

ACTION LOG
Saffron Ward Community Meeting:
26th November 2024
6pm – 7:40pm



Present

Cllr Elly Cutkelvin (Chair)
 Cllr Ted Cassidy

 WCEO Laura Burt

Apologies

PC Chloe Oliver
 PC Spencer Clayton
 Dawn England - City Warden

Item	Action to note	Who
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1.	Introductions & Apologies, Declarations	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair, Cllr Cutkelvin opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. No declarations were noted. 	

2.	Councillors Feedback	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting noted an update from Councillors. 	

3.	Highways update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting noted an update from Transport and Highways - Appendix 1 Request to find out when the 20mph proposal for Hughendon Drive, 	HW

4.	City Warden update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apologies were noted from the City Warden. Residents requested that the City Warden & Police carry out a patch walk around Pavilion Close that will involve residents. 	

5.	Housing update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting noted an update from - Appendix 2 	

6.	Police update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting noted an update from - Appendix 3 	

7.	Ward Community Budget	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting noted a Ward Funding Update. Opening balance: £18,000 Number of applications supported: 8 Balance remaining: £12,394. 	WCEO

The meeting closed at 7:40pm

Appendix 1 - Highways Update and Upcoming Works

Action Points from previous ward community meeting:

- Information requested on current traffic calming measures on the Fairway.
 - The Fairway forms part of the proposed Saffron Estate 20mph Zone, which is currently scheduled for 2026/2027. Traffic calming will be considered as part of that scheme.
- Information requested on if the Saffron Lane cycleway is to be extended past the Athletics Stadium.
 - The City Council is currently waiting on notification of funding for additional cycling infrastructure that may extend cycle tracks along Saffron Lane.
- List of streets affected in Aylestone Park by proposed 20mph zone and information on when it will be introduced to be presented at next meeting.
 - The proposed Aylestone Park 20mph zone is currently scheduled for 2026/2027. At the present, the following streets are proposed for inclusion. *Full length of road unless otherwise stated*.

Batten Street	Lorrimer Road
Boundary Road	Lothair Road
Brooksby Street	Manners Road
Cavendish Road	Milligan Road (from Knighton Ln – Duncan Rd)
Clifton Road	New Park Road
Curzon Road	Oliver Street
Dartford Road	Park Avenue
Denmark Road	Park Hill Avenue
Erith Road	Park Hill Drive
Grace Road	Percy Road
Greenhithe Road	Richmond Avenue
Harold Street	Richmond Close
Hawkesbury Road	Richmond Road
Hughendon Drive	Rutland Avenue
Kempson Road	Swanscombe Road
Knighton Lane	Vernon Road
Lansdowne Road	

Highways Maintenance Works

We continue to inspect the footways and carriageways around the ward and in the last 6 months have found actionable defects as follows:

- Carriageway - 140 orders
- Footway - 147 orders

Works completed 24/25

- Saffron lane – Carriageway Resurfacing (Cyprus Road to Burnaston Road)
- Eastern Boulevard – Speed cushion installation in May.

School Streets

Our Parking Enforcement team continues to visit schools in the ward, at drop off and pick up times to enforce parking restrictions. Latest visits are:

- Hazel Primary 18/09/24 & 03/10/24
- Marriott Primary 20/05/24 & 07/10/24
- Knighton Mead 14/05/24 & 01/10/24

Traffic Regulation Orders

We have been working with the ward councillors with regards to some potential amendments to parking restrictions in the ward. The following consultations have now ended:

Hughenden Drive:

- To remove lengths of single yellow line where possible to increase the amount of parking available during the daytime.
- Make the existing single yellow line on the north side of Hughenden Drive into Double yellow lines as there have been complaints of vehicle mounting the bank to park on match days.

Batten Street

- To remove the need for parking plates for the single yellow line restriction that keep going missing.

Boundary Road:

- Signs to control/guide HGV movements, a possible loading bay & bell bollards at the Boundary Rd junctions to help protect the corners there.

Batten Street responders rejected our proposals to amend waiting restrictions and we are looking to reconsult with new plans shortly.

From the responses we received Boundary Road and Hughenden Drive showed a majority in favour of our proposed plans and we have sent our conclusions to the Ward Councillors for their consideration and comments.

