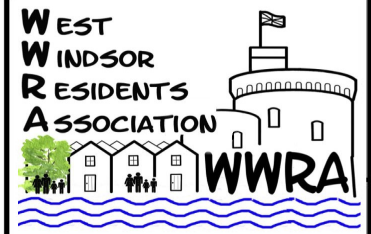


# WEST WIND

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March 2018



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

Dear Fellow Residents,

'Timing is everything', so I am told, but every week something dramatic happens in the corridors of power and the issue is held back until we are confident that what we are reporting to you is accurate. The much maligned Borough Local Plan has been submitted to the Inspectorate, where even RBWM admits it only has a 50/50 chance of success. We support the infrastructure study which has been finally announced, but cannot understand why this and a full Green Belt review were not a feature of the submission? The A308 is already at capacity, with long delays in the morning rush hour, adding housing at Bray Lake, Bray studios and the garden centre sites, plus the new hospice and the proposed hotel and park and ride at Windsor Racecourse, will compound the misery. We will continue to highlight the issues with the inspector, we want a BLP, which brings much needed housing and investment to our area, sadly this one does not. In this issue also find information on how you can get involved in the Heathrow consultation, the boundary review and the latest developments in Alma Road. I am pleased to tell you that, that our Association is in good health. Wisdom Da Costa, continues to work hard to benefit the community, we have strengthened our Executive Committee this year and we are working hard to ensure that Clewer North remains independent and gets the attention it deserves. I hope you enjoy this new look 'West Wind' and I look forward to hearing your thoughts and opinions on the issues debated here either via our Facebook site, or alternatively via email or through one of our hard working collectors and deliverers I also look forward to seeing you all at the AGM on April 11th at NWCA. **Yours, Richard Endacott, Vice Chair**

## Borough Local Plan Update — Message from RBWM

The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead Borough Local Plan will now be subject to an independent examination to be conducted by the Planning Inspectorate. This is a continuous process running from the date of submission through to the receipt of the appointed Planning Inspector's Report. As required by the Planning Inspectorate, a Programme Officer has been appointed to manage the administrative and procedural matters of the examination process. The Officer acts as a liaison between the Council, the Inspector and participants in the Examination, If you made representations on the Borough Local Plan 2013-2033 Submission version, the Programme Officer will contact you in due course on behalf of the Inspector with further information. The Programme Officer's contact details are:

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## Squires Garden Centre to close

As has been widely reported Squires Garden Centre is sadly to close in October, this despite a misleading leaflet delivered to residents by the Conservative councillors for Clewer North and South, which stated that the Garden Centres have been removed from the Borough Local Plan (BLP) and that they will be saved from closure. We must be able to trust our elected members to represent our community, not mislead us for short term gain at the ballot box. The plans were revised for 450 houses without the garden centres. Now with at least one of the garden centres to close we are facing the prospect of an **INCREASE of the 450 dwellings** on this site. With all the local knowledge within community groups, we should have a BLP which we can all be proud of, however as the ruling party have decided to politicise the whole process and make decisions through party whips, rather than consultation, we have ended up with a plan which should concern every resident. The plan as it stands destroys the Green Belt, will bring traffic chaos to West Windsor and does not deliver the 'affordable housing' needed to keep our key public workers in our area, this is simply not good enough



## Your Borough Councillor Wisdom Da Costa

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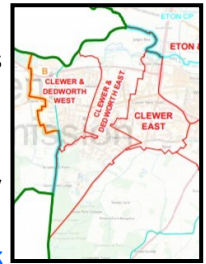
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## Royal Borough Boundary Review

The Boundary Commission have opened their consultation on the changes to the electoral wards across RBWM, reducing the number of Councillors from 57 to 43. This would necessitate a change to the boundaries of the electoral wards, with the number of residents represented by each councillor growing. The map here shows how the new wards would work with Dedworth and Clewer split into West and East, along the Smiths Lane/Wolf Lane boundary, with 2 Cllrs representing each, as opposed to current North/South alignment. You can view the proposals and make your comments below, by following this web link. You will also find WWRA's response on this link and via our website. Goto [www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk) These are far reaching proposals so we would encourage you to participate in the consultation process



## RBWM plan £450k investment in streets and pavements in Dedworth following WWRA campaign

The local Council have set aside £450k to improve the street scene and pavements in Dedworth following feedback delivered to your West Windsor Residents Association collectors over the past 12 months. This is in addition to the work already carried out across Dedworth, the WWRA welcome the much needed investment and thank the community for engaging in the process and identifying streets and pavements in need of urgent repair. We also welcome that the ruling administration have finally decided to invest in our local area after several years of underinvestment and we look forward to our neighbourhood being returned to its resplendent best. Following a very cold winter, we are conscious that potholes continue to blight our community, please do either speak to your collector or contact Wisdom Da Costa [cllr.dacosta@rbwm.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.dacosta@rbwm.gov.uk) if you would like to highlight your street or cul-de-sac as in need of repair.

