**The Lewisham Local Implementation Plan public consultation closing 24 November**

This is our opportunity to ensure the voice of our streets is heard at Lewisham. LiveLee have looked through all of this and recommend that as many residents as possible in both our Lewisham and Greenwich streets respond to this consultation. It is a complicated consultation so we have just focussed on our issues of rat running, pollution and commuter parking.

There are just three of the questions that we want to draw your attention to and we have given suggested responses but it is up to you about what to write – please feel free to cut and paste text from this message or just vent your frustrations and share it with the council!

The introductory page and access to all the supporting documents can be found here:

<https://consultation.lewisham.gov.uk/planning/lip/>

You can go straight to the survey here:

<https://consultation.lewisham.gov.uk/planning/lip/consultation/intro/>

The suggested responses and example texts that you can use are shown in dark red

**1. What is your relationship to the borough of Lewisham?**

*For Lewisham residents – our ward is* “Lee Green”

*For Greenwich residents – tick that you* “visit the borough regularly”

**4. Are there any additional challenges and opportunities that should be included?**

Challenges

* The levels of airborne pollutants, road dangers and rat running caused by private motor traffic is particularly high in the Borough as a result of its location as an inner London borough and the historical legacy of inter-connected networks of residential streets.

Opportunities

* The Borough is well placed, through location in inner London and the layout of the road and rail network, to create a series of low traffic neighbourhoods that are protected from motorised through-traffic and encourage walking and cycling.

Comments on the challenges and opportunities section:

* The introduction of low traffic neighbourhoods as outlined in the London Living Streets and London Cycling Campaign documents <https://londonlivingstreets.files.wordpress.com/2018/09/lcc021-low-traffic-neighbourhoods-intro-v8.pdf> and <https://londonlivingstreets.files.wordpress.com/2018/09/lcc021-low-traffic-neighbourhoods-detail-v9.pdf> should be adopted.
* The funding of low traffic neighbourhoods should include improvement along the main roads that may take some additional through-traffic. This could include;
  + pavement widening,
  + steadying of traffic flows and increasing road safety through the use of single lane traffic,
  + effective planting of trees and shrubs on and around main roads to reduce the effects of noise and toxic air pollution

### 8. Would you like to see a Healthy Neighbourhoods Programme implemented in your area?

*The council’s Healthy Neighbourhoods Programme is the key to getting rat running stopped in our streets. The previous consultation where we made remarks on an online map have been really well received at the Council and they are thinking of using our area as one of the first to apply this programme.*

*So the answer to this question should be* **Yes**

**Please select your neighbourhood from the drop-down list.**

*The neighbourhood you should select from the drop down list is* **Lewisham & Hither Green** *– this is an area like a slice of cake from Cambridge/Upwood and Woodyates/Pitfold to Lewisham town centre. Greenwich residents should select this same neighbourhood.*

**Please write the reasons why you would like to see the programme implemented in your area in the box below:**

The levels of motor traffic in our streets are unacceptable. This is evidenced by the traffic surveys done by Lewisham, the analysis done by LiveLee, the pollution map produced by Kings College London and the tracing of traffic movement on Google Maps.

Both parts of our neighbourhood in Lee Green have petitioned the councils on this matter so our ward councillors at both Lewisham and Greenwich are aware of the extent of concern about rat running, commuter parking and pollution.

LiveLee have put forward proposals that would remove through traffic and stop commuter parking at low cost to the two boroughs.

In the morning this traffic is cutting through a network of roads from A20 that goes from Abergeldie Road to Horn Park Lane to Upwood Road (some then use Cambridge Drive and Dorville Road) before crossing Burnt Ash Road into the network of streets west of Burnt Ash Road to end up at Manor Park/Lee High Road or Ennersdale Road/Hither Green Lane.

In the evening the routes are reversed with Woodyates Road and Eastdown Park/Leahurst Road sharing more of the burden.

Dorville Road and Cambridge Drive are also used throughout the week by motor traffic not willing to wait at Lee Green junction.