



Clapham Common Ward

Panel Meeting

Thursday 22nd April 2010



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Attendees

PS Wayne Mooney, PC Vicky Wiltshire, PCSO Eleanor Daniels,¹

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Youth Panel

The Youth Panel is a group of young people who meet prior to the Ward Panel and discuss what they see as the local issues that affect them as well as the current ward priorities.

Unfortunately, due to the Easter Holidays, the youth panel were unable to contribute to this meeting. They will be meeting in the next week or so, in time for the next panel.

Current Priorities

The wards current priorities are as follows:

1. Youth Engagement
2. Crime on the Notre Dame Estate
3. Burglary

Crime Figures

Overall, crime is down on the Clapham Common Ward. Increased patrols and positive arrests have helped push figures down, especially regarding impactful crime such as burglary and robbery.

Despite this, figures appear to be higher due to offences occurring in the ³ which is being looked into by the council as detailed further below in *Ward Issues*.

Lambeth borough as a whole, has seen an increase in residential burglary in the past months, however Clapham Common Ward has seen figures fall, unusual for such an affluent area.

Anti-social behaviour offences have also been low, with no particular area coming to police attention. It will be interesting to see if this continues as the weather begins to improve.

Ward Issues

There were a number of issues that came up throughout the duration of the meeting.

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Pick pocketing/theft offences in the ⁵ [redacted] and neighbouring bars is still an issue, creating a hotspot around Clapham Common Tube Station.⁶

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This is currently being dealt with by ⁸ [redacted] who intends to meet with all four bars along the Southside soon, in order to establish what measures each premises already has in place and what can be done in the future do reduce the number of offences.

Mini Cab Blaggers along Clapham Common Southside

This issue of illegal mini cab drivers pestering revellers along the Southside is being firmly dealt with using a CCTV van on a Friday and Saturday night to catch the faces and number plates of illegal firms. Parking attendants are issuing more tickets in an attempt to deter people stopping and it has been proposed to TFL that parking on the Highstreet after 10pm should be banned.

This is an ongoing operation.

Parking outside St Mary's

A meeting with all interested parties in resolving this issue is currently being arranged for some time in the near future. The school has been recommended to send an advisory letter to all parents with regards to parking and general safety issues. ⁹ [redacted] has been contacted and aims to get the school involved in the Junior Road Safety Officers campaign, educating children in alternative ways to get to school.

Potholes on Elms Road

Due to the severe winter weather potholes have become an issue borough wide and contractors are currently working hard to fill them. In order to report a pothole and who is responsible for its repair, it's important to do as follows:

If the road has yellow lines or no lines running along the side of it then it is the **council** who are responsible and the public should ring: **0207 926 9000**

If the road has red lines running along the side of it then it is **Transport for London** who is responsible and the public should call: **0845 305 1234**

Speeding Traffic in Abbeville Road

The current speed limit for this road is 20mph which road users are not abiding by. It was suggested at the last meeting that the council put up clearer signs along the road however the Principal Transport engineer for Lambeth has stated that at the moment no additional signage would be able to be erected in the area.

The panel felt that it would be beneficial if the council ran a new set of counts to measure the speed and volume of traffic travelling along Abbeville Road. These counts will be taking place in the near future.

Notre Dame Estate, Football Area

The netting covering the football area on the estate has been removed for over 11 months.¹⁰

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has been contacted on numerous occasions regarding this issue but has failed to repair the netting. Clapham Common SNT to continue pushing for a solution.

Notre Dame Estate, anti-social behaviour¹⁴

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is playing music very loudly and disturbing neighbours. The address will be identified and police will speak with the occupier regarding his/her behaviour.

The Clapham Summer Project 2010

Due to building works taking place over the summer, Lambeth Academy will not be hosting the project this year. Instead it will be held at Bonneville Primary resulting in a smaller capacity of approximately 120 youths.

Revision of the Youth Panel

The Youth Panel is currently only made up of Lambeth Academy students and it was suggested that perhaps more of Clapham Common's youth should get involved. Youths from the Notre Dame Estate are to be identified in the hope that a second Youth Panel can be established.

Over-complicating the Neighbourhood Watch

Co-Ordinator's have expressed a disliking to the over complication of Neighbourhood Watch schemes regarding the proposal of a committee. Clapham Common SNT agrees that the simple and friendly approach to the scheme is the best way to operate and will discuss concerns with¹⁶

New Priorities

It was suggested that the¹⁷ become a Ward Priority as it is a crime hotspot. However, it was felt that to make this a priority would be ineffective, being unbeneficial to many of Clapham Common Ward's residents.

Therefore, it was decided that the ward priorities would remain the same:

1. Youth Engagement
2. Crime on the Notre Dame Estate
3. Burglary

Any Other Business

None