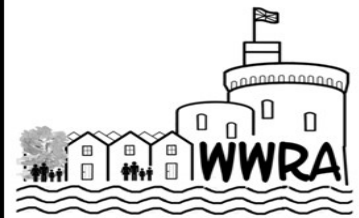


# WEST WIND

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February 2017



To promote the interests & well-being of West Windsor Residents



## VIEW FROM THE CHAIR

A belated Happy New Year to everyone.

We go into 2017 with the thought of 650 new houses being built on our boundary. With what appears to be little thought about the infrastructure required to support this size of development.

The first consultation has taken place with another later in the year. Thanks to all those who attended the meeting held at Windsor Racecourse and that held by Oakley Green Residents Association. Some excellent points were made which were backed up by a detailed response by the WWRA on behalf of you, no doubt giving the Council something to think about.

At the same time the Government begins a four month public consultation on its proposed Heathrow Third Runway plans and, Heathrow to be given conditional permission to construct taxi-ways to allow take off on Easterly operations over Cranford – we will need to monitor their progress.

With a plethora of issues, the burden of work is becoming untenable for our 5 committee members. We need at least 4 more members to join it. I am extremely grateful for the work done by Wisdom & Carole Da Costa and also Richard Endacott in the putting together and distribution of the leaflet we sent out. I can only apologise to those who did not receive a leaflet other than to say, we also need people to act as distributors or collectors. The lack of collectors in particular, is affecting our bank balance.

So, an interesting year to come. We have potential housing development at Shirley Avenue, The Windsor Neighbourhood Plan and a new hotel for Windsor Racecourse.

At least the Black Horse hasn't been sold off for housing.

We will discuss many of these issues and, hear from guest speakers, at the 2017 AGM at 7:30pm at Homers School on Monday 27 March 2017

Thank you for your continued support. I look forward to seeing you at our AGM

*Kevin Chapman*

Chair WWRA

## 2017 AGM

MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup> MARCH  
7:30 pm at HOMER SCHOOL

***With guest speakers from the Emergency Services including the Police & Fire Brigade***

**PLEASE PUT A NOTE IN THE DIARY**

## BOROUGH LOCAL PLAN

The Borough's recently published draft Local Plan proposes to build 650 dwellings on the Green Belt land that lies to the west of Ruddlesway and extends to the Oakley Green Road.

Whilst the WWRA recognises the need for suitable, extra, housing that enhances the quality of life of new and existing residents, this development on Green Belt land is not acceptable. We have serious concerns that local infrastructures do not have the potential to absorb so large an expansion in population and traffic numbers and the erosion of the Green Belt when other, more suitable, options are available. The potential to develop the coach and car parks adjacent to Alexandra Gardens is one example. (see article on air pollution)

These objections and comments on other matters may be viewed on the WWRA website: <http://www.wwra.org.uk/>

A further 6 week consultation on the Local Plan will take place between April & June.

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Whilst the Local Plan will define the Borough's strategic objectives, a group of local volunteers are putting in a great deal of effort in producing the Windsor Neighbourhood Plan. This allows us to have a greater say on planning decisions that will be made in our area over the next 10 to 15 years in terms of shaping and guiding how it will look and feel and issues we care about such as green spaces and the environment.

Following the public Consultation on its draft Plan in November responses are being reviewed with the aim of a Final draft Plan being produced later this year.

You can learn more by visiting the group's webpage at: <http://www.windsorplan.org.uk/>

Concurrently a group of businesspeople are producing the Windsor 2030 Plan for central Windsor. They have produced a Policy Document and over the next few months intend to produce a Plan for wider consultation, to which the WWRA will respond. You can learn more by visiting the web [www.windsor2030.org.uk](http://www.windsor2030.org.uk)

## **50,000 PREMATURE UK DEATHS EACH YEAR FROM AIR POLLUTION**

In the UK, 50,000 premature deaths each year are caused by air pollution, caused by excessive levels of particulates, nitrous oxide and ozone. That is almost twice the population of Windsor.

Heavy traffic volumes entering our historic town cause unsafe levels of pollution at the Clarence Road roundabout and at the junction of Imperial Road with St Leonards Road and the main roads into the town must be heavily polluted too.

If visitors to the town centre and to Legoland had to use a park and ride located between the river and the M4, traffic volumes

and pollution levels would diminish and residents lives would be much improved.

It has been suggested that the Borough Local Plan should include such a scheme and we await their response. Details can be seen on the [WWRA website](http://www.wwra.org.uk/) and at

[www.eea.europa.eu/publications/air-quality-in-europe-2016](http://www.eea.europa.eu/publications/air-quality-in-europe-2016)

*John Holdstock*

## **HEATHROW**

As many of you know, RBWM have allocated £50,000 towards seeking a Judicial Review of the government decision to provide a third runway at Heathrow. Our council are doing this in conjunction with three other councils. The High Court has directed that the review must await the outcome of public consultation, which has yet to take place.

The Government appears unwilling to accord appropriate priority to environmental concerns, in order that they may accommodate the extensive demands of the aviation lobby. This is in spite of previous statements to the contrary by both the present prime minister and her predecessor.

