Alleyn's Neighbours Advisory Group



Meeting Information & Actions

Date	Tuesday 21 May
Time	6.30pm – 8pm
Location	Alleyn's School - Pavilion
Attendees	GCD & CCC Townley Road: Jayne Lindsay Black, Ann Lewis, Joe Davorn Calton Avenue: Chantal Krishnadasan & Stephanie Calman Dovercourt Road: Marianne Kavanagh, Barabara Richardson, Juliet Filose & Neil Buckley Beauval Road: Patty Harper, Dympna Kearney & Stephen Edwards Woodwarde Road: Gill Mein
Apologies	Tess McLeish & Penny Fitzpatrick, Katy Savage, Isabel Dutton & Mary Doherty
Minutes	AGE

Actions arisen from meeting		
Action ()		
Reminder to be sent to neighbours with Top Field access of the no dog & no bike rule.	Alleyn's	
Thought to be given to an emergency contact/reporting line number for out of hours issues.		
Request to be put forward to Southwark to review crossing point/island by end of Dovercourt Road.		
Electric Buses Dulwich: Alleyn's to get an interested group together: Neighbours, DC, JAGS, Safer Routes, local stakeholders etc		
Thought to be given to option of banning Sixth Formers from driving to school.		
A floodlight reference site visit to be looked into.		
Alleyn's to do a markup and put a pole up on existing courts to give neighbours an idea of floodlight heights		
Follow-up on removal of St Barnabas fence		
Finials ordered and will go up in this area by the memorial garden entrance.		

1: Communication

Current method:

- Neighbours can sign up to 'Neighbours At Alleyn's' newsletter which goes out x1 a term.
- Writing in person in relation to planning application.
- New website which has all potential planning applications and other news.

Suggestions from neighbours:

 Requested a letter drop for news which may not be relevant to everyone – i.e., individual seen running on track on Top Field with x2 dogs.

Action: Request to send a reminder to neighbours about no dog/bikes on Top Field.

• Reporting issues: Currently no formal way to report issues during out of hours.

Action: Thought needed around an emergency contact number/reporting line for neighbours to report issues outside of core hours.

2: Traffic & Travel

Southwark - Townley Road

- Alleyn's working with council and councillors to lobby for improvements to Townley Road current setup does promote pedestrian or cyclist safety nor does it help with the flow of coaches.
- Alleyn's requested design that allows us to have the requisite number of coaches in set spots, at set times of the day.
- In response Southwark have come up with x2 items:
 - 1. Cattle Pen by entrance to Top Field to be removed and replaced with a raised zebra crossing.
 - 2. Redundant Island adjacent to entrance of school to be removed.

Action: GCD to put request forward to review crossing point/island by end of Dovercourt Road.

- New plan allows for a two-way flow of traffic. As a result:
 - Coach bays have been staggered so they are not adjacent.
 - Proposal for x5 bays on Top Field side and x4 bays on School side
 - One side to operate 6 days a week, the other, five days.
 - Hours would change to reflect the late pick-up of buses, hours will roughly be Mon-Fri 7.30am 9am & 3.30pm 6pm and a morning session on a Saturday.
- Changes to road will need to be consulted on due to changes to road.
 - Consultation will be needed for residents of Townley Road and bottom part of Dovercourt Road. This is managed through Southwark.

Foundation Coach Service Update

- Has operated for 25+ years, run by Dulwich College (DC), serves four schools, and is run by several operators.
- DC in partnership with the three other schools have re-tendered the software management of the coach service, which has gone to a company called Vectare (https://vectare.co.uk/).

- Vectare is a clever piece of school software which is leader in the school sector.
- Software live maps the journeys, adapting the routes to meet the needs of those who have signed up.
 - If the route is not popular in certain sections, parts of the route can be removed it is an adaptive service.
- Alleyn's has been very clear about the need to go down to 9 coaches.
 - Vectare have a bidding system which works with x10 different firms who bid for the work, within the software.
 - More popular routes could result in double decker buses, removing the need for more coaches.
- App was launched two weeks ago for signup and will be in operation from September 2024.
- Coach services is part of Alleyn's' push to green travel.

Electric Buses in Dulwich - GCD, Ged (COO at DC) and Jenny Scott from Picture Gallery really like the idea.

