



Local Business Asks, 2022

LOCAL “BUSINESS ASKS” OF CANDIDATES STANDING IN CRYSTAL PALACE AREA LOCAL ELECTIONS, MAY 2022

Shop SE19 is a collaborative cross-borough organisation created in Crystal Palace to promote and support our community of independent local high street businesses. www.ShopSE19.com

We wish to hear from prospective local election candidates about their plans to support our local economy and how they plan to work with us and communicate. These are our current needs and priorities, based on recent experiences of local businesses in the area.

- 1. Make Crystal Palace a safe place to shop, eat, drink and run a local business.**
- 2. Be accessible and pledge to cooperate with other councillors across all local cross-borough wards**
- 3. Navigation and facilitation. Help us communicate with relevant council officers.**
- 4. Budgets / funding: fair allocation of ward councillor and regeneration budgets.**
- 5. Inclusive transport conversation and information.**
- 6. Crime Response / Prevention support.**
- 7. Active enforcement on graffiti/tagging, littering, anti-social behaviour**
- 8. Planning and preservation support.**
- 9. Visibility, commitment, fairness and access to our councillors**
- 10. Help us Plan for the Future.**

See over for more information and detail about each of these “asks”

We will be interested to hear your response to these and how you plan to address them, before we make voting decisions in forthcoming local elections.

We can be contacted directly via info@ShopSE19.com

1. Make Crystal Palace a safe place to shop, eat, drink and run a local business.

Includes: a visible police presence at key times of the shopping day / week; increased CCTV and dedicated officers.

2. Be accessible and pledge to cooperate with other councillors across all local wards, irrespective of borough/political affiliation, on matters to support our local business community and economy.

3. Access and facilitation. Help us reach relevant officers in local authority structures (e.g. regeneration / economic development teams)

4. Budgets and funding. Work with us to allocate **ward councillor / regeneration budget** in ways that assist with community building and support for our local economy. This includes support for younger members of our community: giving opportunities to learn about local businesses, entrepreneurship, our local area and how to get involved now and in the future.

5. Transport. A constructive, broad community conversation about future traffic, transport management and parking in our local area, that does not actively damage recovery prospects and our vulnerable local economy. Listen to established residents and traders, representatives of the wider community who have first-hand knowledge and experience of the area and infrastructure. Improvements in air quality and opportunity for safe and active travel should be everyone's democratic right.

Relevant and timely information from officers relating to any form of temporary traffic disruption.

6. Crime Response / Prevention. More support for businesses who have been victims of crime or other disruptions. Increases in police presence where required. Liaison with local secondary schools to promote a more respectful relationship with local businesses and our community.

7. Active enforcement on graffiti/tagging, littering, fly-tipping, anti-social behaviour and mitigation via coordinated cross-borough street-cleaning.

8. Planning. Support us on planning matters to preserve important local heritage features and avoid disruption from construction/development/infrastructure projects.

9. Show up and be accessible outside election season. Remain representative of and to listen to the whole and wider communities view and opinions, regardless of political view.

10. Plan for The Future. Support our local economy and help prepare it for the future. Work with us to review the viability for a BID for Crystal Palace. Offer regular in-person or remote meetings with ward councillors, officers and a representation of local traders to discuss local economy. Formulate a short, mid and long term strategy for growing and galvanizing a vibrant local economy in SE19

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