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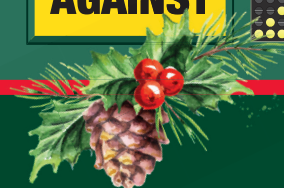
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Chairman's Report

AELTC – 'Save Wimbledon Park' campaign

Quite a lot has happened since my last report. Our cooperation with and support from CPRE has continued to develop, for which we are very grateful. We held a joint webinar on November the 2nd. This was successful in drawing together 100 participants and featured an appearance by Andy Hamilton, comedy writer and local resident, who has recently come out in support of our campaign, and three members of the campaign group. We also featured a video of Andy along with Stephen Hammond MP, Fleur Andersen MP for Putney and Thelma Ruby.

We continue our efforts to spread the word about the scale of the AELTC plans and hope that support continues to grow and more people sign the petition, which at the time of writing had reached 6384 signatures. If you have not already signed the petition, I urge you to do so. Just go to: change.org/savewimbledonpark. However, when you do, be careful not to 'chip in' as the money goes to change.org not the campaign. Just choose 'share' instead. It costs nothing to do.

Recently the AELTC submitted yet further documents to Merton, two of which are now under consultation until the 29th November. Overall, the AELTC have submitted approximately 180 documents, some of which are 600 pages. We feel both concerned and sorry for the planning department having to deal with this avalanche of paper. The Council, like many in the country, is under resourced and particularly the planning departments. We really wonder if the planning department has the capability to deal with such a large application. We know they have had to employ consultants to assist them. It seems incongruous that there is not a different system for such large applications. The expense must be huge for the taxpayer (us!). The latest indication for when the application will be formally discussed by the planning committee is now February 2023. You will recall that the application was first submitted in July 2021.

In their efforts to promote their planning application, the AELTC constantly highlight what they refer to as 'Community Benefits'. In particular, they frequently mention the 9.4 hectares (23 acres) as being central to the benefits they are offering. While it is certainly true that extra parkland to walk through will be pleasant to enjoy, we have to take issue with their regular description of it being a 'public' park. It will not be a public park. It will be a private park because it belongs to the AELTC. It is also described as 'permissive'. This means that access to the park can be withdrawn at any time at their determination.

Clearly the AELTC will be keeping ownership and control of the park, we assume, until such time as they consider they need it for other purposes or future development. Our view is that the offer on this basis cannot be considered to be a central benefit to the community unless the ownership is transferred and comes under the control of something akin to a public trust.

Creating benefits for the community is an important part of their planning application because they have to prove to the planners that they have created sufficient benefits through the terms of the application that will more than compensate for the 'harm' they will do to a Heritage asset.

Also, based on their published plans for the park, our analysis has determined that the area available to the public will be more like 7 hectares rather than the 9.4 hectares they constantly refer to.

What is a Public Park?

The only statutory definition of "park" is in section 15 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988, in order to confirm its exemption from non-domestic rating. For that purpose, a park "includes a reference to a recreation or pleasure ground, a public walk, an open space within the meaning of the Open Spaces Act 1906 and a playing field provided under the Physical Training and Recreation Act 1937", and it must have been provided or be under the management of the Crown or a local authority and be available for free and unrestricted use by members of the public, ignoring any temporary close at night or otherwise. Source <https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm199899/cmselect/cmenvtra/477/477mem23.htm>

The Local Plan

The Local Plan is a fifteen-year plan developed by the Council and ultimately needs the approval of the Government appointed Inspectors. Five members of the Umbrella group recently attended two Local Plan hearings in front of two Inspectors. Our main concern was the proposal that the Golf Course had been given the designation as land for development (Wi3). This was despite its MOL status and other planning protections - as well as the covenants. In our view, this was being shamelessly promoted by the Council to advance the cause of the AELTC planning application. All other sites put forward by the Council were clearly brownfield and were for the most part destined for housing development. Wi3 was added to the Plan shortly after the sale of the lease to the AELTC in 2018. We now await the final decision of the Inspectors some time in the New Year.

