Residents Respond to Fanzone Proposals

Concerns about planning application 19/3497/F for a Fanzone in Greenwich Park

The Westcombe Society has raised strong objections to the planning application for a Euro2020 Fan Zone in Greenwich Park during June and July this year. The society has been besieged by local residents who have demanded that an event of this nature in Greenwich Park is totally inappropriate.

The society says, together with the Greenwich Society, other local amenity societies and the Friends of Greenwich Park, they have public consultations and informal meetings with GLA Officers and the event organisers (Loudsound) to voice local concerns. These concerns have been expressed to Greenwich’s GLA member, the local MP, the Mayor of London and Greenwich Council.

So far there has been little indication that residents’ concerns have been taken on board. This application does not cover any of the issues raised, nor does it offer any mitigation to offset the impact on the Park, residents, the surrounding area and local business. The main objections are:

1. 13,000 spectators is excessive. It is felt this figure is excessive and cannot be justified. It is far greater than the attendance on the Olympic equestrian event, and raises serious crowd control issues.

2. Transport plans are inadequate. Public transport facilities will be severely stretched by the addition of those attending the event. This is especially true where timetables of journeys conflict with rush hour travel. Travel to the event by public transport will be inadequate, and almost continuous road works have reduced to one lane by massive new proposals on this busy junction.

3. Parking issues

Travel to the event by public transport will be promoted on the Fanzone tickets but this will not stop every car driver. There are concerns that drivers will park on streets within Westcombe Park outside the hours of our CPZs or on Sundays. CPZ hours should be extended to 20.00 hrs on match days or on Sundays.

CPZs are a very useful tool to help control traffic. However, there is a danger that a precedent for similar events could be created.

In short:

The Westcombe Society asks Greenwich Council to reject this application, or at least lay down certain conditions. The most important objections are the impact on the Park and its visitors, together with the impact on local transport and travel.

Both of these concerns could be simply mitigated by reducing the maximum attendance at matches to 22,000.

The Westcombe Society has also urged Greenwich Council to secure a number of other mitigating measures through formal planning conditions or other binding agreements.

Additional planning conditions that should be applied include:

a. Attendance on match days should be limited to 22,000.

b. Match days should still allow access to the park for residents and visitors, including access to visitor attractions and Greenwich Town centre.

c. Full access to the children’s playground on match days should be protected.

d. A travel plan is needed to include:
   • commitments from both Network Rail and TfL that they can accommodate the numbers of extra passengers.
   • robust proposals for preventing foot ball fans from alighting at Cutty Sark at peak rush hour times.
   • commitments by DLR and Network Rail to avoid local engineering works during the Euro 2020 competition; proposals to mitigate the impact on transport of other major events in and around Greenwich including the O2.

e. A requirement that all-on-site generators run on low-emission fuels.

f. A requirement to avoid the use of plastic where compostable alternatives are available and for any unavoidable plastic materials to be recyclable.

g. Greenwich Council should amend and enforce CPZ restrictions to prevent fans from parking in residential areas within walking distance of the Fan Zone – and ensure enforcement.

The Queen’s House, centre, viewed from the south. Residents are concerned this area of the park would be fenced off for the Euro 2020 Fanzone in June and July.

Greenwich Park Lottery Grant Success

They are to receive £5-4m to the Royal Parks are adding £3.7m of their own funds, they have an income target of a further £2m from fundraising taking the overall investment in Greenwich Park to £10.5m over the next four years.

The parks’ annual 5milion visitors are in for several treats including several exciting landscape improvements. The picture below shows The Giant Steps that will lead up to General Woff’s Statue. Nature in the Park is already benefiting with Lime saplings being planted to replace the missing tree on The Avenue – part of a four year restoration for this beautiful tree avenue. This Spring also sees the start of habitat restoration on the Park’s wild grasslands. Mowing is to be reduced to encourage wild flowers so that there will be plenty of butterflies to monitor.

Finally the existing residential lodge at Vanbrugh Gate will be transformed into a new cafe.

FOR YOUR DIARY!

