

ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS TOWN FORUM

Thursday, 28 March 2019

Present:

Officers in Attendance: Caroline Auckland (Soroptomist International of Tunbridge Wells and District), Tim Ball (Calverley Park Crescent Association), David Barnett (Friends of Grosvenor & Hilbert Parks), Adrian Berendt (Tunbridge Wells Bicycle User Group), Lorna Blackmore (Grantley Court Residents' Association), Mark Booker (Culverden Resident's Association), Stephen Bowser (Residents First), Diana Butler (Banner Farm Residents' Association), Robert Chris (Grove hill House Resident's Association), John Cunningham (Royal Tunbridge Wells Civic Society), Sue Diales (Calverley Park Gardens Residents Association), Andy England (Royal Tunbridge Wells Town Forum representative), Irene Fairbairn (Tunbridge Wells Anti-Aircraft Noise Group), Jane Fenwick (Calverley Park Residents' Association), Margeret Ginman (Friends of Woodbury Park Cemetery), Carolyn Gray (The Avenues Association), Tim Harper (Camden Park Residents' Association), Dorothea Holman (Boyne Park Residents' Association), Michael Holman (Water in the Wells), Kyrios Kyriacou (Kingswood Residents' Association), Linda Lewis (Tunbridge Wells Puppetry Festival), Brian Lippard (Royal Tunbridge Wells Town Forum representative), Marianne MacDonald (Nourish Community Foodbank), Councillor Marguerita Morton, Altan Omer (Benhall Mill Land Association), Anne Stobo (Royal Tunbridge Wells Town Forum representative), Tim Tempest (Friends of the Grove), David Wakefield (Inner London Road Residents' Association), Denise Watts (Tunbridge Wells Over Fifties Forum), Lucy Willis (Clarence Road Users Association) and Pat Wilson (Inner London Road Residents' Association).....borough councillors Ellis, Heasman, Lidstone March, Pope, Scott and Woodward

APOLOGIES

- 28 Apologies were received from John De Lucy, Alastair Tod, Sally Balcon, Adrian Twiner, Councillors Tracy Moore and Lynne Weatherly.

DECLARATIONS OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

- 29 There were no declarations of substitute members, however, it was confirmed that Andy England was the representative for the Tunbridge Wells and Area Access Group.

Members were also advised that a member of Friends of the Earth would be applying for membership. .

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

- 30 There were no membership changes to note at the meeting.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS (FOR DECISION)

- 31 There were no membership applications for decision at the meeting.

CHANGES OF REPRESENTATIVES (FOR INFORMATION)

- 32 It was noted that Andy England is the Royal Tunbridge Wells and Area Access Group representative on the Town Forum.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 24 JANUARY - TO FOLLOW

33 The minutes of the meeting dated 28 January 2019 were agreed subject to the following amendments:

- Marguerita Morton to be recorded as attending the 28 January meeting.
- Although stated as such at the previous meeting, it was confirmed that the libraries in Tunbridge Wells and Southborough were not protected as part of the KCC proposals, and had not yet been looked at.
- Art in the public realm comment from Michael Holman to be changed to reflect that, although the continuing work was welcomed, there was concern that the long overdue supplementary planning document for Art in the Public Realm has first to be prepared and completed, before it can be approved and ratified, and that it is not near that stage.

MATTERS ARISING AND RESIDENT'S CONCERNS (5 MINS)

34 Michael Holman asked if an update was available following the Leader of the Council's comments at the previous meeting, regarding his meeting representatives from Altitude to discuss the Cinema Site. It was noted that the Leader was not present at the meeting and that an update would be sought. Mr Holman also sought confirmation on the sewerage capacity within the Warwick Park network which was stated as being at 75 percent capacity at the previous meeting.