## Heathrow 3rd Runway Update

Mike Sullivan

WWRA are opposed to the further expansion of Heathrow by the addition of a third runway. There are many reasons for this. Among those reasons are:

- We think it unnecessary because many of the slots at Heathrow are not used in the best interests of the UK economy. Barely fifty percent of the airline seats are occupied by passengers whose journey originates in London. The rest are occupied by transfer/transit passengers or they are empty.
- The adverse environmental impact will be significant because of both noise and air pollution. More people are affected by noise relating to Heathrow than any other airport in Europe despite repeated reassurances by both Heathrow and government sources. Equally we still have major pollution problems despite reassurances that they can be resolved going back over many years.
- We will be particularly badly affected by noise in West Windsor if the new NW Runway is built. Aircraft approaching this runway will be lower than those approaching the current North Runway and will have minimal lateral separation when we have parallel landings.
- Any assurances given by both government and Heathrow are both vague and unreliable. There appears to be no adequate legal legislation to support them.
- Housing and infrastructure (roads, schools, hospitals etc) will be even more stretched and as we know some of the current housing proposals have already caused major concerns.

It is absolutely imperative that West Windsor Residents respond to the various leaflets and communications that have been delivered through letterboxes. The recent consultation at Alma Road was very poorly attended and the message that Heathrow are receiving is that we are not too worried about the increase in air pollution, traffic and noise. I for one do not believe this is true, so I urge you to make a representation to Heathrow and ensure they hear our voices. There are two consultations out at the moment, the 'Airspace Change' consultation is the one which will have the greatest impact on Windsor residents.

The consultation is ongoing until 28th March 2018, via this link:-

<https://www.heathrowconsultation.com/>



## More Foster Carers are needed

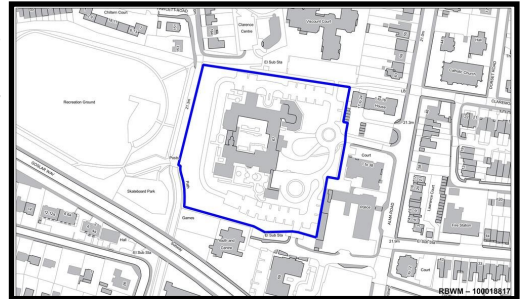
Rebecca Curley

RBWM's Family Placement Team is keen to speak to anyone who may be able to offer respite or short/long-term care for their Fostering team. More Foster Carers are needed plus support for existing fostering families through the form of respite is urgently required across the borough. Contact the 01628 683201 or email [RBWM.fostering@achievingforchildren.org.uk](mailto:RBWM.fostering@achievingforchildren.org.uk)

## Alma Road Development

Richard Endacott

Fresh battle lines have been drawn over the Rank Hovis McDougall HQ in Alma Road as plans for a huge development have been submitted by developers Salmon Harvester. These plans include provision for 217 flats and 105, 000 sq ft of office development. Six years ago another development was approved by the government inspectors, but this even larger, reaching seven storeys high. The development includes provision for 142 spaces for the 217 flats and a further 219 spaces for employees adding to the congestion on surrounding streets in town. The impact on traffic in West Windsor would be considerable and further highlight the lack of a coherent infrastructure plan within the Borough Local Plan. The current application can be found by searching 18/00095/ on the RBWM planning site. An opposition group, Royal Windsor Residents, has been set up, they are objecting to the size of the development, insufficient parking, the lack of affordable housing and the impact on Windsor as a whole. You can find their website by following this link - <http://www.royalwindsor.uk/objecting.html>



## Planning Matters

Mark Allum

We all care about where we live and we are lucky to live in a much appreciated and desirable area. With the almost certain massive increase in housing both in West Windsor and Maidenhead resident involvement in the planning decisions taken by our Council has never been so important. Although the larger scale developments are important it is sometimes the very local and smaller scale planning matters that can have a direct impact on the quality of our environment. We hope this simple guide will help you if you want to be involved and comment on the planning in our Borough. If you have any questions with regard to looking for a planning application then please contact me via email ([markiandp@gmail.com](mailto:markiandp@gmail.com)) and I will be glad to help.

