

COMMUNITY CONCERN
NOTES FROM MEETING WITH K. CLARKE, MP QC 15 11 08

Present: K Clarke MP, QC, Tim Chamberlin, Paul Durber.

Introduction: TC stated that we feel betrayed by the democratic process. The quality of life within our area is deteriorating and the problems are not being addressed.

Parking: We have made practical, strategic suggestions which have been ignored, we have not had any response to our letters and the problems have been made worse by the introduction of Civil Parking Enforcement.

KC to ask the Borough Council to give the reasons for not implementing our suggestions.

Congestion: We have severe and worsening congestion. We have no Local Plan and yet new building is continually sanctioned.

KC stated that a new Local Plan is being created.

Health Centre: We pointed out that the Borough and County Councils have not co-operated in the use of the existing site for the new Health Centre.

KC agreed that the County have been intransigent. No action agreed.

Borough and County Councils. We don't think that there is local participation in the workload planning processes of the Borough and County Councils. KC stated that we have elected Borough and County representation.

Checks and Balances: We believe organisations were created by Government directive to ensure that Borough and County Councils delivered at local level.

These are the Local Strategic Partnership (Borough) and the Local Area Agreement Working Party (County). We are unable to find any real output from these groups.

KC will ask if we can make a presentation to the LSP.

Ecotown: KC is hoping that the scheme will be postponed indefinitely.

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