Mr Holman went on to update the Town Forum on the work of the Wiesbaden Twinning Association which had provided inspiration to the Water in the Wells Group and the promotion of water features. Mr Holman said that the town of Wiesbaden had 85 hot and cold springs and many fountains which contributed to the tourism offer. Mr Holman said that 2019 represented the 30 year anniversary of the signing of the twinning charter with Wiesbaden. Mr Holman added that the links with Wiesbaden were promoted by the Tunbridge Wells Twinning and Friendship Association which was an important function in the current economic and political climate. Mr Holman advised that there would be a special concert on 28 September as a high point in the marking of the anniversary.

Adrian Berendt commended Mr Holman and the other members of the Association on the work done. Mr Berendt reiterated the importance of the ties with European neighbours.

Denise Watts highlighted the proposals to close the Rowan Tree Surgery in Showfields and expressed her concern at the impact the closure would have on the 3500 patients who would be transferred to the Clanricarde surgery. Mrs Watts said the closure would cause problems with transport, parking as well as the She said that, more crucially, there would not be a GP practice on the south side of the town. Mrs Watts asked that the Town Forum monitor the situation and support the inclusion of a surgery as part of any future, large-scale development.

Councillor Woodward said that he and Councillor Cobbold had met with Greg Clarke MP to discuss the matter and it was evident that if the surgery was closing based on the claim that it was not viable, there was little that could be

done. He added that, Although the 3500 patients referred to were spread across the town, the approach to be taken was to demonstrate to the Clinical Commissioning Group that there was a need locally to retain the facility and on what grounds. Mr Berendt said that the need was likely to increase as a result of the need for housing in the area.

Carolyn Gray said the Forum was about to initiate a project which would provide an extension to house memorabilia, following the Club's 25th anniversary. She added that there were two events being held, with the main event – an open day on 18 May where the architects would be available to meet the public. Mrs said it was hoped that the projects could be linked with a heritage project that reopened some of the paths on the Common which lead to the Batch and the Spring.

Tim Harper expressed concern at the safety of the zebra crossing on Crescent Road outside of the AXXA building and explained that a child had recently been injured by a vehicle when using the crossing. Mr Harper said it would probably require intervention by KCC and that £4000 - £5000 from a Member's funds could support the work needed to improve the crossing. Councillor Woodward felt it was an issue that should be raised with the Joint Transportation Board.

Katharina Mahler-Bech raised the issue of on-street parking and pavement cleaning, and drainage clearance, and which authority was responsible for which element. Mrs Mahler-Bech asked if there had been progression with the application for parking. She also asked if there was a programme/schedule for street cleaning and expressed concern that not all of the drains in the town were cleaned. Mr Berendt said a walking route audit had recently been completed with all the data being provided to the Economic Development team, including areas with broken bricks and tiles, and uneven footways and trip hazards. Mr Berendt added that it was a serious issue across the town. Councillor Woodward advised that the Council's ground maintenance contract was due for renewal in 2020 and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee had appointed a task and finish group to support the Parks and Gardens team by looking at the specifications of the existing contract and the requirements for the new one. Councillor Scott said payments had always been a concern for borough Members and although the red brick pavements in the borough were more expensive to replace, they had a longer life-span. Councillor Scott added that he did not think KCC factored this in when looking at pavements across the county.

Mark Booker reiterated the level of concern that had been expressed over the problems with drainage and lack of maintenance, particularly in Culverden. Mr Booker's understanding was that street cleansing was the responsibility of the borough council and he felt there was a disconnect between TWBC and KCC in this area.

Nick Twist, member of the Tunbridge Wells Flood Forum, advised that the Forum had regular contact with TWBC, KCC and various other organisations to mitigate the flood issues in the town, including drainage. Mr Twist added that KCC's budget was stretched and the financial contribution to the issue was reduced. Mr Twist urged Town Forum members to contact KCC if they spotted blocked drains or to contact the flood Forum. Mr Berendt suggested that the Flood Forum's twitter address could be advertised on the Town Forum's social media.

