

SOVAP ACTION PLAN:

May 2022 Update

Items in red indicate underway or achieved.

New Items: The White Swan: Add the restoration of the public house as a priority activity. – The White Swan was a valued resource for the community, providing a safe environment for local people to drink, work, include families and children and provide a venue for many community activities. Should this venue be restored?

Charlton Village: a picturesque historic intervention between Greenwich and Woolwich or a strategic mid point linking the north / south axis between Greenwich and Canary Wharf / Stratford as London moves further eastwards?

No	Intention	Action	Who	RBG dept.
1.	<i>STREET & DESIGN</i>			
1.1	20mph zone:	Established 2020; following pressure from Cllr Linda Perks. Extent: Cemetery Lane to Blackheath Standard. Traffic appears calmer. See Charlton Champion: 25.03.22:Charlton Road is an accident waiting to happen.		✓
		Restrict access of vehicles through Village to less than 1 Ton.		
1.2	Removal of central demarcation & road markings.	No change. Issue remains a live subject.		
1.3	Reduce signage	To be pursued + Village Welcome sign.		
1.4	Pollution survey	Ask RBG to carry out regularly.		
1.5	Re-establish Drinking Fountain.	Discussed but cost is said to be prohibitive. Pursue further? Damage to roof has been reported to RBG, who are assessing the damage.		
2.	<i>VILLAGE SERVICE ROADS</i>			
2.1	Improvement Strategy	Fletching Road extended as a pedestrian route linking Fairfield Grove/ Lansdowne Lane/Village to Charlton Church Lane through the new RBG Meridian housing.		

2.2		Outstanding jobs: clean up back entrances. Service roads need overall upgrade strategy on Village side - understandably treated as back yards by traders. Torrance Road cleaner than Fletching due to recent installation of gates.		
2.3	Public toilet facilities.	More research needed.		
2.4	Green Space at junction of Fairfield Road and Fletching Road	Owned by a housing association. Clean up programme – litter pick.		
3.	CAR PARKING			
3.1	Review of parking arrangements in service roads & free car parks	Raised with RBG in 2020 but would incur costs. Pursue.		
3.2	Loading bay and wheelchair drop-off by Earle Place.	In constant use by Traders. Has an agreement been reached – ask Bee the Greengrocer.		
3.3/ 3.4	Use service roads for delivery.	The main culprit is Pizza Hut – CS complaints unsuccessful. The Bugle Horn an exemption. Pursue with traders? To be read with 2.2.		
3.5	Review car parks	Repeat of 3.1		
3.6	Include tree planting in new Car park arrangement car park			
3.7	Open up gate way between Torrance Close & Charlton Park	Discuss with RGBH Trust		
4	VILLAGE SIGNAGE			
4.1	Optimise street signage	This was raised with RBG when discussing the 20mph but we were told there was not the budget to do this too. Push for a Village Welcome sign – who funds this?		
5	BUILDING OWNERSHIP			
5.1	Compile list of owners	A list was started by Cllr Linda Perks. LP is currently seeking an update. CS to pursue with Truepenny.	✓	✓
5.2 & 9.1	Has RBG given a synopsis of the Conservation Management Strategy to owners / Traders.	Ask Rebecca Duncan if Strategy & Design Guidance are given to new people as shops change hands. * No, developers are advised that the documents are online . A planning application would have to show proposals were in line with the guidance.		✓

5.3	Establish a shop front improvement scheme.	One was initiated in the 1970s by CS, repeat this? The International Supermarket 's new frontage has shown the way.		
5.4	Remove shutter contractors stickers	Project for Charlton Society + Traders.		
5.5	Traders Association	Resurrect Assoc. started by Cllr Perks. An issue to be raised with new ward councillors.		
6	BUILDING OWNERSHIP RESIDENTIAL			
6.1	Compile list of residents			
7	TRADERS			
7.1	Develop links between Charlton House, Traders, Charlton Society	* Partially achieved through the 2020 Charlton Society Street Exhibition. * Discuss Ch. Hse relationship with Village for Horn Fayre – CS stall to be located in Earle Place creating a secondary site with traders and St Lukes.	✓	
7.2	Investigate shops difficult to access by wheelchair.	Suggest solutions.		
7.3	Develop a High Street Renaissance Project	Needs more discussion as to what this involves. Activate empty shops ? How ?		
8	SHOP WINDOW / SIGNAGE COMPETITION			
8.1	Award an annual prize for most attractive and best-kept shop front	Identify criteria, funding sources, who administers this?		
9	ESTATE AGENTS	Subsumed in 7.		
10	EARLE PLACE			
10.1	VILLAGE Earle Place: Earle Place was identified in the SOVAP as an excellent site to enhance as a Village Square, discussed with and furthered by the Traders themselves: * The Greenwich Greengrocer planted one tree surround, * CS Christmas lights for 2020; * The Baguette expanding its seating area; * The RBG providing 'Street Eats'. * CS stall in Earle Place - Nov. 2020 CS Street Exhibition.	* Work with traders to discuss further improvements. * Work with ward councillors. * Enlist help of Charlie MacKeith. * Discuss with RGHT how to improve pedestrian links between Village and Charlton House and pavement improvements. * Festival of Lights * Street Stall for 2022 Horn Fayre ? * Unify Earle Place with memorial and St Lukes with shared pavement platform.		
10.2/ 10.3/ 10.4	Consider overall redesign for Earle Place including improvement of planters.	Relocation of central tree was discussed with RBG Parks dept. but considered not possible. CS project to fully plant out circular planters.	✓	✓
10.5	Summerhouse:	luminate pavement – level lights		