The Westcombe Society’s Members’/Helpers’/ Newcomers’ Party is on Saturday Evening 15th February at Mycenae House (invitations going out in January) Newcomers to the area are also welcome. Please phone Caroline on 8853 0948 if you would like an invitation.
The end of the Tea Hut?

As predicted, our hospitals are under severe pressure in these winter months – and Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Woolwich is no exception.

On one day in December, 605 patients came through the doors of the A&E department, and there have been several occasions the hospital has been placed on Level 3 (Black) internal level. At times, additional beds have had to be located in corridors.

The chief executive of Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust, Ben Travis, has said that the pressure has been ‘relentless’, and he paid tribute to the dedication and resilience of the staff in the two hospitals.

Readers may recall that QEH was originally a military hospital which sometimes took in other patients. Since those days, it has been expanded, but our local MP Matthew Penneycook is not alone in pointing out that the site itself is unsuitable, and capital investment is required to redelop the site.

If this ever happens, expect more pressure on hospital beds – and a knock-on pressure on hospital beds – and a knock-on...
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DORING affordable housing

In 2016, Mayor Sadiq Khan secured more than £3bn from the Government to help start building at least 90,000 affordable homes by March 2021. This was intended to help Londoners who would otherwise struggle to rent or buy, and forms part of Homes for Londoners — the Mayor’s work to tackle London’s housing crisis.

The Mayor published his Affordable Homes Programme 2016-21 funding guidance in November 2016. This helps housing associations, community groups, London boroughs and private developers to build affordable homes. It explains how to get funding from the Mayor and the rules. The types of affordable homes the Mayor is funding include:

• London Affordable Rent: for people on low incomes
• London Living Rent: helping people on average incomes save for a deposit to buy their first home
• London Shared Ownership

The house building programme has a patchy record. Official figures reveal that the number of “family-sized” affordable homes being built in London with funding from the Mayor fell by almost a third in 2018.

Work started on only 2,005 homes of three bedrooms or more in the year to the end of March, compared with 2,892 in the previous 12 months. The mayor claims that government policies favour building one- or two-bedroom flats rather than family-size homes.

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Ten things you can still do in the EU after Brexit

While Leavers will be pulling out the champagne corks after January 31st, when the UK formally departs from the EU, others will be wondering what they can still do in the EU after that date. You won’t, yet, have to pay £72.50 for a brand new blue passport (printed in France), because you will still be able to enjoy the rights of EU citizens. This is because the UK will remain part of the single market for another eleven months. After that, may Heaven (and Boris) help you ...

Here are ten things you can do in 2020, at least, because of the transition period, as identified by Lisa O’Carroll in the Guardian:

1. Holiday in the EU
You can still travel to any EU member state up to 31 December 2020 no visa required. After Brexit, it is hoped that visa-free trips will continue for stays of up to 90 days. It is also hoped that the European health insurance card that gives health cover for tourists in another member state still applies.

2. Take up a summer job in the EU
During the transition period, students and any other workers will still have the right to work in another member state. This is because freedom of movement rules, which includes freedom of movement of labour, still apply while the UK is in the single market. On December 31st - curtains.

3. Get a full-time job in the EU
For the same reason, British citizens will still be eligible for full time positions in the EU. No promises about how long the job may last. It may depend on the EU country concerned.

4. Retire to the EU
As part of the withdrawal agreement, British citizens who are settled — whether working or retired — in the EU before the end of the transition period will retain most of their rights as EU citizens for the remainder of their lives. So if you wanted to retire in a place in the sun in ther EU, you’ll have to be quick. But yet to be negotiated is an annual uprating of pension sent from the UK and the continued right to move within the EU. Retired Britons in EU may also face loss of healthcare.

5. Go on an Erasmus programme
In the year 2017/18, about 17,000 British students studied in another EU state. This is because freedom of movement of students and any other workers will still have the right to work in another member state. It is hoped that there will still be no visa required. After Brexit, it is hoped that visa-free trips will continue for stays of up to 90 days. It is also hoped that the European health insurance card that gives health cover for students in another member state still applies.