NAMING OF THE CULTURE AND LEARNING HUB - THE AMELIA (10 MINS)

35 Paul Taylor, Director of Change and Communities and Julie Hawkhurst, Museum Manager, presented to the Town Forum on the progress of the Cultural and Learning Hub and the process for its naming. During discussion the following points were made:

Linda Lewis expressed concern regarding the sustainability of the fund raising programme and whether there would be training opportunities for staff with an emphasis on fund raising. Mr Taylor advised that, as part of working with the fundraisers, support and resources would need to be provided by the Museum team and there would be a transfer of skills.

Robert Chris asked for clarification on the build-out period. Mr Taylor confirmed that the chosen contractor, Wilmott-Dixon, would hand the project over to TWBC after 70 weeks for the 3-6 month commissioning phase, during which time the environmental controls and display cases would be installed and the museum collections decanted from storage.

Jane Fenwick expressed concern at the levels of construction traffic in the town once the project was underway, combined with the traffic from the Calverley Square development. Mrs Fenwick asked if there was a construction transport plan and whether it was available for inspection by the Town Forum. Mr Taylor advised that a site management plan and a construction management plan would be made available to the Town Forum.

Anne Stobbart advised that the Friends of Tunbridge Wells Museum and Art Gallery were committed to the project and were currently fund raising to restore a Georgian gown for inclusion at the opening of the Hub.

Lorna Blackmore asked if the minutes from the meeting where the decision on the name for the Hub was made were available and what the rationale behind the decision was. Mr Taylor advised that the decision was made at the February meeting of the Cultural and Learning Hub Board. Mr Taylor added that, the Board was comprised of KCC and TWBC councillors and made strategic decisions regarding the Hub. Mr Taylor further added that the naming of the Hub had been discussed at a number of meetings. Mr Taylor went on to say that the presentation he and Mrs Hawksworth had just provided included the rationale behind the naming process.

Brian Lippard considered the process used to name the Hub as introspective, with a number of internal discussions. Mr Lippard asked what level of market research had been involved in the process. Mr Taylor again referred to his presentation which explained that a consultation period at the start of the process had not provided a clear preference for a name and when wider views were sought, it became clear that Amelia Scott was the preferred figure on which the naming of the Hub should be based. He added that the Board had ultimately made the decision on the name. Mr Lippard felt that more market research should have taken place.

Mark Booker also expressed concern at the level of market research included in the process and he urged that, whatever the official chosen name, the purpose of the hub and the public understanding of the services provided should be made clear in the media and on maps.

Andy England asked whether the learning stonework above the library would be maintained and whether the stonework on the ground in front of the Library would be damaged by construction work. Mr England also referred to the stonework above the entrance to Town Hall and the scales of justice above the Police Station. Mr Taylor advised that the Library and Adult Education stonework would be cleaned and repointed. Mr Taylor pointed out that the Police Station and Town Hall were not included in the scheme. Mr Taylor said that the public realm works in front of the Library would be protected.

Pat Wilson asked if there was surprise at the reaction by women's organisations to the naming decision. Mr Wilson also asked if any women's organisations had been consulted on the process. Mrs Hawksworth said the Museum team had been surprised by the response and saddened by the thought that the team was not doing its utmost to do justice to the project and celebrate the legacy of Amelia Scott.

John Cunningham said the discussion should focus on what the proper name for the Hub should be. Mr Cunningham asked how many people were on the Board and how many people were consulted. Mr Cunningham then asked for a vote to be taken on decision.

Councillor Ellis said he was fully supportive of the Cultural and Learning Hub project but that different messages had been presented that caused confusion. He added that the name 'Amelia' did not honour the legacy of Amelia Scott. Councillor Ellis also felt that the Town Forum should vote on the issue.