10.6	Investigate available grants.	Responsibility of RGHT		
11	PAVEMENT PLANTERS			
11.1	Repairs / modification to existing planters.	Brick planters repaired in 2020		✓
11.2	Assess, / suggest alternatives to current RBG planting scheme.	<p>* A number of discussions have been had with RBG Parks department, most delayed by Covid.</p> <p>* The Green Grocer has partially planted one of the circular planters.</p> <p>* Discussions restarted in April 2022.</p> <p>* Memorial planting to remain formal.</p> <p>* 1.04.22 Photos of alternative planting sent to RBG Parks – John Porritt.</p> <p>* JP is checking that the cost is within RBG's budget.</p> <p>* CABAHS members suggested they might be able to supply plants: 8.04.22</p>	<p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p>	✓
11.3	Research alternative planting schemes	Suggested new planting regime provided by Roden, 2020 – see above.	✓	
11.3a	Earle Place: Metal Planter walls	<p>* Draft Mosaic Design decoration on hold until plan for revamp of planters agreed.</p> <p>* Add seats include in an overall design</p> <p>* Rebecca Duncan : What permissions required given Conservation Area.</p> <p>* Complete removal of gravel and plant up. – CS / traders project ?</p> <p>* 30.03.22 RBG Parks have no budget to remove the shingle surface .</p>		
11.3b	Assembly Rooms planters <i>NB: area in front of Assy Rms (already has special paving), is used as key secure social area – support and elaborate through design. The area should mirror Earle Place, tying both ends of the Village (and Charlton House) together.</i>	<p>* Replace iron safety railings with planters to maintain a secure frontage for Assembly Rooms users especially children.</p> <p>* Replant as with other planters.</p> <p>*Propose changes to frontage to provide an outdoor seating area to the Assembly Rooms. Involve Charlie MacKeith + Charlton House.</p>		
11.4	Greenwich in Bloom competition for Charlton Village	<p>Work this up with Traders and RBG</p> <p>* Involve Parks and CS in planting improvements to enter Village into competitions. ViB competition could add impetus to improvements.</p> <p>* Work towards Village in Bloom for 2023</p>		

12	TREE PLANTING			
12.1	Survey Trees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Survey done 2018 by RBG & CS. * Following email discussion with Parks, suggest status quo for 2020 to give time to design a new planting scheme. * Include trees planted in front of the Trims parade. 	✓	✓
12.2 & 12.3	Involve Traders and residents for proposals of any new schemes.			
12.4	New Trees	* 2 New London Plane trees were planted in front of 1 The Village in place of bollards.		✓
13	LANSDOWNE PLACE			
13.1	Design /animate the space/ include public toilet?			
14	STREET FURNITURE			
	Discuss a new style of street furniture as opposed to generic RBG style, including revamp of St Lukes. RBG should always consult when introducing new street furniture in a conservation area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * RBG did not consult when replacing the seats by the Memorial. * churchyard looking better 		✓
		St Luke's improvements grant. RN update 13.04.22: * New notice boards, blue aluminum on order; sourcing new litter bins; other minor improvements in hand.		
15	YORKSTONE PAVING	Discuss with RBG including provision for wheelchair users.		
16	CO-OP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Revamp loading bay area * Improve shutters and frontage * Explore first floor as a community space. * Involve Co-op Members: Janet Gillman; Quentin March. 		
17	STREET NAMES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Formalise use of 'Lansdowne Place'. Approach Rebecca Duncan. * Adopt 'Earle Place' 		
18	CHRISTMAS LIGHTS	<p>The older system of strings of lights wrapped round the street trees has been replaced presumably by RBG with a pole lights, Dec. 2020.</p> <p>Bee- the Greengrocer provided a Christmas Tree for St Lukes, 2020/2021. CS purchased lights to decorate the tree in Earle Place.</p>		✓