



Christian Brothers' High School Lewisham

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Report from the CBHS Lewisham Community Consultation Traffic Committee

Held at CBHS Lewisham 4 pm Thursday, 7 December 2023

Chair: Dr Michael Blowes (School Principal, CBHS Lewisham)

Attendance: 4 residents, The Principal, the Deputy Principal and the Community Relations Officer from CBHS Lewisham

1. Welcome

- a. Dr Michael Blowes welcomed the new members of the Committee

2. Apologies:

- a. number of local residents sent their apologies and the Local Police Representative could not attend the meeting.

3. Guidelines of Committee

- a. Dr Michael Blowes explained the reasons behind the formation of the Committee:
 - To give the local community a voice in the traffic solution
 - The school working with the local community to ensure the safety of both the local residents and the School population

4. Annual Transport and Traffic Management Report

- a. An audit report from *McLaren Traffic Engineering* referring to traffic impact – 'Road Safety Audit of CBHS Lewisham' was tabled. This audit reviewed the School's Green travel plan and Traffic Management Plan.

Observations:

- A site visit was undertaken on Monday 11 September, 2023 during the pick-up and drop-off periods of the school. The purpose of the site visit was to observe the local traffic environment concerning the Operational Traffic Management Plan during the peak pick-up and drop-off time and observe if there are any issues with the operation of the surrounding streets.
- The traffic flow efficiency and impact to the local road network was significantly improved from previous site inspections in both the AM and PM periods
- No U-turns were observed and two three-point turns were observed on Denison Road before and after the main pick-up period
- drop-off procedures along The Boulevard working well but the PM pickup could be improved if cars moved forward to the front positions.
- The report stated that school staff were observed supervising The Boulevard and Denison Road before and after school
- A significant number of students walk to school. This is likely a result of students travelling via public transport.

Recommendations from the report:



- Parents are advised to move to the front of drop-off/pick-up zones;
- Remind parents not to park illegally in Eltham St across driveways or wait in the middle of the cul-de-sac;
- Pick-up area is not a parking area – parents should be told to move on to eliminate queues forming.

Residents' concerns raised

- The report's recommendation that parents park and then walk to collect their son was discussed and the difficulty of enforcing this request was identified.

Recommendations from the meeting

- The School continues to educate the parent community regarding road rules in newsletters and emails by highlighting:
 - Parking regulations;
 - Areas for drop-off and pick-up on The Boulevarde;
 - The need to move forward on the pick-up line.
- The School continues to work with the Year 12 students who drive by:
 - educating students about driving rules;
 - highlighting the impact of their actions on the community;
 - continuing to encourage parking away from the School.

5. The Development Application for the premises at the corner of Toothill Street and The Boulevarde

- a. The development proposal was tabled for 64-66 The Boulevarde and it was met with approval from those in attendance. The application to Inner West Council for the rezoning and development of the site will allow the school to address landscape and open space guidelines in the form of an open outdoor playground area and associated landscaping. The demolition of the existing blond brick building facing Toothill Street does not include the old church which will be retained. New paved concrete paths and steps are proposed to connect the school site with 64-66 The Boulevarde. New fencing will secure the site and a 5-metre building identification sign is also proposed. Public consultation for the Development Application is open until December 20.

6. The proposed works for 95 and 97 Denison Street

- a. Demolition has commenced on 95 Denison and the DA-approved plans for this site were tabled. The demolishers will use the existing driveway of 95 for access. Following a request from a resident, it was decided at the meeting to increase the acoustic fencing that faces Denison Road.
- b. An accredited certifier will also oversee the demolition of the block of apartments that face 86 The Boulevarde over the summer period. It is not envisaged that any building will commence on this site until mid-year but demolition over the summer break was deemed to be the safest time to complete this work. The plans for the building which will replace the apartments are being finalised and will be tabled at the next meeting. These plans will meet all legal requirements and building regulations.

7. General Business

- a. There was no further business and the meeting was closed at 5.00pm