

Dear Area Forum member,

Thank you to all who were able to attend the recent St John's Wood Area Forum and help us make decisions that affect your local area. Your views are important to us, so I'd like to take this opportunity to let you know what we are planning to do in response to your feedback.

If you would like more detail on the workshop discussions and ward budget spending, visit www.westminster.gov.uk/neighbourhoods or call us on the number above.

Recycling

The Recycling team wanted to know if you knew what you could or could not recycle. We discussed why only certain materials can be collected for recycling and you were generally very responsive to our training. It was noted that 45% of residents of St. John's Wood recycle. This is the highest rate of recycling in Westminster. You gave useful suggestions on ways we could provide more recycling opportunities and expressed your desire for the council to provide a food waste collection service. We explained the financial constraints of providing this service within the current contractual agreement and economic environment.

From concerns you raised at the Area Forum, the Recycling Team realises the need to adapt our communications, as there was consensus that information provided via the Westminster Reporter has not been received. We are now investigating a change in the way we deliver communications, with particular focus on direct mail and our website.

Residents supported replacing standard litter bins with 'duo-bins' which will allow visitors and residents alike to dispose of waste at the same time as recycling day to day items such as cans, plastic bottles and newspapers. Westminster's waste team is encouraged by the reception to these bins and we look forward to promoting the service further. For more information on waste reduction, reuse and recycling contact the Environmental Action Line: 020 7641 2000, email recycling@westminster.gov.uk or visit www.westminster.gov.uk/recycling

Mayor's Transport Policy

Following publication of the Mayor's Transport Strategy in spring this year, we will begin to develop the Local Implementation Plan (LIP) that reflects everyone's needs.

To ensure that the requirements of residents, businesses, visitors and transport users are included in the LIP, we sought your advice on a range of concerns and challenges including: traffic congestion, parking, the needs of the pedestrian, cyclists, bus users, road safety etc.

The key issues you raised included: the need for more effective residents' parking, especially around Lord's Cricket Ground, the mosque, St John's Wood tube, St John's Wood High Street and Regent's Park; south bound traffic congestion on Baker Street, especially for route 13 buses; illegal riding of cycles on footways and through red traffic signals; poor air quality on Marylebone Road; concerns about residential area electrical charging provision with regard to cabling; support for electric charging provision and the need to better regulate road works. Officers will ensure that your needs are fully taken account of when work commences on the development of the Westminster LIP. For more information please do not hesitate to contact lip@westminster.gov.uk

Neighbourhood Crime Reduction Team

Our Neighbourhood Crime Reduction Officers asked you what your crime and antisocial behaviour (ASB) concerns were in your local area. Crime and ASB concerns were mainly focused on groups of youths outside the Quintin Kynaston School and cycling on the pavement.

The council's Neighbourhood Crime Reduction Team and the local police Safer Neighbourhoods Team (SNT) are working in partnership to address these concerns. The SNT will survey local residents to get a fuller picture of the level of concern there is regarding pupil behaviour outside the school. Residents are encouraged to call the police when appropriate. The team will also meet with the Head, the WCC Schools Officer and Ward Sergeant Wrigley to consider what more needs to be done. It is hoped that residents will form an association and that a representatives will attend ward panel meetings. The team will endeavour to patrol the area outside the school more frequently. The SNT can be contacted on 020 8721 2462

Cycling is currently a ward priority and the team will continue to enforce / educate cyclists to obey the rules of the road. They will also continue to liaise with the Royal Parks Police SNT.

Wireless CCTV

You expressed concern over the redeployment of wireless CCTV cameras within the Abbey Road ward. These camera sites have temporary warning signs along with standard CCTV signage. Location maps for these cameras can be found at:
www.westminster.gov.uk/cctv/location-of-cameras

£100,000 for your Area – Ward Budget Updates

Abbey Road councillors have funded cultural trips for older people and benches to be installed at locations throughout the ward. Councillors have also invested in Art classes, dog fouling bins and the improvement to Lord Lucan corner.

Regent's Park councillors and **Abbey Road** councillors have jointly funded festive lighting on St John's Wood High Street, Circus Road and St John's Wood Terrace and an outreach project with Lords Cricket Club.

Regent' Park councillors are currently in the process of funding a minibus for the Crypt Youth Club.

To find out which electoral ward you are in, visit www.westminster.gov.uk/wardfinder or contact the team.

Your next St John's Wood Area Forum

If you would like to raise a topic at the next St John's Wood Area Forum on Monday 21st June 2010, or for further information, please contact the Area Forums team using the contact details at the top of this letter.



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