6. Apply for EU funding for science research
British citizens will still be able to apply for funding in Horizon2020 programmes during the transition period. Eligibility will also still apply for European regional development funds and European social funds, which have been important sources for infrastructure and environment developments in rural areas and for many not-for-profit organisations seeking to help people into employment in impoverished areas.

7. Apply for arts funding
The EU’s Creative Europe funding stream will remain open to British applications. Also promising a call for applications in 2020 is Erasmus+, a new EU mobility fund for artists.

8. Win a literature prize
The European prize for literature in 2019 was won by British writer Melissa Harrison won for her novel Among the Barley, which explored the dangers of nationalism and xenophobia. The prize fund is open in 2020 to British citizens.

9. Look at cross-border healthcare opportunities
EU citizens have the right to access healthcare in any EU country and to be reimbursed for care abroad by their home country. This is in addition to the emergency healthcare for tourists under the EHC system. Little is written about cross-border healthcare, or the processes involved but it is still available during the transition period, says the EU. The NHS has published a guide to getting treatment abroad.

10. Want to know more?
The EU’s handy guide to rights and benefits for UK and EU citizens during the transition period is available online.

Features

Walking through History

This is Trinity Hospital, a group of almshouses overshadowed by Greenwich Power Station, seen from the river. Originally built between 1613-14 by Henry Howard, Earl of Northampton, on the site of what had been Lymley House, the childhood home of Robert Dudley, 1st Earl of Leicester, one of Queen Elizabeth I’s favourites. It was rebuilt in 1812, in Gothic style, and is now a Grade II listed building. Howard set up his charity in 1613 for 12 ‘poor men’ of Greenwich and eight from Norfolk, where he was born. (The almshouses are thus also known as Norfolk College.) Three other Trinity almshouses were founded by Howard – the others are in Chal, Shropshire and Shostesham, Norfolk.

Howard was a controversial figure: in his lifetime, during the reign of Elizabeth 1st, he was accused several times of conspiring with Mary Queen of Scots; no accident then, when he was honoured by her son, James 1st. But after Howard’s death, it was found he was implicated in the murder of Sir Thomas Overbury in the Tower of London. But that’s another story.

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**GREENWICH History Tour**

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My favourite was to learn more about the strange prehistoric looking fountain in the park which is actually not as ancient as it looks. It was built during the mid-1800’s using Preselli Blue stone the very same stone that can be found forming the inner circle of Stonehenge. The pictures in this book are a balance of old Greenwich and the Greenwich we recognise today reminding the viewer of its diverse history from the thriving businesses of the past that lined the river, to the Naval school and the hospital and, last but not least, the Royal patron’s enjoying deer hunting only a mile away.

I recommend this book for quiz masters (J.J. of The Westcombe Society take note!) and all those of us living in this historic part of London. They will then be able to sound more knowledgeable to their visitors who, if they are like mine, are always asking questions which they expect me, a local, to answer.

**A VALENTINE’S DAY SPECIAL**

The first time I made pasta was as a Valentine’s Day surprise for my husband. We had been married a year, I was pregnant with our first child and on maternity leave. With no demands on my time I spent the day cooking the ultimate romantic meal … fresh ravioli … heart-shaped fresh ravioli, served with a slow cooked tomato sauce and a glass of pink fizz.

Then I decided to go all in, macerating strawberries and baking heart-shaped shortbreads to follow, it was a labour of love and an absolute delight.

Although fresh pasta is wonderful, I never seemed to find time to consolidate this initial success and my pasta machine languished at the back of a cupboard gathering dust until I finally gave it away. I thought my pasta-making days were behind me until a neighbour told me about Pasta Mansi, a small catfished-based business run by the delightful Emanuela who not only makes the most amazing pasta that is sold across London, but who will also teach you how to make it yourself.

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Judicial Review for Silvertown?

A spokesperson for Stop the Silvertown Tunnel Coalition (SSSTC) told the Westcombe News February 2020: "The Angerstein roundabout, which is recognised to be a dangerous and unpleasant crossing, particularly for cyclists and pedestrians. There have been two fatal collisions in the last two years.

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Vanbrugh Pits conservation work parties JOE BEALE reports

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