The South London Waste Plan

On page 16 and 17 you will find an article on the above which describes our efforts to highlight the pollution arising from the huge number of waste and other lorries travelling in and out of Weir Road and all over Wimbledon. This initiative was led by Peter West, one of our committee members, and has gained widespread support locally.

I hope you all have a very Happy Christmas.

A conversation with Stephen Hammond MP

Stephen has been the MP for Wimbledon since 2005 and has been involved in local politics for nearly 25 years.

Iain: Great to see you Stephen and thank you for agreeing to the interview.

I thought this would be a bit more interesting for local residents as opposed to the usual article that you very kindly supply for our newsletter. Your regular updates keep us informed about local activities in the constituency but have not covered your involvement in the extensive problems that have affected the government over the last year, starting with the departure of Boris Johnson, and the subsequent election of two new prime ministers in short order. Were you involved in the first campaign, which ended with a run off between Liz Truss and Rishi Sunak? This was a period of six weeks campaigning, which seemed to unfortunately expose the party system in rather an unfortunate way, with two party members engaging in something akin to a boxing match and the party suffering public self-inflicted damage in the process.

Stephen: Thank you Iain. Yes, I was primarily involved in the campaign to get Tom Tugendhat elected. I would describe myself as a centrist in the Conservative party, neither left of centre nor right of centre. I got involved in the campaign to push Tom Tugendhat forward as a potential leader as I felt he offered a clean start and new ideas. In fact, I was chair of the campaign. We opened the campaign with 37 votes for Tom and at the same time Jeremy Hunt had 18 votes. As it turned out, if we had more time and consolidated all of the central support together, our number would have been more critical and we might have had a better chance. There are currently 360 Conservative MPs, so there is a lot of support to muster. Clearly the supporters on the centre right of the party started from a much stronger position. In the end whilst Rishi Sunak had quite strong support amongst MPs the party faithful clearly preferred Liz Truss.

Unfortunately, there was a problem with the narrative against Rishi Sunak as he was being accused of being a traitor to Boris. This was not really the case because I understood that Rishi Sunak had wanted to resign at an earlier stage but was persuaded to stay because of the crisis it might cause. As it turned out he was one of the first to resign. Clearly, nobody but Boris brought Boris down.

Personally, I am very sorry that the Truss/Kwarteng combination ended up so badly and their Mini Budget clearly damaged our standing in international financial markets. In fact, I was interviewed on Sky News on their late news programme on the 11th October and said publicly that the Mini Budget terms need to be rolled right back immediately. A week later Liz Truss resigned.

I have apologised at several meetings about the damage that was caused. I feel that apologies were certainly necessary. I agree the system of the party membership electing the new leader, in retrospect, does seem suited to opposition and not if we are in Government. I hope that in future it will just be the MPs who will elect their new leader if a similar occasion arises again.

I am now very pleased that Rishi Sunak is back in Government as PM with Jeremy Hunt as Chancellor. 'The adults are now back in charge'. Despite having been Chancellor, Rishi Sunak is still relatively young in political terms and could do with support from some key party elders to help him settle in. I also believe my colleagues should now concentrate on governing for the country's benefit.

Iain: With the current situation now relatively settled, have there been any major changes for you? I know in the past you have been involved in both health and transport as a Minister. Do you have any expectations currently?

Stephen: No immediate prospects, but I would be and am very keen to get back into government as I feel I have a lot to offer.

Iain: Let's now turn to the AELTC planning application. You have made it abundantly clear through your website and various videos that you are unhappy about the scale of the All England application, and have been particularly helpful to the 'Save Wimbledon Park' Campaign to, hopefully, get this application rejected. Your recent combined and ground-breaking statement with the Labour MP for Putney, Fleur Anderson, was considered to be extremely helpful. Are you concerned about the ability of Merton Planning Department to deal with this massive application which, since the first submission in July 2021, has, at the latest count, produced something in the order of 180 documents, some of which are over 600 pages?

