



January Update

Dear Neighbour,

Quite a bit has been happening lately - the new train service is in place but, as you will see, resistance to it is growing daily; LOCOG have formally submitted their proposals for the Olympic Equestrian even to Greenwich Council; and the Blackheath Society are unveiling some ambitious plans for the Library Square project.

Best wishes,

BVRG

Cumulative Impact Zone under threat

The CIZ was brought in in 2007 to try and curb the rise of anti-social behaviour in the Village. It give Lewisham Council stronger powers to resist new licence applications and has been hugely beneficial in the time it has been in force.

For more information, go here:

http://www.bvrg.org.uk/issues_lc.html

and

<http://news.bvrg.org.uk/index.php?blog=1&paged=11>

However, it is now due for review and, in an ironic twist, the fact that it has been successful may result in it being withdrawn! The Council's logic is that because there have been fewer complaints since the CIZ has been in place, then it may in fact no longer be needed.

The only way to ensure that this important piece of protection stays in place is to write in support of it, and also to continue to report any incidents, to:

licensing@lewisham.gov.uk

The Rail Campaign

Our petition on the No. 10 website now has in excess of 1000 signatures. It's open until **6th February** so, if you haven't already signed, then you can still do so at:

<http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/Southeastern2>

You can also join our Facebook group at:

www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=134398160753

Southeastern Trains have agreed to monitor train overcrowding in January and to review the situation soon afterwards. We and the Blackheath Society will both be endeavouring to make sure that this happens.

There is still a need for people to email Southeastern trains, their local councillors and their MP with their actual experiences of the new services. Contact details can be found here:

<http://news.bvrg.org.uk/blog1.php/2009/10/19/contact-email-addresses-for-comments-on-2010>

Equestrian Olympics

NOGOE will be holding a public meeting to discuss the Olympic planning application on Sunday **17th January** at 2:00pm at John Roan School, Maze Hill.

Details of the planning application are available here:

<http://onlineplanning.greenwich.gov.uk/acolnet/planningonline>

[/acolnetcgi.gov?ACTION=UNWRAP&RIPNAME=Root.PgeDocs&TheSystemkey=62864](#)

The deadline for comments is **27th January**. You can email them to the planning department at:

planningapps@greenwich.gov.uk

or write to:

Greenwich Council (comments on applications), Planning Department, Crown Building, 5th Floor, 48 Woolwich New Road, London SE18 6HQ

In either case, you should quote reference numbers 09/2598/F and 09/2599/L and include your full name and address.

NOGOE's website is:

www.nogoe2012.com

Library Square

The Blackheath Society is seeking the views of the public on ambitious plans to develop the area around Blackheath Library.

They are holding an exhibition at Blackheath Halls from **18th - 22nd January** from 10am to 7pm.

Blackheath Society members will be on hand to explain the plans between 5pm and 7pm each day.

BJWP Public Meeting

The Blackheath Joint Working Party is the body that brings together Lewisham and Greenwich Councils as well as all of the various amenity and residents' groups who have a vested interest in the Heath itself.

It is holding its public meeting this year on Thursday **4th February** at 7:30pm at The Clarendon Hotel on Montpelier Row.

All are welcome.