



**Copers Cope Area  
Residents' Association**



6 July 2021

To: Councillor Pauline Tunnicliffe (Chair, General Purposes and Licensing Committee)  
Councillor Josh King (Clock House Ward)  
Councillor Stephen Wells (Copers Cope Ward)

cc: Graham Walton

### **Re Support for reinstating live streaming of committee meetings**

Dear Cllr Tunnicliffe, Cllr King, and Cllr Wells

We are writing on behalf of the Copers Cope Area Residents' Association (CCARA) and the West Beckenham Residents' Association (WBRA), which between us have over 1750 paid up members across Beckenham wards.

Our Associations strongly support the reinstatement of live streaming and further request that recordings of meetings are made available for a period of time post the meeting. The latter will give local people the best chance of catching up on Council meetings, bringing even greater opportunity for residents to participate.

The live streaming of Council meetings has been of great benefit for local people wishing to engage with Council decision-making. Those who could not otherwise attend Council meetings in person have been afforded the opportunity to participate. It has been a brilliant and well received initiative which has allowed far more people to participate than could fit in Council meeting rooms.

There are few things to have emerged positively out of the Covid pandemic, but the ability to interact without face to face meetings has been one. This has reduced physical travel which has helped reduce carbon emissions as well as the potential for transmission of the virus. So, in the interests of increasing democratic participation, continued virus control (not only of Covid) and reduced carbon emissions, we hope that Bromley Council will continue the excellent job of moving to online meetings and we hope you will build on this in the future.

In addition, we understand installing the capability to allow residents to ask pre-submitted questions in-person from the gallery and remotely will require capital investment that the Council may not have at this time. However, we ask for your support in making a fully interactive in-person/online meeting platform an aspiration for the Council in the future.

Yours Sincerely

Chloe-Jane Ross, Chair, Copers Cope Area Residents' Association  
Marie Pender, Chair, West Beckenham Residents' Association

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To protect and promote the interests of residents in matters of local concern.

CCARA, founded in 1935, covering central and northern Beckenham.

WBRA, founded in 1945, covering parts of Kelsey and Eden Park, Clock House and Penge and Cator.