Michael Holman said the process for naming the Hub was flawed and that there had been inadequate consultation, as there had been with a number of issues recently, with the result that unnecessary time was now being spent looking at the decision. Mr Holman said the full name 'Amelia Scott' carried weight. Mr Taylor said the strap-line for the Hub was 'enriching lives, inspiring learning' which was what the Centre would be about, and that it was about what took place inside the building rather than it just being labelled a cultural centre. Mr Taylor felt that the ethos of the Centre stayed true to the memory of Amelia Scott and this allowed the level of funding received from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Caroline Auckland said she was fully supportive of the project and although she was aware that the building would not have the educational aspect of Amelia Scott's work, this was not relevant, as a previous statement released in July as part of the project, linked Amelia Scott to the services incorporated into the Hub. Mrs Auckland felt it was an opportunity to remember Amelia Scott's name in full.

Annemarie MacDonald said that to name the Hub in full the 'Amelia Scott' provided a rare opportunity to honour a woman from history, on a building, who was not a Royal.

Liz Ore asked if it was too late to change the decision on the name. Mr Taylor advised that he had reported back previously to the Cultural and Learning Hub Board with the views of the Town Forum but the Board had made its decision. Mr Taylor felt the name chosen by the Board accurately conveyed

what the project was trying to achieve and honoured Amelia Scott. Mr Taylor agreed to report back to the Board at the next meeting.

Mr Berendt summed up the discussion by saying that two key points had emerged – that the Town Forum disagreed with the name chosen by the Board and that the name 'Amelia Scott' should be used; and that the process for making the decision was unsatisfactory and did not include adequate consultation, particularly with the Town Forum.

The members of the Town Forum agreed to vote on the issue:

In favour of the Amelia – 7

In favour of the Amelia Scott - 29

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES OVER THE EASTER WEEKEND

35A Councillor David Scott introduced five members of the Noise Project group, and inter-church social project: Lydia Miller, Lesley Clarke, Lizzie Russell, Ellie Lane, and Rebecca Lewry - members of local churches, who worked in the town on projects such as the forthcoming civic clean-up. Councillor Scott said it was important that each generation stood up and acted on environmental issues.

The Group members highlighted their work that took place during the Easter holidays. Projects already scheduled for 2019/20 were a tea party for residents at St Stephen's Court, running a children's holiday club, weeding and clearing at Grosvenor and Hilbert Rec, litter picking in the town centre, supporting Tunbridge Wells in Bloom, and street-side cleaning and window washing.

The Group members felt the Noise Project allowed young people to help in the community and improve the environment. They also felt it improved the confidence of those involved and expanded opportunities for similar work in other areas.

Councillor Woodward said that, five years previously, the Noise Project made a wonderful contribution in Sherwood by removing a large amount of litter from the Spa Valley Railway embankment.

Councillor Ellis asked how other young people could get involved and Ms Miller advised this could be done through the Group's website.

Marianne McDonald asked how the Town Forum could support the work being done. Ms Miller advised that if members saw the Group working they should say hello and provide encouragement.

Denise Watts said the Group could engage with older people and a few words would make a difference to an individual who may not have spoken to anyone for days.

Councillor Scott said the Group was working hard and leading the way. He hoped that the Town Forum would get more involved in future years. For the forthcoming year, Councillor Scott had produced a worksheet for completion by town Forum members that would identify tasks. He also asked that

financial and physical support come forward to provide lunches for the young people working on the projects.

Adrian Berendt said that he had long-standing ambitions for more involvement by young people in the Town Forum and the presentation by the Noise Project was a step in the right direction.

UPDATE ON PUBLIC REALM WORKS (10 MINS)

36 The Head of housing, health and Environment, Gary Stevenson, provided an update on the next phase of the Public Realm work. The work was split into six phases to minimise the disruption to residents and buses. The overall programme was still on track. Letter drops prior to those residents affected were being carried out prior to each piece of work.