**LIKE ALL THINGS IT APPEARS A BIT COMPLICATED THE FIRST TIME** To start you will need to go to the online planning page which is accessed via the Royal Borough of Maidenhead and Windsor internet page, open your browser at: [WWW3.RBWM.Gov.UK](http://WWW3.RBWM.Gov.UK) From this page you can find planning applications" to, "[WWW3.RBWM.Gov.UK](http://WWW3.RBWM.Gov.UK) --> Then click on Planning. From this page you can find planning applications. You can specify an area you are interested in and the Planning Officers will email you when a planning application comes in. You can also set up a weekly notification of all the planning applications by emailing Natasha Doughty (Mrs) Appeals Officer [Natasha.Doughty@RBWM.gov.uk](mailto:Natasha.Doughty@RBWM.gov.uk) Or phone her on 01628 796515 Another way to see what's going on in your area (ward) is to look at the Planning Weekly Lists, you can download a copy on the current weekly list and search through to find an application that is of interest. You will then have the planning reference number which can be used within the *Find a Planning Application* page. After you click on "I Agree" You just insert the reference number in the Enter a keyword, reference number box and click search. You can also comment on planning applications, but you must register your details first of all. You can of course phone the Council and speak to a Planning Officer or write in.

## Young Person of the Year Award

Carole Da Costa

We would like to start an award for young people who help or contribute in a positive manner to the community. Nominees need to be aged between 13 and 21 years old and live in West Windsor. We will feature their story on the website and news letter. There will be five awards this year. If you know a young person who has helped you, a neighbour, or a charity in away. Eg. dog walking free of charge, shopping, gardening, raising money for a charity anything that shows kindness and community spirit, we want to know and recognise what they do. Please email Carole Da Costa at [ceveleigh@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ceveleigh@hotmail.co.uk) or drop a note or letter to me at my address details on the back of the news letter, with what the young person has done or does. Their age if known approx age will be fine, contact detail of the nominator and nominee. **Nomination deadline 1st June 2018.**

## SAVE THE SWAN

Willie Calvert



The Clewer Group, supported by Windsor Neighbourhood Plan, have nominated the Swan in Clewer as an asset of community value to RBWM, with over 100 residents signatures to protect the pub's future. This followed a meeting of over 90 residents at Windsor & Eton Brewery last week which established a consensus of support for it to be run as a community pub. If you would you like to be involved?

Get in touch with Willie Calvert at the brewery ([will.calvert@webrew.co.uk](mailto:will.calvert@webrew.co.uk))

This scheme is similar to the successful Crauford Arms purchase in Maidenhead.



\*\*\*Many thanks to all of our contributors, if you would like to submit a story please email me via [rich\\_endacott@hotmail.com](mailto:rich_endacott@hotmail.com)\*\*\*

### Windsor Food Share Needs Your Support

Helen Price

Windsor Foodshare – WFS - provides short-term support for individuals who would otherwise go hungry. If you know of such individuals encourage them to contact WFS to find out how to get a voucher. Each week some 45 food parcels are produced which in total contain around some 800 items. Sarah Howard, WFS Manager says “Before Christmas our stocks were running low (as you can see in the picture) and we were having to purchase items. However due to the generosity of local residents donations are matching supply. But demand is sadly steadily increasing so we need more people to donate. What we need are regular donations, so can YOU help us by donating just one item from your weekly shop? We need non-perishable items such as tinned meat, fish or beans, deserts, full fat long life milk, sugar, etc. Why not purchase a BOGOF, keep one for yourself and donate the other to WFS? You can drop of items at Waitrose, Tesco Superstore and at local Churches” You probably know that WFS operates out of the Baptist Church, Smiths Lane and is run by volunteers from our community. To find out more about how we operate or how else you can support WFS then visit our website [www.windsorfoodshare.org.uk](http://www.windsorfoodshare.org.uk) or contact Sarah on [info@windsorfoodshare.org.uk](mailto:info@windsorfoodshare.org.uk)



### Tribute to Murdoch ‘Jamie’ Jamieson

Richard Endacott



The West Windsor Residents Association are devastated to report the death on Christmas Day of former WWRA Councillor and Deputy Mayor, Murdoch Jamieson, who we affectionately know as Jamie, he was 86.

A keen aviation expert, Jamie contributed much in terms of researching and presenting the adverse effects of Heathrow’s continuing expansion, contributing even to the end his thoughts on the third runway. However, he greatest achievement as a councillor was winning the fight to keep Sutherland Grange as open space just as the developers were eyeing up the land for development. As the destructive Borough Local Plan heads to the inspectorate, the residents of West Windsor desperately need a

‘Jamie’ to help ensure our valuable green belt is protected with the same vigour, enthusiasm and independence from the ruling party.

