

Thurlow Park News

Summer 2005

15 years on the Job -
Cllrs Irene Kimm,
Clare Whelan and John Whelan



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Parking Zone Consultation Plan at last

Lambeth Council officers have at last listened to local people and produced a plan to consult with local people about a possible extension to the Tulse Hill Controlled Parking Zone.

John, who is Deputy Leader of the Council, says: "People want to have a chance to vote on this whether they are in favour or not. We've been promised a ballot for years and nothing has happened. Now officers have produced a map showing the area of streets they propose to consult."

Parking congestion is rising in a number of areas notably Hawarden and Guernsey Grove, parts of Croxted Road and Rosendale Road, the Thurlow Hill area, Brockwell Park Gardens and Trinity Rise, the Harpenden Road triangle of streets, Elmcourt Road and St Faith's Road. These areas are all on the plan which has yet to be finally agreed.



Irene, Clare and John – working for you

"We'd like as much feedback as possible," says John. "Already Lovelace Road residents have said they are interested. For more information or a colour copy of the proposed extension contact john@whelan.net or ring 020 8244 9265.

Home Win: Deronda Road 2 – Derelict Houses 0

Irene, Clare and John have successfully pushed Council officers into dealing with a second derelict property in Deronda Road by using the authority's legal powers.

For over 25 years, Labour councillors took no action while two houses in Deronda Road became rat-infested hulks. In 2003, your councillors got some 20 tons of debris removed from two rear gardens at no. 28 and no. 42.

The Council had meanwhile clocked up thousands of pounds in erecting scaffolding. All the while these houses could have been compulsorily purchased and put back on the market. "The whole story is like a who dunnit novel and we've solved it without having to call in Miss Marple," says John.

Once Labour were voted out in May 2002, we got down to work. "Together with selling off empty Council-owned homes in Carson Road and Lancaster Avenue, we prodded private owners to bring back into use derelict properties,"



The way it was - Deronda Road before the Council took action

First to go was 42 Deronda Road when the owner last year agreed a sale to a local person. No. 28 Deronda Road went to the courts, but Lambeth legal officers got agreement to go ahead with the acquisition and sale to another owner on 1st June.

One resident says: "For years we didn't know who our Councillors were. Now we know them for what they do. One eyesore has already disappeared and another will soon be

We're around all year round not just at election time!

Working with you to make our area better...

We're checking up on your

Clare, Irene and John are going to spend some of their week-ends this summer auditing the street scene down your way. We're looking for any evidence of broken paving stones, graffiti, vandalism, dumped garbage and any other unsavoury items. We'll then be reporting the defects to Lambeth officers for action.

Clare, Irene and John hold the record in the Council for making the most requests for service and reporting environmental defects to the Council's central action centre.

Lambeth Council's central action centre can be contacted by any resident on 020 7926 9000. The centre provides a free graffiti removal service to residents and you can also register for the green waste service for removal of garden waste.

If there are graffiti or unresolved street repair requests near you call John immediately on 020 7926 2149 and leave a message or e-mail john@whelan.net.

Vale Street Depot – Transformation Agenda

The Vale Street recycling depot in our area is proposed for a major upgrade with a slip road for motor cars to queue and better recycling facilities. The local community will also benefit from a proposed flood-lit multi-purpose games area for local youngsters.

“Coupled with the green waste service and the popular orange bag system for recycling household rubbish, this is a step in the right direction,” says Clare. “It will give a better look and feel to the whole area.”

Many other local authorities including neighbouring Southwark have closed down their amenity sites but these developments to be finished in 2006 will give Vale Street a new lease of life.

Squatters Evicted

Squatters who took over the old Probation Office at the corner of Croxted and Norwood Roads have been evicted. Council noise patrol officers took action after local music raves took place at the weekends.

Irene says: “We are sorry that the peace and quiet of the neighbourhood was disturbed but hopefully this is the end of the matter.”



Rosendale Gardens Estate – Irene, Clare and John have ensured that £90,000 is being spent from a special Housing Opportunities Fund on remodelling the broken boundaries of the estate with improvements to the wall, railings and entrances to the estate.

Peabody Woods – Plans are well advanced for another clean up day to remove debris and tidy up the Peabody Woods. Clare, Irene and John have secured £20,000 in commercial sponsorship to support the Trees for Cities charity in another clean up day similar to the one in March.

Peabody Estate – A summit meeting between the Peabody Residents Association Committee and the Chief Executive of Peabody Trust will take place on August 3. A range of concerns about the management of the estate are due to be discussed. John says: “As your councillors we are working with the residents committee to represent the interests of all our constituents. I've even involved our local MP to see how she can help.”

Rosendale Playing Fields – After years of neglect the Rosendale Playing Fields are now back in organised use for soccer, tennis, volleyball and other sports. The management of the fields is now being handled by the local Lambeth Primary Schools Football League, Irene says: “Local residents are very grateful to Gary Cornforth and others for helping to take care of the playing fields.”

HELP US TO HELP YOU!

Is there a local issue you would like John, Clare and Irene to work on in your neighbourhood?
Details:

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