

Bowes Telford Community Action Group

Improving the environment by addressing traffic

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Representing residents and businesses living on and around Telford Road, Bowes Road and North Circular Road. Supported by Ritz Parade Traders Association and Broomfield House-owners and Residents Association.

Transport for London submit their latest A406 scheme

Transport for London (TfL) have just submitted their latest A406 scheme to Enfield Council. Will Enfield grant planning permission for the scheme - and should they? **BTCAG says NO!**

Congestion

We support the widening of Telford Road from 3 lanes to 4 lanes (2 in each direction). This should ease the traffic build up along Bowes Road and outside Bowes School. We say do that part of the scheme NOW.

A road safe to cross

The government says get children walking to school. With two schools on Bowes Road the new scheme should be taking this into account. But it doesn't. Instead, the existing bridges will be pulled down and replaced with traffic-light controlled pedestrian crossings, which cars regularly ignore.

Give us new bridges in better locations, making it safe to cross Bowes road and keep the traffic flowing.

Highworth Road and Warwick Road take strain

From Tewkesbury Terrace around to Brownlow Road many of the side roads on the south side will be either left-turn-in left-turn-out or blocked off completely. If you live on one of these roads you may favour this. But Highworth Road, a narrow, residential road and Warwick Road, already a busy rat run will carry much more traffic. **BTCAG say no roads should be blocked off and all side roads should become left in left out - safer and fairer for all.**



BTCAG take Transport for London on a tour of the A406 to show them what the area is really like! Joanne McCartney AM, Graham Jones TfL Project Manager, Adrian Bishop-Laggett FERRA, Peter Riddington BTCAG.

Don't demolish our shops

The dentist and chemist would thankfully escape demolition. But part of the Ritz Parade would be pulled down to make way for an extra lane. We need the shops more than the extra lane. **Keep our local businesses. Don't destroy them to make way for yet more polluting traffic.**

Did TfL consult you?

Transport for London have consulted British Waterways, The British Trust for Ornithology and the Coal Authority. **What about consulting those of us who live and work here?** By law, we the community should have been consulted but we were not.

Opposing the scheme

BTCAG opposes the scheme and asks you to visit **Palmers Green library** and **Bowes Road library** to view the

plans. You need to send your views to the Assistant Director (Planning and Transportation), PO Box 53, Civic Centre, Silver Street, Enfield, EN1 3XE or email development.control@enfield.gov.uk by **31st January 2007.**

Public meeting for you to discuss the new A406 scheme as proposed by Transport for London.

Thursday 18th January, 7.30pm-9.30pm, Bowes School

Organised and Chaired by David Burrowes MP

Please do come along and give us your opinion. We need to work together to get a scheme that works for us, the people who live and work in the area.

Bring empty homes back into use

Derelict properties along the North Circular give the area a run-down appearance and contribute to blight. Many could be put back into use for families who need homes.

Transport for London own these homes and show no sign of renovating them. But could they be forced to take action?

A little known piece of legislation introduced in 1980 could force them. A Public Request to Order Disposal, or PROD, is simply sent to the Government Office for the London Region asking for enforced disposal, ie making them available for use.

Test Case

BTCAG is testing this law, already successfully used in other parts of the country. We're starting with fourteen unused properties on a stretch of the



Blighted A406

North Circular east of Green Lanes.

The case for these houses being brought back into use is straightforward. The North Circular has already been widened here. And there are families who need them.

If the legislation works there, then BCTAG will try properties along Bowes and Telford Road where the situation is more complex, due to squatters and the huge question marks posed by the proposed North Circular widening.

Where's our pedestrian crossing?

Anyone who has scurried across Brownlow Road at the junction of the North Circular knows that having eyes at the back of the head would be useful. It's not that safe further up the road either as several casualties can testify. As for the only other official crossing, outside the tube station, the large amount of money spent warning drivers not to turn left into Brownlow seems to have been wasted.

Fed-up with running the daily gauntlet, residents gathered near the junction with York Road in November to protest at the Council's failure to honour its commitment to put a safety crossing on Brownlow Rd.

Around thirty of us turned up to be greeted by torrential rain. With the full co-operation of the police and

whilst they held back the traffic we demonstrated, unrolled our own zebra crossing and displayed banners with our demands.

Drivers showed great patience and demonstrated their support when they were allowed to move again. Even the weather had relented by this time.

A local paper gave the demonstration positive coverage with a picture of damp protesters manning our crossing.

With the proposed improvements for the area, which include a safety crossing at the North Circular, can we hope that the Council will take heed and actually do what they said they would before there is another casualty?

What BTCAG want:

from Transport for London

- (a) Transport for London (TfL) to consult with the community.
- (b) The scheme to take into account the requirements of the community.
- (c) Telford Road to be widened to two lanes each way, now.
- (d) No road closure without full local consultation.
- (e) Construction of a footbridge in a suitable location. The present one outside Bowes Infants School is to be demolished.
- (f) No business should be demolished.
- (g) Any road scheme developed in the area should not inhibit the economic viability of the businesses in the area.
- (h) Houses owned by TfL to be brought back into use.
- (i) For each home that is demolished during development of A406 scheme another should be built.
- (j) If some homes must be demolished the homes at the back should be protected, taking into account: security, airborne pollution, sound pollution.
- (k) TfL to clean Telford Road, Bowes Road and North Circular Road on a regular basis.
- (l) The huge profits (estimated £70million) to be made by TfL through the sale of land and property be ploughed back in to the area.

From Enfield Council

- (m) All local traffic calming measures to be consulted on fully.
- (n) 20mph zone to be created. Self-enforcement via flashing signals or other appropriate methods.
- (o) Brownlow Road. No pedestrian crossing, excessive traffic, speeding, heavy vehicles, lack of parking, bins and street cleaning to be addressed.
- (p) Enfield Council to begin a 5 year programme of street light upgrading. The upgrade to begin in the Bowes/Southgate Green area.

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