

## SOUTH OF THE BOROUGH NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMUNITY PLAN

<b>Vision</b>	To make South of the Borough an inclusive and welcoming place to live, work, and thrive, and to continue to develop and improve the use of our green spaces for the benefit of all residents.
<b>Strategy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We will continue to conduct effective resident and community driven engagement and ensure we clearly communicate the benefits of community engagement and community-driven activities to residents so that we can collectively achieve the objectives set out in this plan.</li> <li>• This Community Neighbourhood Plan is based on the ideas collected during the specific consultation period.</li> <li>• We will ensure that Community groups, Voluntary and Faith groups and Charities have accessibility to Community Grants which align with the objectives of this Neighbourhood Community Plan.</li> </ul>
<b>Objectives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Together with the other Neighbourhoods, the South of the Borough Neighbourhood Committee (the Committee) will promote a cleaner, sustainable and healthier environment to live, work and play in.</li> <li>• The Committee will work with Transport for London, South West Railways, Network Rail, the Council's Highways Team and other partners to improve transport links, and walking and cycling opportunities within the Neighbourhood.</li> <li>• The Committee will support local community activities and events, and support the development of facilities and buildings that promote community cohesiveness and wellbeing.</li> <li>• The Committee will continue to work in collaboration with local community groups to enhance the biodiversity of our parks, streets and green spaces and improve accessibility of these areas for all our residents.</li> <li>• The Committee will support the Council's strategic objectives to improve air quality and actively address climate change in our Neighbourhood.</li> </ul>

## Introduction

The South of the Borough (SotB) Neighbourhood Plan has been developed to help inform local decision making, in particular, decisions relating to the award of the SotB Neighbourhood Committee's Community Grants Programme. The plan includes the most popular ideas submitted to the Council during a consultation undertaken in 2019/20. These ideas were subsequently reviewed and prioritised by local community volunteers in January 2020. The Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee, along with all Members have used these ideas and priorities to develop the outcomes set out within this plan. New ideas are always welcome and the plan will be reviewed annually by the Committee at the start of each municipal year. During this review, the Committee will be given an opportunity to amend existing plans as well propose new additions based on the feedback received during the previous year.

Priority	Outcomes
<b>Safer</b>	
Together with the other Neighbourhoods, the Committee will promote a cleaner, sustainable and healthier environment to live, work and play in.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The Committee will consider this priority when it makes decisions on any transport-related matters, highways and parking schemes.</li><li>2. The Committee will actively encourage community grant applications for healthy transport initiatives and support community initiatives that promote alternative and creative means of transport.</li><li>3. To encourage sustainable transport and to promote cycle-skills training.</li><li>4. To support community initiatives that promote healthy environments such as play streets, school streets and crocodile-travelling.</li><li>5. To develop conversations with commercial businesses in the Neighbourhood, such as supermarkets and petrol stations, to encourage and include e-charging points in their car-parks.</li><li>6. To support the Council's highways team, and our local Safer Neighbourhood Police Team with the running of community speed-day checks.</li></ol>

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<p>The Committee will work with Transport for London, South West Railways, Network Rail, the Council's Highways Team and other partners to improve transport links and walking and cycling opportunities within the Neighbourhood.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Committee and the Council's Highways Team will work collaboratively with TfL to consider and promote Road Safety initiatives across the Neighbourhood.</li> <li>2. The Committee will work collaboratively with the Council's Highways Team to improve current pedestrian routes across the Neighbourhood.</li> <li>3. The Committee will work collaboratively with the Council's Highways Team to develop and deliver safe, and connected cycle routes across the Neighbourhood and further connectivity across the Borough, through working with the Go-Cycle campaign and the Community, and will support awareness campaigns regarding the benefits to Health and the Environment.</li> <li>4. The Committee will continue to campaign for improved accessibility and step-free access for all Train Stations and platforms across our Neighbourhood.</li> <li>5. The Committee will collaborate with the Council's Highways Team to ensure they actively consider e-charging capacity in all new Council car-parking spaces in the Neighbourhood, and that existing e-charging points are fit for purpose.</li> <li>6. Where opportunities arise, the Committee will actively campaign for enhanced connectivity via public transport across the Neighbourhood i.e. between Epsom, Ewell, Malden Rushett, Chessington and Tolworth.</li> </ol>