Cycling

We are considering a light segregation scheme for Havelock Street, to help manage antisocial & dangerous parking. No details to share currently.

Appendix 2 – Housing Update

Current tenancy sustainment is 95.1% and Saffron is 95.57% (This is where LCC tenancies are being sustained for 365 days)

The total number of voids is 382 for the City.

Of 382 there are,

- 53 - Ready to let and new tenants are signed up
- 19 - properties selected for projects
- 13 - Supported living
- 20 - Decants
- 29 - Acquisitions (LCC purchased them)
- 248 - Other voids
- Approximately 63 for Saffron Ward

ZIP building update.

There are currently 3 voids which are cluster flats in the Zip building on Rydall Street. Help beyond Housing Team have been allocated office space in the building so that they can help support 9 trainer flats. Angelita Dyer who is the manager for the team, doesn't currently have anyone to support at this time though this is an on-going support service that be offered to residents if appropriate. Paul O'Neil our Neighbourhood Housing Officer is currently working daily with the new residents in the building to help support new tenancies and supporting the families moving in. We are proud of the work he has done as it has been challenging and yet rewarding project. He is also looking at installing permits for parking and city fibre so that the residents can pay for to get better internet access.

Kingfisher Centre and Engagement Survey

We have carried out an engagement survey in 2023 and I have attached this for your reference. We are currently working on getting this uploaded to our website to share the results with the residents. From this feedback we are committing funding to get the ball court repainted at the Kingfisher Centre. We envisage this will be done by the end of the year though this is depending on weather as the team are unable to paint if it is wet. We will in the new year also be looking at working alongside Cllr Cutkelvin and Cllr Cassidy to engage with the residents more regarding this survey.

To add to this the South District Tenancy Management team in the new year will be able to work from the Kingfisher centre alongside Alka Clark's STAR team. This will provide a base for Housing to be local to the Saffron area, so we are visible on the Estate to residents.

Meadow Gardens Community Growing

Officers from the Public Health Team are piloting a Community Growing Project on Meadow Gardens this is to enable the residents in the bungalow to commence growing their own produce with the assistance of the Public Health officers and volunteers who work closely with the team. The project is being piloted here first and discussions have been had to potentially look at other areas across the city to help engage with other tenants to enable them to also grow their own produce. This project is now nearing completion, and we have attached photos for you to see the progress of the improvement to the area. If there is anyone who would like to arrange looking around this once it has completed, please email myself and I can arrange for someone to show them around.

Appendix 3 – Police Update

The Freeman police beat team currently consists of SGT Liz Crowson, PC Joe Mclean- Lee, PC Harry Singh, PC Chloe Oliver, PCSO Spencer Clayton and PCSO Sam Donington. Our current beat priorities are tackling Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) in open space areas and specifically on Lansdowne Road, as well as tackling drug use and supply in the community.

We are pleased to inform you that issues on Lansdowne Road have been much improved in recent weeks, we have spoken door to door with residents and worked with the care home on the street which has led to an arrest with charges and strict court bail conditions being placed on others who were involved in issues on the street.

We have continued to conduct visible patrols in open space areas and across the beat, a joint multi agency meeting was recently conducted on the St Marys Open Space to ensure the area is kept clean and remains a safe space for residents and others.

The team have been made aware of concerns on Knighton Fields Road West after the newly constructed building was recently opened and is being used to support individuals with housing requirements. PC Joe has met with staff at the location and a report has been opened to monitor the area with additional patrols being conducted.

As part the Clear Hold Build/Safer Saffron initiative several drug warrants have been executed since its launch resulting in a significant number of drugs being seized and destroyed. Last week officers attended an address which resulted in a large amount of cannabis an offensive weapon and an illegal E-Bike being seized.

The team remain committed to being visible, dealing with those who cause the most harm to the community and making the beat a safer place to live and work.

If you wanted to speak to me directly to raise any concerns or discuss issues with me face to face, then I will be here (Aylestone Leisure Centre) on Monday 9th December in the front reception area from 10:00/11:00.

For more information on what the local team are doing please see a copy of our monthly newsletter which is placed at reception.