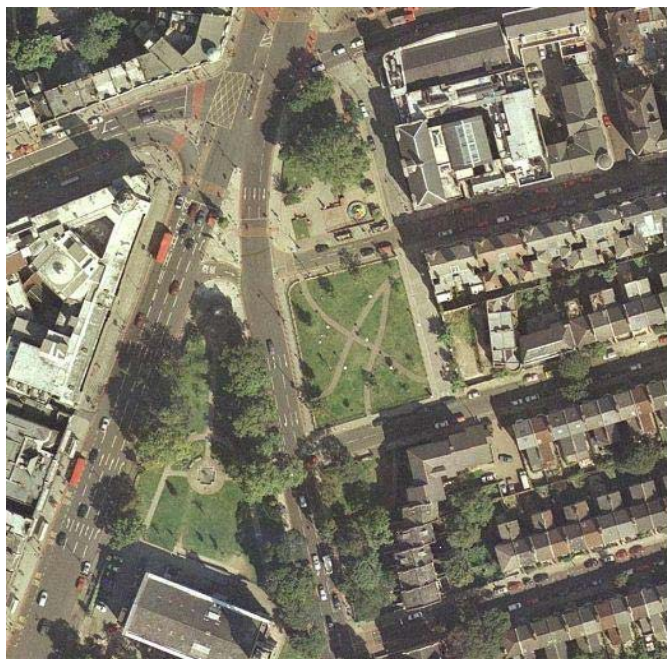


Welcome!

Welcome to the third edition of the Brixton Area Committee's newsletter N-Gage. We'd like to take this opportunity to update you on what the Area Committee have been involved in to make Brixton a brighter and better place. Overleaf you can catch up on a number of exciting projects which the Area Committee have funded via their capital budget, and below is an update on Brixton Centre Square.



Aerial view of Tate gardens, Windrush Square and St Matthews Peace Garden

Brixton Central Square update

We would like to invite you the next meeting of the Brixton Area Committee where an update on this project will be provided.

The meeting takes place on 18th January 2006 at 7.30 p.m. in St Matthew's Tenants Hall, St Matthew's Road, SW2

The Council Executive in December asked for another round of public consultation and asked the Brixton Area Committee to reconsider options for a new road network in central Brixton. The options they want to consult upon are:

- narrowing Effra Road,
- closing Effra Road,
- narrowing Brixton Hill (between the Town Hall and St. Matthews Church)
- closing Brixton Hill

or keeping the existing road layout.

The Executive have also asked Transport for London to assess the traffic options outlined above and to devise a scheme for the Brixton Central Square which is affordable within the funds available and does not require additional funds from other sources. The current scheme requires a further £2 million pounds of funding. Brixton Area Committee would like to see approaches to the home office to fund the deficit.

Existing funds for this project from TfL are contained within their current business plan but will only be formally approved by the TfL Board subject to the agreement of the final business case and design of the Square. TfL have also reported that from April this year they will undertake work on Brixton Road between Stockwell road, and the Acre lane/Coldharbour lane junction. This aims to



combat serious pedestrian and bus congestion.

If you are interested in commenting on the need for further consultation on the five traffic options, or wish to make your views heard on one of the options, please come along to the next meeting of the Area Committee.

Funds for local projects in Brixton

In May 2004 all of the 5 Area Committees in Lambeth were awarded £300,000 each to deliver projects in their areas which would tackle environmental blight and improve safety, as well as improving local facilities for young and old alike.

An initial list of projects was created based on information from the local community and council officers. Then a plan was drawn up for delivery of these projects over the next two years. A great deal of hard work later, the end is in sight!

A variety of projects have been delivered across the five wards that make up the Brixton Town Centre area*. Some of the more recent projects include the installation of play equipment in Canterbury gardens (see picture below) and a full resurfacing of the Stockwell Skate park, which was match funded by Lambeth Housing.

Smaller projects such as the granting of funds for equipment for Ebony Riding Club, a local club working with young people to get them riding and a contribution to the Youth Tent at the Country Show, were equally as successful in delivering locally and had the same impact as some of the larger projects.

One resounding success story was the mobile urinal trial. Four unit mobile urinals were placed in commercially busy areas around the town centre linked with known and persistent street fouling. The use of these went up by 132% over the course of the trial and there has now been funding secured by Lambeth Streetcare to extend the trial (3 sites only) until

the end of March. The trial has also been extended to other Town Centre areas suffering similar issues with street fouling, for the next three months.

Longer term work is underway to investigate equivalent service provision for women and the disabled.

*the Brixton Town Centre area is defined as being made up of the five wards of Brixton Hill, Tulse Hill, Coldharbour, Ferndale and Herne Hill



Play equipment installed in St John's Victory Nursery

Up and Coming dates for your diary

March 29th 2006 at 7.30 p.m. – Brixton Area Committee meeting, St Matthew's Tenants Hall, St Matthew's Road, SW2



Play area at Canterbury Gardens