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<b>Fairer</b>	
<p>The Committee will support local community activities and events, and support the development of facilities and buildings that promote community cohesiveness and wellbeing.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Committee will encourage Community Grant and NCIL applications that promote supporting local communities; improving Youth provision; enhancing Health and Mental wellbeing, and that develop resilient communities.</li> <li>2. The Committee will support community events designed to share knowledge and raise awareness of local and voluntary organisations, and their work within the Neighbourhood.</li> <li>3. The Committee will collaborate with, and support local groups that aim to promote and celebrate local communities and resources such as The Community Brain and Citizens Zoo, “Friends of” Groups, and Residents’ Associations.</li> <li>4. The Committee will work to encourage businesses to support local initiatives and events, and we will encourage the Community to support their local businesses.</li> <li>5. The Committee will support the development of new Community spaces across the Neighbourhood for community groups and organisations to use, and promote the existing ones.</li> <li>6. The Committee will support and promote attendance at the Community Hub Pilot at The Hook Centre, and will support development of it as a local resource for residents.</li> <li>7. The Committee aspires to be an inclusive Neighbourhood, and will support initiatives that reach out to all local cultural communities, religious and faith groups.</li> <li>8. The Committee will support officers to develop a Youth Provision online Map to encourage our local businesses, organisations and voluntary groups in the Neighbourhood to register for regular or one-off activities or events which provide and promote social contact and inclusion for Youth and Children across our Neighbourhood.</li> <li>9. The Committee will promote access-knowledge to local health improvement programmes, locations of free community gym equipment across the Neighbourhood, and improve</li> </ol>

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	<p>communication of what concessions are available, and widen access and opportunities to existing health Centres.</p> <p>10. The Committee will continue to support the development of Warm Hubs, Food-sharing Centres, events and local organisations and charities whose aim is to support those vulnerable in our communities.</p> <p>11. The Committee will work with The Community Brain and other organisations to promote our rich local Industrial, Cultural, Historic, Social and Community heritage.</p>
Greener	
<p>The Committee will continue to work in collaboration with local community groups to enhance the biodiversity of our parks, streets and green spaces and improve the accessibility of these areas for all our residents.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Committee will support Community Grant applications that offer healthy activities in our parks and green spaces i.e. Outdoor Cinemas, live Music events, running groups, fitness classes and Projects that promote our green spaces as relaxing and contemplative spaces, and that publicise their existence as educational and learning environments.</li> <li>2. The Committee will encourage community initiatives that are aimed at encouraging inclusion and accessibility to the green environment for all community members, and that promote food sharing of locally grown flowers, fruits and vegetables.</li> <li>3. The Committee will encourage and support Community Voluntary Action Days such as monthly Litter Picks, Alley clearances, and cleaning rubbish out of the Hogsmill River, Bonesgate Stream and other Biodiversity and Wildlife areas.</li> <li>4. The Committee will work to ensure that the local community is actively involved in identifying locations in the Neighbourhood where litter pickers and bin bags provided for the 2 minute litter pick initiative could be best placed.</li> </ol>

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. The Committee will work in collaboration with the Waste Team and Community Rangers to be integral partners in the disposal of collected litter.</li> <li>6. The Committee will support initiatives by the Council's Biodiversity Officer and other environmental organisations such as Conservation and Nature Walks, and Bat Walks.</li> <li>7. The Committee will support and encourage the Council's and community initiatives that involve tree planting, improve Neighbourhood biodiversity and develop Wildways.</li> <li>8. The Committee actively supports and encourages the Tolworth Court Farm Fields rewilding Project, and will promote communication and community projects that support this, in collaboration with The Citizen Zoo, The Community Brain and the Council's Biodiversity Officer.</li> <li>9. The Committee will support and assist in the development of community 'Friends Groups' that wish to maintain, enhance and make our parks and green spaces more accessible.</li> <li>10. The Committee will support the Council to maintain communal public Sports Pitches, Green Spaces, and Playgrounds.</li> <li>11. The Committee will work with partners such as the Police Safer Neighbourhood Teams to ensure that green spaces are used appropriately and safely.</li> <li>12. The Committee will support the Council to work with local residents to maintain Community Allotment plots and encourage the development of Friends of Allotment Groups &amp; Community Gardens.</li> </ol>

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<p>The Committee will support the Council's strategic objectives to improve air quality and actively address climate change in our Neighbourhood.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Committee will protect and enhance our Green Belt across the Neighbourhood, so that it continues to provide a green lung for our Borough.</li> <li>2. The Committee will prioritise Neighbourhood Grants for community projects that support carbon reduction, improve air quality, support greening and planting in the Neighbourhood, and from groups that promote and encourage recycling, reusing and repurposing of materials.</li> <li>3. The Committee will encourage environmental advice to be available in our Community Hubs i.e. sustainable energy options (e.g. the "Solar together project")</li> <li>4. The Committee will support local activities or projects that aim to improve air quality and tackle climate change.</li> <li>5. The Committee will ensure that local priorities are fed into the Air Quality officer group.</li> <li>6. The Committee will work with the community to support the implementation of the outcomes of The Citizens Assembly in our Neighbourhood.</li> <li>7. The Committee will work with Council officers to ensure every opportunity is taken to develop School Streets where appropriate.</li> <li>8. The Committee will work with our Highways Team to re-wild highways and promote greening of curb-sides.</li> <li>9. The Committee will promote buying locally from local businesses and endorse those that sell locally-sourced products.</li> <li>10. The Committee will actively work with Council Officers to promote knowledge of the locations of current and future electric-car charging infrastructure and charging points to local communities.</li> </ol>