



Dear Neighbour

- **BORIS BIKES ON MANFRED ROAD – OBJECTIONS TO BE MADE ONLINE BY FRIDAY 13th**
- **WATER PRESSURE AFFECTING THE WHOLE ROAD – URGENT ACTION REQUIRED**

We do hope that you had a great summer and are looking forward to the next few months in the run up to Christmas – please see below a number of URGENT issues which we believe need your attention.

PLANNING ALERTS:

- Boris Bikes - On Manfred Road (behind Schubert Road) – 2013/3893 – OBSERVATIONS AND OBJECTIONS MUST BE MADE BY **Friday 13th September 2013**.

To register any objections, go to www.wandsworth.gov.uk then click on “Find a planning application” and then enter the application number **2013/3893**. Then click on “View Associated Application Documents & Make Online Comments for Live Applications”. We have included local residents notes overleaf, which you may want to reference.

WATER PRESSURE



YOUR STREET NEEDS YOU!

We need ALL residents to contact Thames Water to URGENTLY request a **WATER PRESSURE CHECK ON THE COMMUNAL SUPPLY ON OUR ROAD** - there seems to be a Major Leak on the mains supply underneath the pavements which has caused:

- A significant reduction in water pressure
- Damp Cellars
- Sunken pavements
- Residents large bills for replacing boilers, showers, pipework and other water appliances
- Not to mention the gallons of water which are seeping into the ground under the pavements on our road, which will significantly damage the structural integrity of our homes!

We would ask each of you to contact Thames Water directly in order to ensure that they attend to our communal plumbing issue as soon as possible – the more of us that call – the faster the issue will be resolved.

PLEASE CONTACT THAMES WATER ON 0845 9200 800

Using Options 1 then 4 then 1

The issues noted below are specifically related to the proposed installation of Boris Bikes on Manfred Road (behind Schubert Road).

We feel it is important that the council is aware of the problems that might arise if the planning application is approved as it has currently been submitted.

The following Reasons, Objections, Queries and Concerns are taken from issues highlighted by local residents and NO responsibility or liability can be attributed to either the Schubert Road Group, Schubert Road Neighbourhood Watch or it's individual members for the following wording, it's accuracy, meaning or interpretation.

The chief objections and queries for local residents concerning the impact of these proposed works are:

1) Safety concerns & Hazards: The docking station is too close to the corner. Drivers often use this quiet road to 'cut through' and drive too fast, therefore an accident is highly likely to occur. This proposal is likely to have a detrimental and potentially unsafe impact on traffic flow.

2) Inconvenience: Trucks needing to service the docking station will block this small road and cause traffic jams and possibly block emergency vehicles from being able to drive along the entirety of the road.

3) Loss of Parking: With the new developments being built in the area - parking spaces are already going to be reduced. The likelihood is that (non-local) users of the cycle scheme will need to park nearby to use the bikes - this will only result in less parking spaces being available. This is likely to cause a knock-on affect to the neighbouring streets.

4) Location: This quiet residential street does not have a high foot fall so it is unlikely if these bikes will be used. All local residents who like to use bikes already have them.

5) Conservation Area: The proposed site is within a Conservation Area - installation of these eyesores is not in keeping with 'conserving' the look of the area.

6) Noise & Disturbance: Local residents (who have a legal right to be able to 'enjoy their properties in peace') will be disturbed, night and day, as the maintenance vehicles restock and check on the bikes.

7) Nursery School nearby: The location of the nursery school, with many parents coming and going, should be taken into consideration - this proposed installation will cause even more of a blockage to the entrance of the Nursery and is likely to cause children (and their parents) to have to walk on the road (around the docking station) even with an widened pavement. The docking station could lead to a rise in unsuitable people loitering near the nursery school on the pretence of using the bikes.

8) Conflict of Pedestrians, Cyclists and Motorists: TFL will widen the pavement slightly, however this will not fully compensate for the loss of pavement space that the bikes will occupy, reducing an already narrow road. Sight lines will be affected for motorists turning the corner endangering pedestrians and cyclists.

9) Street Clutter: The council keep stating that they are reducing Street Clutter - not adding to it!

10) Security Concern: Scheme is likely to attract Vandals - who will be more likely to damage these bikes on a quiet residential street versus a busy road.

11) Damage: Bikes are likely to be covered in bird mess due to location of nearby trees - users (if there are any) are likely to favour an alternative dock - such as the Mexfield Road site. There is potential for bikes to scratch against cars as they pass through the street. Waste/Refuse collections are going to have trouble turning such a narrow corner - once the increased pavement size (which is needed to accommodate these bikes) has been installed.

12) Structural Concerns: Tree roots of nearby mature shrubbery likely to be damaged. Possible power cables and pipework likely to be either damaged or would need to be relocated in order to successfully complete this installation - resulting in possible power and water cuts to local residents whilst work takes place. Possible structural damage to St Stephen's Gardens could result as it is built directly onto the London Clay.

13) Thought Process: Why install Boris Bikes in this location when there are no local cycle lanes? Are TFL simply trying to fulfil a quota set in place by The Major's office and waste money unnecessarily? Rather than actually supplying a demand?

14) Unviable: Simply a waste of TFL's money installing this installation into such a lightly populated street. Site is not immediately obvious to those travelling from the tube or local bus routes. Those residents that use bikes already have bikes.

Suggestions for alternative sites: Outside the Vantage Building - having spoken with the developers/Freeholders of the Vantage building - they are interested in having TFL bikes on the pavement outside their building - closer to the tube and in a more obvious and prominent location.

This wording above is available on www.schubertroad.org – in case you would like to copy and paste any/all wording directly into the observations/objections section of the planning portal.