

## SCRA AGM – 11 April 2018

1. Welcome; meeting kicked off at 7.40pm
2. Byron Court – Kelly Wallace (Capital Programme Manager) and Jas (Capital Project Manager and resident contact)

First, an update on the construction programme. To expand the school by an additional two-forms of entry (across each year group?); 20 new classrooms, landscaping work, 360 new students, a new permanent entrance on Nathan Road.

Works due to conclude in November 2018. Works have been affected by weather recently – currently one month behind schedule. Working with construction company to ensure no delays to overall timeline.

Foundations and building frame completed. New services are being laid for the Nathans Road entrance. Weekly meetings have been taking place to ensure local resident concerns are being addressed. Staff have been issued with permits to ensure they are not taking up resident street parking – this is a planning obligation and any contravening staff will be pulled up.

Rogue construction drivers – commitment to work to curb this.

Positive actions from weekly meetings – regular sweeping of vehicles to prevent muck on the roads; roads and pavement repairs. Bell bollards to prevent the mounting of pavements.

Secondly, longer-term traffic/travel management strategy (looking to try to implement these sooner rather than later – target for delivering the works is August 2018). Not just construction travel that is an issue, but (longer-term) the increase in cars accessing the school during pick-up and drop-off times.

Suggestions include speed tables, zebra crossings, segregated footpaths and a covered waiting area for pedestrians (esp students) – the programme will be subject to public consultation, including local residents.

Traffic-calming measures being looked at to reduce speeding. School working together with Council and residents to try to change the behaviour of heavy car usage to and from school.

Code of Conduct for parents and students; workshops on the use of cars and behaviour; (data issues to be considered, but possibly) require parents to register their car registration numbers so repeat offenders can be pulled up.

Q: Will improvements/extensions to public transport be provided so parents who are discouraged from using cars will have other opportunities to travel to the school?

A: Point will be taken back. Park and Stride scheme is one option. Perhaps rotas for staff to walk students in to the school. Will also help to tackle other issues such as childhood obesity.

Q: So many issues with parking. Staff aren't happy to park at NWP and walk; why would parents do it?

A: The vision is that the culture itself needs to be addressed and changed. The action plan then needs to be implemented, managed and monitored.

Q: There is still speeding, despite humps in the new road and speed limits. There are so many parent offenders who commit illegal manoeuvres repeatedly and ignore the school, the residents, the police. What is being done and how can this be improved?

A: Need to work together to implement the travel plan. The working groups have been well attended – we need to be able to listen to each other and work together. It will be hard work but everyone wants things to improve.

Q: Will residents be able to drive in to the school for the May 2018 elections?

A: Don't know – will ask and let you know.

Q: Estate can't deal with more traffic. Cars need to be stopped before they enter the estate. Use public transport or walk. What about safety – kids not strapped in properly etc? Why are parents who perform illegal parking and driving not being prosecuted?

A: It is imperative that all parties work together, openly and collaboratively. Early days yet; the travel plan is still in its infancy. Plan is to be very open and transparent, and the Council plans to engage fully with the residents.

Q: Do we know what the percentage is of pupils who live locally and therefore don't 'need' to be driven to school? Perhaps ask parents to state or sign something on parents evening etc to enquire about mode of transport used – *this point will be taken back*.

A: Traffic impact analysis reports will play a part in the measures. The statistics are available and will be taken into account to make an informed decision with regards to the travel plan.

Q: What about parents who have kids at different schools – how are they expected to get their children into different schools and for all of them to be on time? The ideas being generated at the minute are not being realistic. Park and Stride not successful at other schools; not realistic, not going to work.

A: There are dedicated teams who work at all levels to ensure travel plans work and to check how/whether they are working. Many hypotheticals in the question. Park and Stride is not a new concept; has worked at other schools in similar situations.

Q: Free Parking in Northwick Park? Any consideration to extend the car park in NWP?

A: Don't know – not within my remit. Will take points back.

Q: Residents being let down by Council in favour of contractors. *Particular issue about his property will be addressed*.

A: First point is being addressed. Council getting confirmations and commitments from the construction company at the highest/director levels.

KJ has been attending weekly engagement meetings – can confirm that attempts are being made to call the contractors to task for contraventions. Know it doesn't feel like much at the moment, and progress is slow but at least the conversations are taking place and there is finally a forum for these issues and concerns to be addressed. All need to work together to put ideas forth to move forward. SCRA can't help/represent if residents don't speak to us or

let us know what their concerns are/give us their ideas/inform us about what is going on locally.

3. Speakers for OPE were invited but have not turned up. This is an opportunity for residents to ask questions/state concerns that we can then take forward. KP can answer factual questions / for clarity but no political matters.

Various questions were asked.

KP did a brief factual overview about OPE; note – there is no proposal to build on the park/playing fields itself. New homes/living spaces for approximately 3600 individuals, including high-rise flats. £9.9m funding has been received for infrastructure – must be a new road! For access to these homes. Where is this going to be? What are the plans for this? How is wildlife going to be affected? Residents need to be provided with full, transparent access to this information. SCRA to put pressure on the Council to answer resident queries. This is likely to be a major problem for residents.

4. Safer Neighbourhood Team update

Brent, Barnet and Harrow police forces are merging. This will lead to some changes but hopefully not too many changes to local team – will keep updated.

Recent increased spate of burglaries. Team put in for some extra funding and some arrests have been made, stats are better now/have peaked.

Cold callers still a major problem. Drugs – being monitored. Recently - con men calling about checking houses for energy efficiency.

July 7<sup>th</sup> – Crime Prevention Day in the Hall at St Cuthbert's. Firefighters will also be around. More of a community day.

Brief Q&A.

5. 2016 and 2017 minutes – confirmed.

6. Elections

Any nominations for Chairperson? None

Any nominations for Vice Chairperson? None

Treasurer – Pareet seconded

Secretary – Noura seconded

Existing members all seconded. Any new members? None

Paul Lorber – yes (Auditor)

Bommers – yes (Membership Secretary)

7. Accounts

SCRA in good financial health; PL happy to sign off. Brief Q&A.

8. Membership – currently at an all-time low. If anyone has any ideas, please bring these forward. One idea was one done in years past – people talking to their neighbours; taking ownership for a number of houses on a street, knocking on doors and asking residents to join. KJ previously had the idea of an ambassador per street but this didn't really seem to take off. Various suggestions put forward and discussed.

Committee is small and can only do so much. If we had to oppose anything major, the fact of declining membership (and therefore subscriptions) and lack of new members to Committee will hinder the SCRA.

If you are willing to organise any events, you want to get involved and have the skill set, let us know/get in touch! You do not have to be a member of the Exec Committee.

- Printing more envelopes at a second time in the year? To be discussed at an Exec Committee meeting.
- Discuss: doing a case study of something(s) the SCRA has done and informing residents?
- How to get to people who don't read the Courier?
- If Committee members walk around to knock on doors and ask for donations, what authoritative backing/proof can they provide residents that they are from the SCRA? Badges?
- If doing any events, police are willing to attend. Tend to draw a crowd. If let people know the police are going to be there, they may be more likely to come!
- Suggestion that someone from the Committee to attend Memory Café (once a month?) and talk to attendees about the SCRA and its activities / request membership.

9. SCRA Senior Citizen Outing – Hastings, on 1 August 2018. Details in the Courier.

10. Reverend Steve: spoke briefly about community and the Memory Café.

11. Thanks were made.

12. Meeting closed by 10pm.