

Wemyss-Cooke, Vicky

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Sent: 25 June 2018 16:37
To: Wemyss-Cooke, Vicky
Cc: Ricci De Freitas
Subject: Deputation for Leader on Wednesday 27th June concerning proposed road closures at Judd St (North) and Lansdowne Terrace (south)

Importance: High

Dear Vicky

I have been asked to speak on behalf of the Marchmont Association, by the its Committee, of which I am a member, to the Council Leader, Georgia Gould, on Wednesday 27th.

Summary

A motion was unanimously passed at the Marchmont Association's AGM on 15th May 2018 objecting to the proposed road closures of Lansdowne Terrace and the north end of Judd Street, respectively. It was agreed at the Committee meeting on 19 June that a deputation should be made to the Leader of Camden Council on 27 June, to alert her to the considerable disquiet at these proposals by many people who live or run businesses in the surrounding area.

Nobody knows what is going on. Why? Who is this for?

We uniquely represent both residents and businesses in the area which will be directly effected. We are normally neutral and function as facilitators for community improvement between the various local stakeholders. We very rarely unite to take a strong position as we now do on this matter.

There is great ignorance and now rapidly increasing alarm across all local sectors.

From the little that is known we are alarmed that these proposals may be seriously destructive to the ability to function, health and safety of (a) all Residents, (b) all Businesses and (c) all Services Providers (emergency services, deliveries, taxis, plumbers, caterers, electricians, carpenters, builders, council services, etc, etc).

There has effectively been no Consultation Process. Who knows what is being proposed? Who knows what will be the effects, both direct and indirect? We need a detailed list of all the pros and all the cons for the above three centrally effected sectors. Everyone needs to know these things and time is needed to give feedback. For instance is it being seriously proposed that narrow little Dukes Road and Burton Street become the sole entry point from Euston Road south into the whole area?

Council brought into disrepute.

The Council and local democracy is being brought into disrepute by this failure of democracy. In such a vacuum suspicions are rife. Is it to appropriate the roadway for Lend-Lease to use for materials storage for its £40m renovation of the Town Hall? Is it because the Mayor has just decided he is throwing a lot of money at it as a status project? Is it because powerful external lobby groups such as developers, cyclists or London University want it? How does it relate to the still-unresolved and expensive fiasco of the Tavistock Place road changes?

Please start the consultation process again.

and this time do it properly.

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