

House stairwell. This is totally unacceptable; drug users should not be using the corridors and entrances of people's homes to engage in illegal activities. More needs to be done to arrest persistent offenders and to stop non-residents getting into the buildings in the first place. I have met with and written to, both the local neighbourhood police team and Lewisham Homes ASB team, and argued for better policing and improved security on the estate.

I understand that there has been a recent arrest of a resident on suspicion of intent to supply Class A drugs. As ever the police and Lewisham Homes ASB team stress that it is important to report criminal behaviour so there is a record of it. You can do this anonymously by calling Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

New Door Entry Systems

I have received communication both in favour and against the implementation of the new door entry systems that have been proposed by Lewisham Homes. Some residents are very much against these systems because they think they are an unnecessary cost and will not provide any meaningful security benefits. However, there are others that believe equally strongly that they are necessary, will improve security and reduce littering and drug use in stairwells, and that this is particularly important in light of the removal of metal gates in Heston and Deloraine House. Tenants and leaseholders will be asked their views in an upcoming consultation and I would encourage everyone to take part so that their voice is heard. It is my own view that the most pressing need is for a video entry systems (rather than just phone) in Pitman House in light of the ASB issues raised above.

Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ)

The much delayed CPZ has finally been implemented and there is already a noticeable improvement in the amount of parking available as commuters are forced to park elsewhere. I have had some complaints about a lack of enforcement in the streets around the estate. I have raised this with the CPZ officer and he has assured me that parking restrictions will be enforced on these streets, and that the period of 'soft enforcement' (warning notices rather than penalty notices) is now over.

Please feel free to get in touch with me about your concerns and ideas for improving the Tanners Hill estate. My council phone is currently not working (apologies) but you can email me at cllr_sophie.mcgeevor@lewisham.gov.uk or speak to me in person at my monthly surgery on the third Saturday of the month at the Arthouse, 140 Lewisham Way, SE14 6PD, 10-11am. My next surgery is on 16th December.