs from AGM-AGM, AGMs are normally held at our summer social in June.

The association is funded by voluntary annual subscriptions and any funds raised by raffles or donations. Contributions are at your discretion, A subscription of £5.00 (or more if you wish) per household would be very welcome. These help to cover expenses incurred in maintaining the website, printing newsletters, corresponding with the council and others regarding planning applications, the conservation area and wider issues affecting residents as well as our bi-annual social events.

Subscription Form:

Name (Title, Initials & Surname).....

Called Names (of all members of the household).....

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I enclose a cheque/cash for £_____

Please make cheques payable to The HOME Residents' Association.

Please post to our Treasurer (Deirdre Rainbow, 16 Ashburton Road, CR0 6AL)

Please note that the personal information you give here is confidential to the Committee and will not be passed on to any other organisation or individual.

Thank you for your continued support of HOME.