



Charlton Village Residents Association

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5 September 2018

Dear Charlton Village Residents

This newsletter is dedicated to the Shepperton Studios proposed expansion.

Firstly, what has happened so far, in July/August many residents attended the information sessions and residents have expressed concerns about the increase in traffic through our village. So we then set up a meeting with our Councillors and the Shepperton Studios development team (Turley).

At these meetings we expressed our concerns on behalf of the Village, letters were then sent to: Turley, Shepperton Studios, Kwasi Kwarteng, our Local Councillors, Spelthorne Council and Surrey County Council. (please go to CVRA website www.cvra.co.uk **Shepperton Studios expansion** page to see all attachments and images including letter to MP Kwasi Kwarteng and his reply.

So where are we now ? - The official Planning permission has been submitted and we have until 19 September to register our comments against the plans. Also there is a session at Shepperton Studios on Tuesday 11th September 12-2pm and 6-8pm for any questions before you submit your comments.

They have proposed a new roundabout at Charlton Lane/New Road and Traffic lights at the Bendy Toys roundabout However, the one element missing from the Traffic mitigation plan is our pedestrian crossing ! You will see on our letter to all parties it is the top of our list.

The decision on Traffic Mitigation plans lies with Surrey CC and they have a meeting next week.

Below is the latest email/ information from the Development Team received on 5 September:

It was good to meet you and your colleagues a few weeks' ago. I understand that you also spoke with my colleague Duncan at the stakeholder session earlier today, and would like a bit more information on transport matters, particularly what the Shepperton Studios scheme means for the village of Charlton. I set out below and

enclose some information that hopefully assists with the newsletter you are currently preparing for Charlton residents.

Transport Issues and Impacts

As you know, a comprehensive Transport Assessment has been prepared, and there is further transport analysis in the Environmental Statement that accompanies the planning application. These are both comprehensive (and lengthy) documents that can be found on Spelthorne website. The planning application reference is 18/01212/OUT.

Our work includes an assessment of the average daily traffic flows on Charlton Road through the village in 2031, i.e. future year flows allowing for other development in the area and background traffic growth. This shows:

- In a 'do nothing' scenario (i.e. the studios carry on as they are) that the average 24-hour traffic flow on Charlton Road will be 19,406 vehicles, of which 467 will be HGVs; and
- In a 'with development' scenario, the average 24-hour traffic flow on Charlton Road will be 20,370 vehicles, of which 522 will be HGVs.

There will be an increase in traffic on local roads as a result of Shepperton Studios proposal. We have not sought to duck this, but have instead assessed impacts robustly and identified a package of highway improvement schemes that will more than mitigate the developments' impact.

Junction Improvements

For example, the Transport Assessment identifies that, in the busiest hours of the day, the junctions at either end of Charlton village are already over capacity. There is queuing and delay at the New Road/Charlton Road/Charlton Lane priority junction to the south; and at the Charlton Road/Ashford Road/Spelthorne Lane mini-roundabout to the north. These issues will become worse irrespective of the Shepperton Studios proposal.

However, the Transport Assessment identifies improvement schemes at both locations. The proposed improvements are shown on the first two attachments. These schemes are offered as part of the development proposal. Detailed traffic modelling shows that these schemes will fully resolve the existing issues at both locations – there will be a demonstrable benefit if the Shepperton Studios' scheme comes forward and delivers these improvements.

Pedestrian Crossings

At our meeting on 17 August 2018 we also discussed the residents' desire for a new pedestrian crossing of Charlton Road within the village. Unfortunately our meeting was too late in the process of preparing the planning application to allow us to include that in the Transport Assessment. However, we have subsequently prepared two options (the second two attachments) that we consider to be technically feasible.

We will be presenting these options to Surrey County Council (SCC) at a meeting next week. SCC are the local highway authority who will carefully assess all of the transport work and advise Spelthorne Borough Council whether the studios scheme is acceptable or not. We will be pushing for the pedestrian crossing scheme and **it would help us if there were consultation responses to the application from the local community that set out support for such a facility.**

It's needs **every resident** to comment on the planning application and where possible to go to the session on the 11th September at the Studios - held in the Orangery 12-2pm and 6-8pm

We wanted to hold a meeting but time is of the essence, so please take the time to read everything and go online to the plans on Spelthorne website. We have until 19 September to register comments - please do try to make your comments prior to this date.

<http://my.spelthorne.gov.uk/planning> This application is literally 100's of documents with 1000's of pages and is very difficult to read but if you go to **Documents 12b part 7, page 100 and part 8, page 52**, you will see the roundabout and traffic lights. Please do add your comments to the planning application.

Please do take the opportunity to attend the open session at the studios on the 11th September - they are actually really accommodating and understand our concerns, but this needs more than a few committee members - it needs all of us if we are to achieve - the crossing, roundabout and traffic lights !!! we honestly feel this a major opportunity to get the traffic under control for Charlton Village - our home ! And as the actual planning application is so complicated - this session will make it easy for you to see the plans more clearly.

Please use your own address and quote the reference number in any emails/letters you send. Feel free to copy any elements of our letter you wish to include and of course I am sure many of will have other observations you wish to include. And although this is mainly about the Traffic we have raised other issues, Flooding, Air Quality etc.

Planning ref. no: 18/01212/OUT - Shepperton Studios, Studios Road, Shepperton, TW17 0QD

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If there is appetite to hold a Residents Meeting, please let us know and we will arrange one at short notice as best we can.

We don't tend to use the Facebook Page as it has so many members NOT in Charlton Village and also alerts so many "Officials" and other associations of our particular plans!

Of course many of us will be at the Family Fun Day at the Harrow on the 15 September so we can discuss this then, but as the last meeting at the Studios is on the 11th we have put together this newsletter, which means every household gets the information in time for the drop in session on the 11th September.

The attachments were too large to include on this newsletter so please go to the website: www.cvra.co.uk under **Shepperton Studios expansion 2018 page** - the website is still very much under construction but have eventually managed to upload everything for this important project!

We really hope we have included as much information as you need. And please email us on cvr@mail@gmail.com with any comments etc.

Kind regards

Alison, Arzu, Jo, Gill, Denise, Helen, Greg, Peter, Magdalena and Shivali - the CVRA Committee