Jamie, of Testwood Road, Windsor was elected to the Royal Borough as an Independent councillor in 1987, representing Clewer North as one of the original ‘gang of 3’ alongside Eileen Penfold and Sylvia O’Donnell, from 1987 and was made deputy mayor in 1992. At his funeral led by Reverend Louise at All Saints Church, his sons Neil and Keith, daughter Carol, led the tributes, of this passionate Scotsman who has a passion for his allotment and the world of aviation. He leaves his Wife Eileen and four grandchildren, we pass on our deepest condolences to the family, but also would like to thank Jamie for his contribution to West Windsor, ensuring that his greatest legacy, Sutherland Grange is open for all to enjoy.

### WWRA Compliance (including Political Party update)

Wisdom Da Costa

If you recall, in order to allow candidates that the WWRA sponsors to be clearly identified at election time (let’s not forget the tactics used against us by certain others in May 2015), the WWRA applied to the Electoral Commission before last year’s by Election in Clewer North. The Electoral Commission have now approved the logos and marks to appear on ballot papers at future elections. Accordingly, we will also be changing our accounting period date from 31 January to 31 December. Other returns are all up to date. The WWRA is now also registered with the Information Commissioners Office with regard to Data Protection and would encourage all community groups to do the same.

## THE WEST WINDSOR RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Important Notice

7.30pm on Wednesday 11th April 2018

New Windsor Community Centre (NWCA). Hannover Way, Windsor

SEE INSERT FOR MORE DETAILS

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7.30pm**

### WHERE

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Hannover Way, Windsor, Berkshire,

**FEATURING • Thames Valley Police will be answering your questions on the issues affecting local residents and providing updates on the latest plans for the Royal Wedding.**

**[WWW.WWRA.ORG.UK](http://WWW.WWRA.ORG.UK)**



**Cllr Wisdom Da Costa will be delivering an update on the latest issues affecting West Windsor Residents including the BLP and community projects.**

**Complimentary Cheese and wine**



## From the Town Hall

*It has been a busy 10 months since our epic by election win last May; Once again, thank you for all those who helped; without people on the streets delivering leaflets and telling others about the WWRA candidate, I and we would not have won.*

*It's fair to say that many big issues have come to the fore since being elected to serve you and, I have been kept very busy with then and case work, getting to know the Council, my responsibilities on 4 panels (Windsor planning, Audit & Performance, Highways Environment & Transport and, the Windsor Town Forum), substituting for other Councillors on their panels when needed, and on the Council.*

*Also, I have been pleased to meet residents at my quarterly surgery (free of charge!) though, distressed to hear of their suffering. Nevertheless, I do what I can to help residents, with your help.*

*With the WWRA, Cllr I have made representations for residents in a number of areas, which I write about on the WWRA website, and Facebook, including on;*

- *Borough Local Plan, so that the Inspector will be made aware of some of its many deficiencies which have already resulted in the loss of Squires and lots of inappropriate housing on greenbelt in our area*
- *Boundary Commission review of ward boundaries, to try and ensure that the identity and representation for Dedworth and Clewer are not diluted and communities split up*
- *Bus services, routes, frequency and cost – come and help me with this*
- *The potentially costly roll out of Universal Credit and it's impact on residents and homelessness in Windsor from May 2018*

*More recently, the Homelessness, Rough sleeping & Royal Wedding debacle that has engulfed the town, following the poorly thought through statements of the Council Leader, has also kept me busy as I try to ensure that any policy we produce is worth of a Royal Borough, and not rushed through, ill considered or deficient in content, without the commitment to funding to positively impact peoples lives.*

*As an aside, I have been shocked by the number of residents unable to find accommodation or, in temporary accommodation, much of it unsuitable, for months on end, some with children and infants. Not only must this be causing suffering to RBWM residents but also costing the Council £millions in rent to private landlords; we could have built appropriate housing, for affordable rents, instead with careful planning.*

*However, I have also found it heartwarming to see how many caring people we have in Windsor. It makes me proud to be a Windsorian and serve you.*

*The work goes on. Come and join me and, together let's make Windsor better for all.*

*My next quarterly surgery will be on 12 March 2018 at St. Andrew's Church.*

*I look forward to seeing you then.*

### Wisdom Da Costa

*For updates, please read my regular Blog on the WWRA website ([www.wwra.org.uk](http://www.wwra.org.uk)) and, find me on Facebook [CllrWisdomDaCosta](#)*

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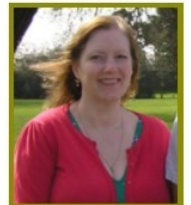
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