Stephen: I am very concerned about the sheer size of this application and the potential impact it could have on Wimbledon Park. When you consider the planning

rules that protect the land, which is MOL (urban green belt) from building and the covenants which the AELTC entered into in 1993 with the Council when the land was sold, it is quite difficult to understand, in the circumstances, how these proposals were conceived.

I am also concerned about the impact of this very large application on the Council's financial and planning resources. It is clear that they have had to employ consultants to assist in the process. In common with many Councils across the country, our Council is under resourced, particularly, I understand, in the Planning Department. I am concerned that they do not have the resources available to them to deal with the sheer size and complexity of the application and the continuous avalanche of documents that they have had to deal with.

This is probably the largest single application ever dealt with by our Planning Department and I am concerned that the controversial character of this application puts the Council officers and the Planning Committee under huge pressure. This is particularly concerning due to the Council's extremely conflicted position between dealing with the application on the one hand and being the beneficiary of the covenants on the other. As you know, I have written to the Secretary of State and asked him to call in this application.

It is unclear at the moment how the Council is going to deal with the planning meeting, which now appears to be scheduled for February. Certainly, the planning application needs a dedicated meeting, given its sheer size. Also, the potential for Section 106 benefits (planning gains/payments for infrastructure improvements) accruing to the Council from the AELTC also presents a potentially controversial area.

As most people are aware, if a planning application is turned down by the Council, the applicant can appeal. However, if the applicant is successful on appeal then the Council becomes liable for considerable costs. Unfortunately, if a controversial application is passed, there is no way in which an appeal can be made other than through it being called in by either the Mayor of London, or Secretary of State. I am aware that Judicial Review (a very expensive process) can be used to challenge a planning decision but this would only apply if the planning officers had failed to observe proper process in arriving at their decision – it does not apply to the decision itself.

Iain: *Stephen, it has been great talking to you.*

Stephen: Thank you very much for inviting me, and I hope this will be of interest to your readers.

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News from Wimbledon Park Councillors

Your local councillors have been engaging with a wide range of groups involved in sports and recreation in Wimbledon Park. We are acutely aware of the importance of sport and recreation in peoples' lives. We are determined to ensure that Wimbledon becomes a borough known for its sporting excellence.

However, the reality often does not match up to our aspirations. Your councillors are pressing for the following:

- **A long term and holistic plan for sporting facilities in Wimbledon Park**
- **Refurbishment of the athletics stadium and more engagement with the groups and schools which use it**
- **Resurfacing of the tennis courts at the top of the park (with discussion with users about whether MUGA (multi-use games area) would be more appropriate and useful**
- **Discussion with AELTC regarding their plan to de-silt the lake and whether this is environmentally sound; plus general support for the community action in opposing their plans**
- **Greenspaces team to engage with the Angling Club to discuss the foregoing point and where they stand in the light of the AELTC's expansion plans**
- **To look at the issue of blue/green algae and how that can be tackled (at least we did succeed in getting clearer signs put up). Exploration into whether recent de-silting trial caused this**
- **More protection for the Great Field and its protection for sporting and recreational use (as previous use by AELTC and other commercial activities have caused damage)**
- **A review of the mini golf area and whether it can be brought back into use**

We have achieved some improvements to the playground and better procedures for the splash pool opening.

Please remember to shop local and support local businesses all year round. Small Business Saturday takes place on Saturday 3rd December (sorry if this is too late for this newsletter).

In other news:

We have been dealing with several instances of fly-tipping, including requesting CCTV for certain sites which are popular with fly-tippers.

We have given advice (from the police) regarding car theft and how to prevent it.

We persuaded Reston Waste to instigate some measures to alleviate noise and dust on their Weir Road sites and are asking that they install mesh along the Wandle Trail.

Reston Waste also agreed to instigate a queuing system and stop lorries parking on pavements.

We got some pedestrian signs installed on Durnsford Road.

