

Dear Nightingale Neighbours,

This is an update on progress about traffic concerns and to inform you of plans for forthcoming meetings. Those of you who came to the meeting on March 16th at Oak Lodge School will be familiar with the first item of news.

Around 50 people attended the meeting on 16th March. Four councillors, Ravi Govindia, Guy Senior, Charles Walker and Katy Lindsay, were present together with Wale Adeyoyin from the Council's Technical Services Department. A traffic calming expert, Richard Simon, gave a detailed presentation suggesting measures that might be taken to alleviate traffic concerns and improve Nightingale Lane. There are a limited number of copies of this presentation still available so please let us know if you would like one.

Suggestions ranged from improvements to particularly troublesome road humps, to a total lorry ban, to more comprehensive and imaginative improvements along the length of the Lane. Importantly, it was announced that an overnight and weekend lorry ban is already in force. This is policed by the Association of London Government and their complaints line is: 0207 582 1038. Ban hours are from 7pm -7am overnight and on weekends.

A lively and constructive discussion followed Simon's presentation. Council representatives were requested to indicate if and by how much the Council would be prepared to back improvements and the Council has been asked to respond to suggestions outlined in Richard Simon's report. This response is unlikely to be with us before the General Election. We will keep you informed of the meeting date at which this it will be discussed.

In the interim, if you would like to be a part of the Steering Group meetings, please let us know.

The next two meetings will be held on:

Tuesday, 12th April at 8pm at Nightingale House, 105 Nightingale Lane.

Tuesday, 10th May at 8pm at Oak Lodge School, 101 Nightingale Lane.

At the meeting this coming Tuesday, we will be agreeing meeting dates and venues for the year; discussing Tesco's scheme for road alterations at Balham Hill; a website and improved communications with supporters.

If you would like to come along, please let us know so that Nightingale House can be alerted to numbers attending, either by email to this address or by phone to Francis Carr (0208 675 5694)

With best wishes.

David Hornsby

Nightingale Lane Steering Group