During discussion members raised the following points:

Adrian Berendt asked for clarification on the timetable for the closure and reopening of Mount Pleasant and Monson Road. Mr Stevenson advised that, upon completion of the scheme, Mount Pleasant Road would be open for vehicles other than between the restricted hours of 9am and 6pm, when it would be available only for buses, access and taxis, and Monson road would be open for traffic off of Mount Pleasant Road. There would not be left-turn access from Monson Road into Mount Pleasant Road during the restricted period.

During discussion the following points were highlighted:

A tree outside Cote restaurant had been felled and it was not clear from the plan where it would be replaced. Mr Stevenson advised that there would be a loading bay outside Cote and one of the trees removed was already dead. Mr Stevenson highlighted on the map where the trees would be replaced.

Jane Fenwick asked if Monson Road could be closed for a longer period as the current situation provided for a far safer environment. Mrs Fenwick also asked for clarification that monitoring of roads such as Dudley Road and York road would be carried out. She added that, in view of the high level of evidence required by KCC to affect any changes, whether the monitoring should be considered as a town-centre project and decided upon by those people affected. Mrs Fenwick further added that any remedial additional work should be funded by any underspend from the scheme. Mr Stevenson said that, although the scheme was in partnership with KCC and any changes around traffic regulations would go back to the JTB, any monitoring would be at the request of TWBC. Mr Stevenson said it was unlikely that there would be an underspend but that other funding opportunities could be sought. Mr Stevenson said that a 'loop' system was being looked at that would deter drivers from using Dudley and York Roads but this would be something that would be looked at as part of the parking strategy. Mr Stevenson confirmed that 20 mph speed limits and 7.5 tonne weight limits would be introduced for Dudley Road and York Road.

Marguerita Morton asked if the cycling strategy along to A26 had been stopped. Mr Stevenson advised that this was not included as part of the scheme but added that he would refer the question to the relevant service. Mr Berendt said it was a topic that would be included in another part of the

agenda.

Councillor Scott said the proposals for restricted speed limits in Dudley and York Roads was welcome and that the residents were keen for the roads to be included in the Tunbridge Wells Heritage Portfolio. It was recognised, however, that there were a large amount of rented properties in the roads.

Annemarie McDonald asked if there would be public benches included in the proposals. Mr Stevenson advised that there would be benches and cycle racks included. Mr Berendt said that, having completed two walking audits, it was evident that there were not enough benches and that many more were required.

Michael Holman referred to comments made by the Leader of the Council at the previous meeting which suggested that continuity in the choice of materials would be retained through the next phase. Mr Holman expressed concern at the suitability of the materials based on the amount of remedial work that took place in phase 1. Mr Stevenson explained that it was not necessarily the materials used in the first phase that caused the problems. As an example, Mr Stevenson referred to the tactile paving which had to be dug up because of the volume of vehicles overrunning it and the strength of the sub-base not being sufficient. He further added that the slick of tarmac outside of the Weatherspoon's pub was a temporary patch.

Lorna Blackmoore asked who was responsible for cleaning around the millennium clock. Mr Stevenson advised that it was the street-cleaning's team who were responsible and that the area was being cleaned. Mr Stevenson added that there was a particular breed of bird that habituated the tree outside Costa café, that caused the mess. He added that the area needed washing more frequently and this was being dealt with.

FEEDBACK FROM VISIT TO WALTHAM FOREST- RE LITTLE HOLLAND SCHEME (15 MINS)

37 Adrian Berendt introduced the item and advised members of the radical changes that had been made to the street scene in Walthamstow including the implantation of 20 mph speed limits across all roads and the eradication of rat-running. Mr Berendt advised that 60,000 households in Waltham Forest experienced above legal levels for pollution and this had been reduced to 6000. Mr Berendt felt that an opportunity had been missed within the public realm works in Tunbridge Wells to introduce a similar radical scheme. Mr Berendt urged the Council to look at this issue.