We got improved waste collections for bins at the athletics track in Wimbledon Park and have supported a bid for funds to improve lighting and other facilities in the stadium.

We have supported a bid for improved fencing for Durnsford Rec.

We are liaising with the Council on use of a narrow access road by unsuitable vehicles.

We are helping local residents set up a new Friends Group to revive Kenilworth Green. An application for refurbishing the park and dealing with flooding issues has been submitted to the Civic Pride Fund.

Many more issues are on-going. You may rest assured that your local Lib Dem Councillors are continuing to work hard on your behalf.

We hold a monthly surgery on the first Saturday of each month (10 – 11am). Up to now these have been in Wimbledon Park (by the café or on the terrace). In the new year, we will be going to different venues around the ward. We will publicise these in advance.

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Friends of Wimbledon Park

Now that the dam safety project is complete, you may have noticed that water from the Lake flows out through the uncovered watercourse next to the children's playground and, further down, into the new stream laid out across the crazy golf course, which remains closed. It's a great visual addition to the landscape and, depending on how much rain has fallen, can be quite dramatic. Unfortunately, the benches that were next to the Lake in front of the great field can't be moved back to their former positions because they would trap debris in the event of a flood. We are glad that the trees there will be allowed to stay.

The toxic blue-green bloom that often develops in the water in the Park during warm weather appeared in September and we were sorry to hear that a dog barely survived being poisoned after entering the water. As it's only possible to tell the difference between toxic bacterial blooms and other blue-green algae by testing and analysing the water, we have asked the Council to do this. We also encouraged the Council to display bigger notices alerting the public to the danger, which could affect humans as well as pets.

The new danger in the Park is avian flu and several dead birds, which are believed to have died of it, have been found recently. This is very sad and, while the virus could theoretically mutate and transfer itself to mammals and even humans, it will primarily affect the waterfowl. To limit the spread of the virus it is best not to feed the birds, which anyway have plenty of vegetation to eat at this time of year.

Despite this, the cormorants seem to be doing well and are frequently to be seen drying their wings on the pontoon in the Lake. Their Latin name, *Phalacrocorax carbo*, apparently means "charcoal-coloured bald raven" and one can see why. Unlike many water birds, cormorants don't have waterproof wings, despite being well equipped with webbed feet. The weight of the water on their wings may help them dive deep to catch fish, their sole diet. However, after a dive they need to dry their wings to avoid getting chilly!

Autumn being the best time to do this, more trees and shrubs will be planted shortly, both to replace vegetation lost in the drought and to enhance the Park's appearance. Some preparatory digging has already been done and acorns, which are abundant this year, have been gathered, providing opportunities for children to plant their own oak trees. Volunteers to help with future plantings and maintenance are always welcome. (Contact: membership.fowp@gmail.com)



Waste in South London

Are you wondering why there are so many HGVs carrying waste on our local roads? They are originating from the waste processing sites in Weir Road. It was the 2012 South London Waste Plan that specified where waste could, or could not, be processed and Weir Road was on their list. Once a site had been allocated, waste operators were able to get planning permission. Unfortunately, no assessment of the resulting air pollution and traffic congestion was required. Until the Wimbledon Park Residents' Association carried out a survey, it had not been realised that there were 600 journeys of waste carrying HGVs going to and from the Weir Road sites each working day. We also found that most of these HGVs were coming from the south of Wimbledon. This meant that the waste the sites in Weir Road were processing was created far away and it was being taken through Wimbledon unnecessarily. As is now well known, air pollution leads to about 10,000 deaths in London each year and it is well established that the levels of air pollution on which the waste-carrying HGVs travel, such as Gap and Durnsford Roads, are very high. This must be causing damage to the health of those who live, or walk, in the area.

