

The Hatcham Society AGM Notes, 6th March 2023

Attendees

E Finch

S Haddock

M Dyer

S Carpenter

Paul Wood – South East London Trees presentation

12 Hatcham residents

Introduction

Emily gave an introduction to the society, giving some history and aims of the society as a response to Sainsburys plans for their site in 2019.

Lewisham Council Supplementary Planning Document and how it effects New Cross Gate and Hatcham.

The Conservation area, its boundaries including the White Hart pub.

Aims

To review planning applications, Article 4 direction

Protect Hatcham

Visibility, protecting the character of Hatcham.

Achievements

Involvement in objecting to Sainsbury's planning application versus Bakerloo Line Extension.

Montagu Arms , appeal, building of historical importance to the area. A new application has now been submitted, with the possibility of another gastro type pub for the area.

Sainsbury's, metal fence which surround the billboard site at the corner of their site next to the garage, this was erected without planning permission and was an eyesore, now removed.

The latest version of Lewisham Council Supplementary Planning Document, the opening up of Hatcham to thru traffic removed, cross site access from Batavia over Sainsbury's to Harts Lane / Hatcham Park Road.

White Hart, bid for Community Asset Value successful.

NCIL £7k budget to plant street trees granted, problem is council cost of £1k per tree !

Cold Blow Lane / Millwall development, outside of our area but has direct impact to Hatcham. Increase needs for pedestrians needs to be protected. NCIL bid to Lewisham Council for traffic calming not successful. A new Overground station at Bridge Meadows (?) is in the planning. Again review of any plans to open / re-open up Hatcham up to thru traffic.

Constitution

Emily started a read though.

Reviewed new item for the constitution regarding conflict of interests, no planning application which a committee member had an interest in would preclude them from any input into Society review and decision on said application.

Change to the constitution was agreed and new line added:

If there is a planning application submitted by a member of the committee (or a close friend or family member) or an application which directly affects the home of a committee member, the committee member must recuse themselves from having a say on the application. This excludes non residential or large scale developments. The individual committee member retains the right to respond to the planning application in a private capacity

Members – Anyone present is welcome to join the Society Committee.

Emily is current Chair and remains chair - no one else wanted to run. Emily said she was happy to step aside if someone else wanted a go, but no one wanted to.

Simon is Vice Chair

Mark is Secretary

Sally is Vice Chair

Society bible is ..

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/planning/conservation/conservation-areas/hatcham-conservation-area>

Input from Telegraph Hill Society present;

New Lewisham Council consultations require input and information from Conservation Area Societies, BUT these Societies must be shown to be diverse and representative of their areas, if not the Council will / may ignore any input / response to applications.

Russell from Hatcham Park Road, not present has expressed a wish to join the Society as a committee member. No one objected.

Anyone who wants to join the Committee to leave their email address / phone number and Emily will add them to Society mailing list and WhatsApp group.

Primary aims are to protect the heritage of the area and Quality of Life.

Discussion points raised from residents:

The Society is in touch with our Ward Councillors.

Road sweeping in the area has been cut.

Complaints from residents have been sent to Sainsbury's about the upkeep of the ramp access.

Lewisham Council is back to three Planning Enforcement Officers, had only been one.

Society members are needed to keep asking the Council for answers otherwise we will be ignored.

Telegraph Hill Society only has 8 members for a bigger Conservation Area.

Rubbish at the bottom of Harts Lane outside 257 New Cross Road, HMO occupancy an ongoing issue.

Fly Tipping – ongoing issue, educate people about what the Landmann Road Recycling Centre will take.

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/wasterecycle/reuse-and-recycling-centre>

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/wasterecycle/reuse-and-recycling-centre/what-you-can-bring-to-our-reuse-and-recycling-centre>

People are either lazy, or without transport, other than 'professional' fly-tippers.

Society needs to encourage residents with door cams / CCTV to use these to report fly tipping.

South East London Combined Heat and Power incineration site, Council plans to use output to heat development in Convoys Wharf in Deptford.

Concern about monitoring of emissions from the site, and apartment block developments upwind / downwind from SELCHP site.

Trees

You may find capped tree pits in the area , usually tarmac, where a tree has been removed. Removal could be due to root interference to service utilities or properties, death and non-replacement of tree by the Council.

Telegraph Hill Festival

Runs for two weeks from 18th March.

<https://www.telegraphhillfestival.org.uk/>

<https://www.facebook.com/telegraphhillfestival>