Caroline Auckland said that prohibiting cars from parking on pavements would stop other drivers speeding. Mr Berendt advised that this had been identified as an issue following the recent audits of walking routes into town. Councillor Scott agreed that it was a serious cause of concern and a different approach to how vehicles were used in Tunbridge Wells was needed. Councillor Scott said that most Councillors now recognised that cultural changes were needed.

Councillor Pope said that there were too many cars in Tunbridge Wells and that an integrated solution was needed. He said that developments coming forward did not have sufficient parking included. Councillor Pope said the

public transport provision was not good enough to meet the demand.

REPORT OF THE WATER IN THE WELLS WORKING GROUP (5 MINS)

- 38A Michael Holman updated members on the Group's work. Mr Holman wanted to focus on chalybeate spring in the Pantiles, which he said continued to be fickle and although water was currently running, this was not always the case. Mr Holman asked the Town forum to support the Council's decision to provide dippers regardless of whether the water was flowing. He said the dippers would be operating on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays and it was hoped there would be a gala opening on the bank holiday at the end of May.

REPORT OF THE WELLBEING WORKING GROUP (5 MINS)

- 38B Marianne McDonald said there were various pieces of information within the community around walking, parks, disabled toilet access and the task was to collate the information in one place. Adrian Berendt said he would provide the results of the recent walking audit to the Group once it had been calibrated. Brian Lippard said there were a number of apps that provided walking routes and with a coordinated effort something could be produced.

REPORT OF THE TOURISM, LEISURE AND CULTURE WORKING GROUP (5 MINS)

- 38C Linda Lewis referred to the previous item on the naming of the Cultural and Learning Hub and said that the Group members had not supported the name.

REPORT OF THE TRANSPORT STRATEGY WORKING GROUP (5 MINS)

- 38D The Transport Working Group's report was noted.

REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKING GROUP (5 MINS)

- 38E Mark Booker reported that the Group was happy with the level of consultation as part of the work on the Local Plan and that the key element was what would be happening in other settlements where more housing was expected. Mr Booker said the perception was that the proposed distribution of development in the Borough had been broadly accepted. Mr Booker further said that work was continuing on proposals for a garden village. Mr Booker advised that a second edition of the National Planning Policy Framework had been produced and this would need analysing for potential changes to the town. Mr Booker also advised that the local cycling and walking infrastructure plan would be a fairly important element of the local plan as it would provide a basis upon which to agree section 106 agreements for cycling and walking infrastructure. Councillor Scott said there was a great deal of work in the draft local plan but that until it was made available to the public, it was critical that confidentiality was maintained to avoid developer led planning.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND OTHER ISSUES WORKING GROUP (5 MINS)

- 38F The work of the Group was noted.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 39 Andy England asked if the cleaning of public phone boxes and the provision

of toilets in the town could be looked at. Mr England said that the phone boxes were being used as toilets.

Robert Chris asked if an update on the CPO enquiry could be provided at the next meeting.

NOTE: The meeting concluded at 9.15pm.



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WATER IN THE WELLS WORKING GROUP

REPORT TO THE TOWN FORUM 16 MAY 2019

The Working Group will meet on 22 May.

Current membership: Bob Atwood, John Cunningham, Jane Fenwick, Carolyn Gray, Michael Holman (Chair), Mike McGeary, Altan Omer, David Scott, Alastair Tod, Pat Wilson.