A new South London Waste Plan 2022 has been proposed by Merton, Croydon, Kingston and Sutton Councils. The initial version of this plan proposed that, essentially, all the sites in the 2012 plan were to continue and there would be no new waste processing sites. As required by national planning guidelines, the plan did take account of the harmful effects of air pollution. A site was taken to be causing air pollution if it was adversely affecting certain chosen areas called air focus areas. For example, the sites in Weir Road were determined to cause air pollution if the HGVs going along the roads near Weir Road were causing air pollution in Wimbledon Broadway. Yes, you understood that correctly. The fact that the air pollution was very high on the roads near the waste sites in Weir Road did not matter. Indeed the Weir Road sites were found to be not creating significant air pollution. At least Merton Council was not responsible for this way of doing things.

The objections to the 2022 plan put forward by the WPRA were initially ignored but were taken seriously by the Government Inspectors who had to

assess the plan. As a result, a substantial number of modifications concerning air pollution were made. These apply to all of South London and require that:

- Any new waste sites should not lead to any additional air pollution.
- Air pollution generated by waste sites should be measured.
- All the waste sites will now be subject to an annual review which will assess the air pollution they cause. Should they be found to be causing problems, then the troublesome sites might no longer be safeguarded for waste. This in turn could lead to the waste being processed in alternative sites where they do not cause traffic congestion and excessive air pollution.

While these modifications were in a good direction, we proposed that the 2022 plan should select waste sites by properly taking into account air pollution rather than just adopt those in the 2012 plan. In particular, the very strong constraints on any new waste sites should apply to the existing sites that were known to be leading to excessive pollution. This document was co-signed by the WRPA, The Wimbledon Union of Residents' Associations, The Wimbledon Society, several nearby residents' associations and local councillors, including those in Wimbledon Park Ward. Indeed, all those who might be expected to sign did sign, apart from one exception and those on holiday who could not be contacted.

Unfortunately, we have just learnt that the Government Inspectors have nonetheless passed the 2022 plan as sound. To change this would require a judicial review to be brought. Despite this last set-back, our objections have ensured that air pollution is taken into account in the way waste is processed in South London. It has also given a mechanism for the removal of sites that are causing substantial air pollution. We now have to ensure that Merton does accurately record the air pollution arising from the waste sites in Weir Road, that the annual review is carried out promptly and its conclusions acted upon. The formidable coalition comprising of those who co-signed the last document can make sure that this will be the case.

Peter West

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We are also friends of Durnsford Road Recreation Ground where we maintain the flower beds and fruit hedge and plant spring bulbs and shrubs. We obtained the grant to have exercise equipment installed together with 2 more benches and trees.

We plant and maintain the flower boxes on Arthur Road and are now assisting with the watering and maintenance of the Bee Friendly Flower bed on Wimbledon Park Tube Station.

Issues we are pursuing at the moment include: - safety on the Durnsford Road Railway Bridge, the new footbridge across the Wandle and the introduction of more trees on our streets.

The Ward Councillors attend our meetings where we ask them to raise issues directly with the Council on our behalf.

Currently we are a small committee and need much more help. Just a few hours a month would be enormously helpful. In particular we are looking for:

a Minutes Secretary and a Membership Secretary.

Also someone to help with the advertising for the Newsletter.

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Notice of Annual General Meeting

Date: Saturday 21st January 2023

Time 5.00pm

Venue: Wimbledon Park Hall

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Agenda

Minutes of last meeting (18.1.22)

Matters arising

Chairman's report

Treasurer's Report

Election of Officers

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Panel Discussion

Immediately after the close of the formal agenda, there will be an open session on the AELTC Planning Application for the development of Wimbledon Park Golf Course.

Representatives of the various residents' associations and The Wimbledon Society, who form the Umbrella group, and Save Wimbledon Park campaign group will be present.

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The Umbrella group of Residents' Associations, which also includes The Wimbledon Society, continue their campaign to urge the AELTC to rethink their plans for Wimbledon Park Golf Course. A new campaign has been launched.

