

Chislehurst Matters

Councillors Update AUTUMN/WINTER 2023



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A very merry Christmas and a happy 2024 to you all

READ ABOUT SOME OF THE KEY ISSUES WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS.

Chislehurst Library

We're delighted that Chislehurst library has been included in the Bromley Council library refurbishment programme after many years of uncertainty.

The consultation process is expected to be carried out in early 2024, with the work beginning later in the year.

We'll be pressing for wheelchair and pram access to be a top priority. It's not right that disabled people and parents with young children have to bang on the back door to gain entry.

We'll also be try and ensure that an effective temporary library site is provided while the works are carried out.



Telecomms mast



Everyone was shocked when a temporary telecomms mast was erected in Chislehurst High Street car park, with virtually no notice, at the end of August.

We have been in regular contact with council officers and Waldon Telecomms, who are the company responsible for the installation, and held several meetings with those residents most affected.

We continue to share residents' concerns and dismay at this visually intrusive structure which is having a detrimental effect on their lives and enjoyment of their properties. Although it is a temporary siting, it is for 18 months which is a very significant period. We continue to liaise with all parties involved.

Keep an eye on our social media channels and website for updates.

Willow Grove and High Street junction

We get lots of calls and emails about the continual congestion at the junction of Willow Grove and the High Street.

We're as a result delighted to confirm, that Transport for London (TfL) have agreed to fund modernisation and upgrade of the signals at the junction. At the same time the council are trying to secure some other funding so the crossing points can be improved at the same time the signals work is done.



It's still early days, and no designs have been published yet, but it's a step in the right direction.

RingGo parking problems

We're always getting told about problems with the RingGo parking app. Although it can make payment more convenient, many people have problems with using the app and a high number of Chislehurst residents don't have mobile phones.

Furthermore, local shops we have spoken to have reported a fall in customer numbers as fewer people are coming into Chislehurst because of the problems with parking.

It's also creating problems for people driving into Chislehurst to the doctor's surgery and chemists.






We've asked that one car park in the High Street still offer card payments, but so far this has been turned down.

There will be a review of the whole RingGo system in January so if you have any comments please email Alison (email address overleaf).



Other news



-  If you have any queries or concerns about any local planning applications that could affect you, get in touch and we'll advise you on the best ways to ensure your views are taken into account.
-  We understand the council have secured funding to improve pedestrian crossing facilities at the War Memorial junction. TfL have recently completed a study there, and we should get more details soon.
-  Traffic problems in Belmont Lane have got worse recently, particularly at school drop-off and pick-up times. Hopefully the new double-yellow lines at the junction of Edgebury and Belmont Lane should help reduce congestion.
-  If you live in the area affected by the Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) make sure you have your say when the consultation review starts. Check on our website for more details.
-  A date for your diary. Monday 22nd January at 7pm. Public meeting with Chief Superintendent Luke Baldock from Bromley police to discuss crime issues affecting our ward.



Need any help or advice? Then get in touch

If you need any help with a local council issue, then please get in touch.

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Our surgeries

If you'd rather meet with us face-to-face then visit one of our surgeries. These are held on the **THIRD SATURDAY** each month at various locations in Chislehurst.

You can find details on Facebook, Twitter and our website. We also put up posters on noticeboards around the ward confirming the date and location.

Because we know some people can't easily get to a Saturday surgery, we're adding an extra surgery on the **FIRST FRIDAY** of each month from the start of 2024.

You don't need to make an appointment. Just turn up, and we'll do our best to help you.

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