Action: Alleyn's to get an interested group together: Neighbours, DC, JAGS, Safer Routes, local stakeholders etc.

Community Code of Conduct

- Document which sets our expectations to parents and pupils in terms of being considerate to neighbours, local road users, and passersby.
- Electric bikes being looked at by school incentive to not drive.
 - Staff very interested in an electric bike option.
- Sixth Formers being discouraged from driving as part of green travel plan.
 - Neighbours request a Sixth Formers' drive ban.

Action: GCD to think about how this can be enforced.

 An email address will be launched which will enable neighbours to report any driving incidents and send to school.

3: Strategic Plan Updates (including Estates Projects)

Masterplan

- School has been sitting tightly on masterplan, waiting for the markets to recover and a better understanding of priorities.
- Priority at the moment is to complete a whole site condition survey (happening over the summer) to understand priority of works, which will then be developed in tandem with long term strategic masterplan.
- Replacement of existing dining room remains the first desirable project of masterplan due to it being unfit for purpose.
- Over 70% of school site is Metropolitan Open Land (MOL) which means Alleyn's has a small amount of site
 which can be built on, majority of masterplan will therefore be focussed on Hillsboro Road frontage.

Top Field Hard Courts

- GCD has met with and listened to lots of neighbours.
- Many surveys have been done and GCD is preparing a feedback document, which will be open to Neighbour feedback before submission to Southwark for planning.
- Proposed Works:

- Replacement of existing hardcourts with x2 netball courts, to netball England standard which is 1m wider and deeper than existing courts.
- For training purposes, telescopic flood lights to 200Lux operating to 6.30pm Mon Sat, during winter.
- When in use, lights are up to roughly 8m high, and when not in use, drop down to level of court.
- Document being produced by GCD explains full long-term strategy, what the light hours for each different pitch is, what their uses are, and any potential future works.

Comments/Questions

- Concern over the extension to out of hours external sports and the disturbance it causes to neighbours' evenings.
 - GCD informs group that he has proposed fringe courts are only used until 6.30pm.
- Question about proposition of no lights on Top Field.
 - GCD states that no lights is not a possibility as lights are driven by the need for football (clashing of coeducational seasons) and the desire to not marginalise netball.
- Question on time period for neighbours to process planning document.
 - Neighbours to be given 4 weeks to read and give feedback.
- Top Field courts will be used for netball and tennis.
- Question on Top Field usage timings.
 - Top Field usage: Mon Sat to 6.30pm
- Request for usage on a Saturday to be cut down to 2pm after pupil sport.
 - GCD recommends neighbours' provide this feedback after reading planning document. This can then be discussed further internally.
- Question on community use of Top Field courts.
 - GCD suspects there will be community use of courts.

Lighting Extension - Main Astro

• Planning to be submitted along with Top Field Courts planning application. This will be an extension to 9pm.

Townley Lodge

- Being determined by 6th June
- Essential project to school for security purposes.

Biodiversity

 A-line: intention to create a single walking route around school and create a biodiverse environment on our MOL.

Summer Projects

- Student toilet refurbishment and addition of visitor toilets.
- Five Courts on middle of site being converted into Tech Studio.

4: Planning Application Logistics

- Aim to publish all information online for neighbour consultation, allowing plans to be adjusted if necessary/possible, before submitting to Southwark for planning.
 Current process:
 - Plans to be submitted online.

- Physical copies to be printed and delivered to relevant homes.
- Request for planning documents to be presented by GCD to neighbours as well as being published online and posted through letterboxes.
 - Various members in accordance with this.
- Top Field Consultation process:
 - Neighbours to be given 4 weeks' worth of consultation
 - Open invite to GCD presentation of document
- Request for a reference site visit for lighting, enabling neighbours to see a real live version of proposed lights.

Action: GCD to try to sort a reference site visit.

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- Concern about short period between submission of planning online and planning application being submitted.
 - Request for a longer period for neighbours to go through planning documents.
- Request for planning application not to be put through during the summer, to wait until September.

Action: GCD to review consultation timelines with the School.

5: Safety & Security

Top Field Fences

• St Barnabas fence needs to be removed.

Action: Alleyn's to follow-up on removal of this fence.

• Weak point at corner of Calton Avenue, neighbours witness people using telecoms box to climb over fence.

Action: Finials have been ordered and will go up in this area by the memorial garden.

6: AOB

N/A