See the new website at www.SaveWimbledonPark.org and please help us by signing the petition at www.Change.Org/SaveWimbledonpark

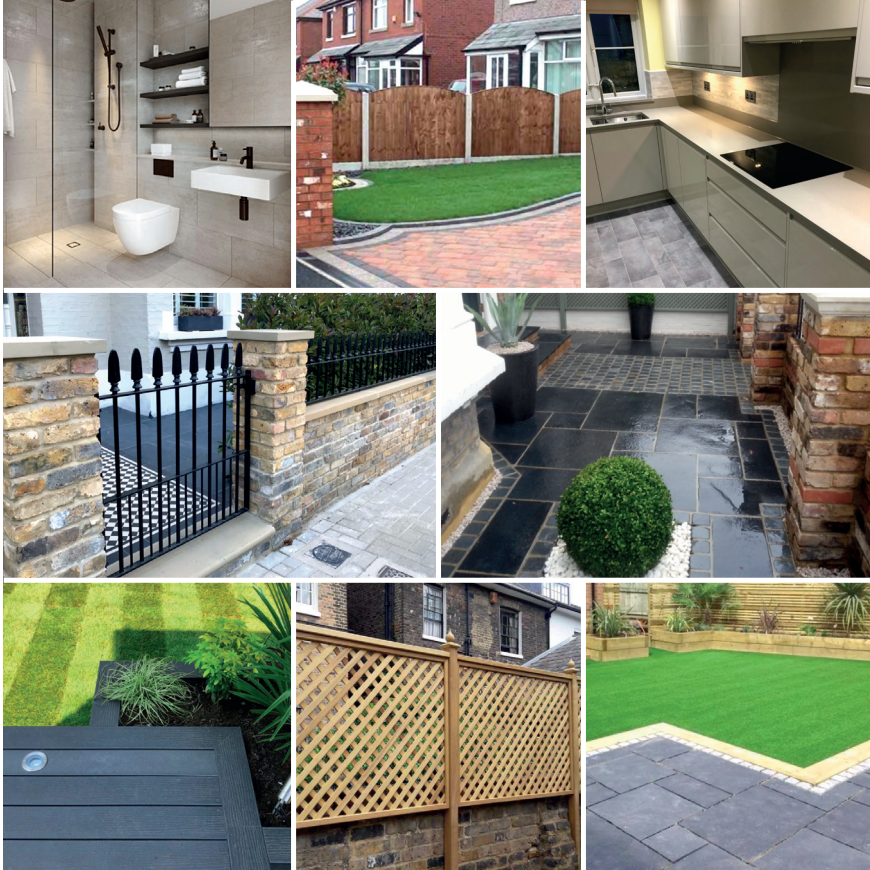
There is now an informative dedicated page on The Wimbledon Society website providing information about the AELTC planning application and concerns.

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The Wimbledon Park Community Trust was incorporated in October 2013 and subsequently registered as a charity.

The objects of the charity are:

‘The promotion of the benefits of the inhabitants of Wimbledon Park and the neighbourhood thereof (hereinafter called the area of benefit) without distinction, by the advancement of education and the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.’

The Trust has a lease (99 years from 2013) from The London Borough of Merton, on the space known as Wimbledon Park Hall including the adjoining Arthur’s Café at 170 Arthur Road.

The main income of the Trust is derived from renting the hall and café.

We would like to encourage local residents to contact us if they feel they can identify a person, organisation or project that would benefit from our support. It can either be a project that would benefit the local area or an organisation that is involved in work that would be of benefit to residents in the local area. We are particularly interested in supporting an apprentice who lives in the local area.

General Guidelines:

- The maximum grant size that can be applied for is £5,000.**
- The minimum grant size that can be applied for is £500, except in exceptional circumstances.**
- The Trustees will have total discretion on awarding grants.**
- All applications must give proper detail of the intended use of the grant money and what the ultimate benefit/outcome will, or is expected to, be.**
- No grants will be given for general revenue purposes; only for specific or capital spending projects.**

Applications can be made at any time.

Please send them in writing to:

Wimbledon Park Community Trust,

56 Home Park Road, SW19 7HN.

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