In previous reports we described how an earlier government commitment to provide a proper review of the method of measuring noise disturbance was dropped. In spite of that both our current prime minister and her predecessor both later expressed strong views against a third runway at Heathrow. Subsequently both changed those views without offering any convincing explanation.

It is true that the Davies Commission recommended the construction of a new North West Runway at Heathrow. In doing so they appeared to ignore their own finding about the excessive number of people already affected by noise disturbance at that airport and ignored the concerns expressed by the Fifth Terminal Inspector about the adequacy of the current method of measuring that noise. They also appeared to take an unacceptably optimistic view of the ability of mitigation procedures to address the impact of the increased activity that would result from expanding Heathrow.

The Commission did recommend certain conditions required by their proposed expansion but, once again, these seem to have been largely watered down or ignored. One condition, to ban all scheduled night flying, is a case in point. Another is the absence of legislation which would give strength to the conditions. Air pollution is a particular concern.

Several members continue to wonder what happened to the Cranford Agreement. This was abolished by the government of the day in 2009 in order to allow flight operation in and out of Heathrow to be more evenly distributed. We were first advised that the necessary work would be completed in 2013, and then 2015.

There is expected to be a consultation of the National Planning System in the coming weeks and latest advice is that there will be reference to Cranford at that time. Let us hope so. It is nine years since the agreement was abolished and yet we are advised that a third runway could be operational by 2026. This appears to demonstrate the relative priorities accorded to environmental concerns and the aviation lobby.

Update: On 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2017, the Government began a four month public consultation on its proposed Heathrow Third Runway plans; [more information and guidance to follow on the WWRA website in the near future.](#) In the same press release, the Government also announced that Heathrow had been granted conditional permission to build the taxi-ways necessary to reduce aircraft noise over Windsor by taking off over Cranford on Easterly operations. However, actual noise reduction could still be some time away.

*Mike Sullivan*

## **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

### **WEST WINDSOR NEEDS YOU**

The last year has been a challenge with only a few active members trying very hard to keep the association going.

There are two major proposals in our area that if left unchallenged will have a huge im-

pact on our community.

- The local borough plan proposes the development of green belt land HA11, the land between and including the two garden centres. This proposal is for 650 houses a school, a doctor and dentist surgery, along with playing fields.
- The proposal to close Windsor fire station at night.

For the association to be able to challenge these proposals we need more active members.

- We need a minimum of four new volunteers to join the committee.
- We need more newsletter delivers and sub collectors.
- We need members to be active on social media.
- We need members to encourage friends and neighbours to the association and get involved in the community.

We currently have 30% of our members without a collector/distributor as several collectors have stepped down recently with only one new collector/distributor joining us since the AGM in 2016.

Newsletters are one of the most important ways for the WWRA to stay in touch with members and communicate important plans about changes to our area.

If you could help us with this task we would be very grateful.

So if you're not a member please join, sub fees have been held at £3 per household this year.

If you are a member [join the committee](#), or find out from us where you can be active.

Please contact Sara at: [travel-lingsar@hotmail.com](mailto:travel-lingsar@hotmail.com)

Together we can make a better community and better Windsor.

*Carole Da Costa & Sara McDonnell*



# Drug deluge in Dedworth? Fire station to go? Find out at the AGM

## MEDINA DAIRIES

We have continued to support residents and discuss amended designs with Medina. Medina have listened to our concerns and have amended the plans to reduce the height of the new build at critical points. The revised plans have yet to be submitted for planning approval.

## Notice of 2017 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The Annual General Meeting of West Windsor Residents Association will be held at 7:30 pm on Monday 27th March 2017 at Homer School, Testwood Road, Windsor. All Members are invited to attend and newcomers are always welcome.

We will be joined by **guest speakers from the Emergency Services including Police & Fire;** Please email questions for our guests to [wisdomdacosta@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:wisdomdacosta@hotmail.co.uk) by 24 March 2017

The tear-off slips below for 'Nominations for the Executive Committee' (which must be agreed by the nominee) and 'Motions for Discussion' should be sent to me prior to the meeting. Proposers and Seconders must be members of the Association.

At the close of the formal proceedings there will be a cheese and wine buffet.

Kevin Chapman, Chairman, 17 Whiteley Tel: 01753 863 146

### AGENDA

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| 1) Apologies for absence                         | 7) Aviation report                  |
| 2) Minutes of Meeting held in March 2016         | 8) Political Party status           |
| 3) Matters arising                               | 9) Treasurer's Report               |
| 4) Chairman's Report & ratification of decisions | 10) Membership Secretary's Report   |
| 5) RBWM Local Plan / development of Green Belt   | 11) Election of Executive Committee |
| 6) Neighbourhood Plan for Windsor                | 12) Any other business              |

### Nominations for the Executive Committee of the WWRA

Name and address of Proposed Committee Member \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Proposed Committee Member \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Proposer \_\_\_\_\_ Secunder \_\_\_\_\_

### Motion for Discussion at the Annual General Meeting of the WWRA

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposer \_\_\_\_\_ Secunder \_\_\_\_\_

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