

Petitioner:	Rebecca Lord
Petition:	Objection to the replacement fence
Number of signatures:	52
The petition read as follows:	We, the residents of Tom Smith Close, object to the replacement fence being situated inside the existing fence thereby reducing the size of our communal space and in effect donating land to Westcombe Woodlands. We call on the council to accept their responsibility to clear the boundary and erect the fence in its proper place.

Cabinet Member:	Housing
Ward(s):	Blackheath & Westcombe
Directorate:	DHSC

Submitted to Council on:	26 June 2019
Presented by:	Councillor Geoffrey Brighty

1. **Petition Response**

- 1.1 Having taken into consideration the points raised in this petition, The Royal Borough of Greenwich would like to apologise for the lack of consultation with residents prior to the conception of these works.
- 1.2 The new fence will be positioned in exactly the same place as the existing fence which is beyond repair due to the age and condition of the concrete fence posts and wire chain link. The design of the new fence matches that bordering Seren Park private residence which was replaced by the Royal Borough of Greenwich around seven years ago.

2 **Current actions being taken in relation to matter raised in petition**

- 2.1 A meeting occurred with Councillor Brighty, a number of residents and the Woodlands Trust on 7th August to agree the level of vegetation to be cleared from the Tom Smith Close side of the fence. The location and design of the fence was agreed at this meeting. On 12th September letters were hand delivered to all of the residents informing them of the start date.

- 2.2 Works commenced on Monday 23rd September after the children had returned for the Summer school break, for health and safety reason and to minimise interference. Works are expected to be completed by 28th October.