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With your local councillor team in Sutton North: Cllr Ruth Dombey, Cllr Marlene Heron and Cllr Steve Penneck

TRAFFIC IN SUTTON GARDEN SUBURB, AND UPDATE ON ALLOTMENTS PLANNING APPLICATION

Traffic issues

We are very conscious of the increased traffic levels in Woodend, Greenhill and Aultone Way since the trial closure in Grennell Road was put in place. In recent weeks we have met with some residents via Zoom, and have also walked the road several times. There is no doubt that traffic flows have changed during the period of the trial – which is due to end next March. Half term week showed how much of this traffic is generated by Greenshaw school. Traffic monitors were put in place in October, and will be back again in January.

At our meeting with residents we discussed what could be done for the area, if the decision is taken at the end of the trial to continue with the Grennell Road closure. Some residents suggested that in that case Woodend should be closed too, preferably at the junction with All Saints Road, so that the whole of Woodend, Greenhill and Aultone Way could become a Low Traffic neighbourhood. Others asked whether the roads could be kept open, but entry restricted to residents (and visitors, deliveries, carers etc). This might be possible through control cameras at the main access points.

We have discussed these options with Council officers. They are happy that a temporary closure could be implemented as part of the current trial, but there is a concern about restricting entry to residents (and visitors etc) only. In principle the Borough's roads are available for any resident to use – they are not private roads. Also such schemes are usually only used on smaller roads. It would be expensive to maintain a large database of registration numbers (needed for the exemptions) and to have this updated for visitors, deliveries etc. So we are not proposing to pursue this option.

We are also concerned that a closure at Woodend might not be sufficient to help Aultone Way. There is evidence that parents are driving up Rose Hill Park West to drop off their children and then back down Aultone Way. One option we are discussing is to encourage traffic to return back down Rose Hill Park West by creating a turning circle at the top of Aultone Way. A further issue is that a closure at Woodend could divert more cut through traffic to Monksdene/ Montrose Gardens. We will be consulting residents there on whether a no right turn from All Saints Road would help.

Before this is progressed much further we would welcome your views (see over), including residents from the Closes, Kendal Gardens and Roseacre Close, who would also be affected by the proposals. The aim would be to implement as part of the current trial so the effect could be monitored early in the New Year, and a decision taken in the spring on the whole scheme.

If you would like to join an internet meeting to discuss these issues please let us know (see over). /Please turn over

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Yes

No

Allotments planning application

The planning application to build nine house on the allotments between Greenhill and Woodend was withdrawn from the Planning Committee meeting in early July, as it did not include provision for affordable housing. This is a requirement of the Local Plan. The applicant has subsequently claimed that affordable housing would make the proposal unviable. The Council has now reviewed this and the application is now likely to go to the 2 December Planning Committee.

As ward Councillors we will continue to oppose this application, due the loss of green space, and its failure to conserve and enhance the area's character.

Ruth, Marlene and Steve

My views on traffic are (please circle the options that you support):

Close Woodend at the junction with All Saints Road	*Agree/ Disagree
Create a turning circle at the top of Aultone Way	*Agree/ Disagree
Please include me in an internet meeting	*Yes/No

*Please circle the one you agree with.

Any other comments or suggestions?

Please let us have your views, by any one of the following:

1. By posting this survey form to FREEPOST, Lib Dem Focus Team (no stamp is needed)
2. By scanning the back of this survey form and emailing it to suttonnorth.libdems@gmail.com
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