1. **Union House:** Construction work is continuing. Designers of the water feature have requested details of the commemorative 'Wiesbaden Brick', so that it can be incorporated in the design.
2. **Belvedere:** We are seeking reassurances from the new owners that Altitude's plan to include a water wall at the Church Road / Mount Pleasant Road junction remains in place. We are also seeking information on Altitude's original declared intention to sponsor a competition for the design of the cladding on the external walls of the planned boutique cinema(s).
3. **Pantiles, Chalybeate Spring:** Chalybeate water is flowing in sufficient quantity and quality to enable those who so wish, to 'take the waters' at times when the Dippers will be at the Spring. The Council has agreed to support the Dippers' pageantry for the 2019 season until 28 September, even if water should cease to flow. They will 'on duty' on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays between 10 am and 3 pm. A special team will be in action at the same times on Bank Holiday Monday 27 May.
4. **Royal Wells Park and Knights Wood:** At both sites water is flowing, but we are concerned that the lettering: **SOMETHING IN THE WATER** has still not been replaced.
5. **Calverley Square:** The CPO Public Inquiry found in favour of the Council. We will continue to make sure that those responsible for the project remember that the planning condition includes provision of water feature/public art.
6. **Dunorlan:** The Friends of Dunorlan have resolved to support the installation of a drinking water fountain. Design and siting have yet to be agreed. The Friends have also resolved to consider restoration of the cascade. We look forward to seeing the main fountain in operation during the summer.
7. **St John's Recreation Ground:** Using the £10,000 received from McCarthy and Stone as leverage, a bid for additional funding to fully restore the fountain - water and all! - is being prepared.

As previously mentioned, we would welcome some indication when a draft of the Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for Art in the Public Realm may be available for consultation.

*(Michael Holman, Chairman, 'Water in the Wells'.
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Transport Working Group report to RTW Town Forum 16 May 2019

Members: Jane Fenwick (chair), Adrian Berendt, Peter Lidstone, Katharina Mahler Bech, Pippa Collard, Tom van den Bergh, Pat Wilson, Ian Rennardson, Catherine Rankin, David Scott, David Wakefield, Sally Balcon, Lorna Blackmore.

The TWG has not met since the last Town Forum but is monitoring and progressing ongoing projects as follows.

1. **Impact of Monson Road Closure:** Jane and Tom counted traffic on Crescent Road for an hour on Wednesday 10th April and will do so again when Monson Road is fully open to measure how much additional traffic was diverted by this closure, and whether it is has returned. A second 'residents' traffic count will be carried out at the Mount Pleasant/Monson Road junction to compare the data taken on 1 March.
Work on Phase 2 of the Public Realm scheme is progressing. A review of the new traffic patterns particularly in relation to York/Dudley/Monson Road will be undertaken when the works are finished.
2. **Calverley Park Gardens:** CPG residents report that since the positive meeting with Tim Reed (KCC) on 13 September 2018, the promised 'rapid' replacement of bollards and installation of a 'NO HGVs' sign and other repairs has not occurred. To date only one of the bollards demolished by a lorry has been replaced but the workmanship and its appearance is very poor. The undying patience of CPG residents is becoming seriously stretched particularly as KCC's contractors who came last week to erect the 'NO HGV' sign had been told to do so where lorry drivers could not possibly see it until they had already turned into the road, and at a place where it would have been obscured by tree branches anyway!!
3. **Crescent Road Car Park:** TWBC recently announced that work on extending the Crescent Road car park will commence May/June 2019. Contact has been made with the relevant planning officer to arrange a meeting with TWG members Jane, Tom and Ian to hear about the final plans, construction access and other traffic implications in and around Crescent Road.
4. **Joint Transportation Board 15 April :** Proposals from KCC for changes to the constitution of the JTB were rejected by members as likely to reduce their ability to obtain change and improvement to the transport environment in RTW.
Visit to Waltham Forest: Following the presentation made to the Town Forum on 28th March, members of the JTB also heard about the benefits in a short video created by TWBUG.
The next JTB will be held on Monday 15 July.
5. **A26 cycle route:** Concerns have been raised about aspects of this new cycle route including pedestrian safety at the 'raised tables' in St Johns, and the number and location of signage along the route. The route has been cycled by Adrian/TWBUG with a KCC officer to point out the issues. A detailed design review meeting will be held to see what can be done to remedy these issues.
6. Anyone interested in joining the Transport Working Group should contact Jane at fenwickjane@yahoo.com

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