

Thurlow Park News

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15 years on the Job –
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Clare Whelan and John Whelan



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Transport for London put lives at

Mayor Livingstone's Transport for London is putting lives at risk in our area by failing to agree road safety improvements at two accident black spots. Clare, Irene, and John as your councillors are now asking – "must Livingstone wait until there is a road death before he takes any action?"

The accident black spots are at the junction of York Hill and Lancaster Avenue where residents, backed by Lambeth Council, want a pedestrian phase for the traffic lights.

The other potential death trap is the zebra crossing at the junction of Elmcourt Road and Lovelace Road with the South Circular. A woman was thrown 40 feet in the air by a hit and run motorist recently, but survived the ordeal.

Local campaigners, supported by Clare, John, and Irene have already gone to the local newspapers to plead their cause. TfL decline to comment on the Thurlow Park Road case and said it could take up to three years to upgrade the zebra crossing to a pelican crossing.

Help us by supporting our campaign. "We'd like as much feedback as possible and we will take the letters and e-mails to City Hall," says John. "Already Lovelace Road residents have said they are interested." For more information contact me on john@whelan.net or ring 07802 412761.



*Campaigners demand that Livingstone acts to save lives.
Photo courtesy of South London Press.*

Revamp for Tulse Hill Train Station

Local commuters will enjoy a more pleasant start and end to their journey at Tulse Hill Train Station this winter thanks to action by your Councillors Clare, Irene, and John.

Already £45,000 has been spent by Lambeth Council and the rail operators to make the once dark and threatening station lighter, brighter, and safer. Pedestrian safety has been boosted by lighting and CCTV installed.

The next phases due to start around Christmas include plans to improve the existing footways, signage, the pedestrian tunnels and station appearance as well as more improvements to the lighting.



Irene, Clare and John – working for you

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

Working with you to make our area better...

Christmas Lights Switched On



A shocking blunder has resulted in Christmas Lights celebrations in some parts of Lambeth being renamed.....but not here in West Norwood, thanks to alert Councillors and sensible officers.

The West Norwood Town Centre Office organised the traditional Christmas Lights ceremony by the library with the full support of the whole community including other faith groups.

John who is Deputy Leader of the Council says: "It is bonkers to think in our tolerant and friendly borough that anyone would be upset by Christmas lights. Dewali and Eid and other non-Christian festivals are also celebrated. It was all political correctness gone mad and never authorised by any politician from any party."

Stop Press: On November 23 Lambeth Council was due to agree a motion proposed by Conservative Councillors reinstating Christmas Lights for the whole borough not just West Norwood. If you'd like to know what happens e-mail us on john@whelan.net or write in to our Freepost address (see overleaf).

Ujima Housing Plans Deferred

Plans by Ujima Housing to redevelop Bullfinch Court next to Lings Coppice at the rear of Carson Road have been deferred for additional work by officials.

Following sustained objections from local residents supported by Clare, Irene, and John, the planning committee ordered an investigation into why improvements to the neighbouring estate were not included in the submissions.

Irene says: "We are grateful to Lambeth officers who have delegated authority on these matters and that they are digging into what went wrong. We have a duty to protect the people who live round here already. Hopefully a better scheme will emerge."



Elmcourt Residents Unite: Residents of Elmcourt Road and neighbouring streets have formed a Liaison Group with parents promoting the proposed new secondary school for West Norwood. The meetings will be attended by your councillors as well. No planning application is likely to be submitted until the spring. Irene adds: "Any redevelopment of the Elmcourt site will involve a full transport and environment impact assessment."

Rosendale Shops: The shopping parade opposite the Peabody Estate in lower Rosendale Road is to undergo some improvements. At present the parade is an eyesore because land in front of the shops, which doesn't belong to the Council, is in an unsightly mess. Clare says: "We are working with the Town Centre office on a longer term regeneration project. Meanwhile we've identified some funding to start improving the look of Rosendale Road as soon as possible."

Lancaster Avenue Triumph: The NHS health clinic is restoring the wall it demolished in front of its building in Lancaster Avenue after a long campaign by local residents and your councillors. The move was in breach of planning regulations for a conservation area. John says: "It has taken the best part of 18 months and much foot dragging by the NHS. No one should be allowed to get away with breaking planning laws."

Seasonal Greetings: As this is the last edition of Thurlow Park News before the Christmas Season, Clare, Irene, and John would like to wish all residents a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Our advice centre will be closed over the Christmas week-end and at New Year, but will resume in the first working week of January. **In an emergency,**

HELP US TO HELP YOU! Is there a local issue you would like John, Clare and Irene to work on in your neighbourhood?

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Please tick this box if you are interested in helping your local Councillors in any way.

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