



## **PRARA NEWSLETTER**

PETERBOROUGH ROAD & AREA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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Incorporating Clancarty Road, Daisy Lane,  
Settrington Road, Hugon Road, South Park Mews, Sullivan Road  
Dymock Street & Breer Street..

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# **INVITATION**

**AGM**

**&**

**OPEN MEETING**

**WITH**

**PHIL STRIDE FROM THAMES WATER**

**WHO WILL ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SUPER SEWER  
PROPOSED FOR CARNWATH ROAD**

**TUESDAY 18 OCTOBER 2011**

**AT**

**ST MATTHEWS CHURCH**

**WANDSWORTH BRIDGE ROAD**

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**AGM 6.30 -7.00 pm (members).**

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**OPEN MEETING 7.15pm for 7.30 pm**

**THIS OPEN MEETING IS FOR ALL SOUTH FULHAM RESIDENTS**

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**Background information on the impact of the Super Sewer on South Fulham residents.**

All Fulham residents are invited to attend the Open Meeting (which follows the PRARA AGM) when Mr Phil Stride representing Thames Water will speak about the proposal to site the main drive shaft for the new Thames Tunnel in Carnwath Road, and answer questions. The results of this first consultation will be made public in late October/early November. *This is the last opportunity to question Thames Water about the impact this will have on the local community.*

A local campaign group, Residents Against the Thames Sewer (RATS) was formed after the first public meeting organised by Hammersmith & Fulham Council at Hurlingham & Chelsea School in April this year when Thames Water announced that it was now considering a site on Fulham Riverside in Carnwath Road. This was after announcing last year that their preferred site was in Barn Elms. Barnes residents mounted a strong protest, supported by their MP. In response, the newly formed an action group, RATS, gathered over 7,000 signatures in four months, and presented their own submission to the CEO of Thames water, Martin Baggs. This submission was a detailed analysis of the adverse impact of a decade of round- the-clock major engineering works on a densely populated residential area, much of which is social housing, sheltered accommodation and special homes for the disabled. RATS conducted a health survey of residents whose homes are within 100 meters of the proposed site revealed a high number of people whose health would be adversely affected by the impact of this proposal. This has been confirmed by local GPs. The existing site (Hurlingham and Whiffen wharves) are too small, so Thames Water will need to include the thriving Carnwath Road Business Park in the site resulting in the loss thriving businesses and 130 jobs. The impact on the community and local businesses will also be considerable as Fulham's roads are small, and the increased heavy 24-hour traffic will cause severe congestion on all major roads leading to and from Wandsworth Bridge. Fulham faces the prospect of permanent gridlock, which in turn will present a problem for the emergency services. Air pollution, noise pollution and smell are just a few of the problems which residents will face – for many **years** while the work is in progress.



***PRARA wrote the following letter to Thames Water CEO Martin Baggs, to register its protest and has invited their representative Mr Phil Stride to listen to the concerns of the community.***

Martin Baggs Esq.  
Chief Executive Officer  
Thames Water  
Clearwater Court,  
Vastern Road  
Reading RG1 8DB

25<sup>th</sup> August 2011

Dear Mr Baggs,

CARNWATH ROAD RIVERSIDE AS PROPOSED THAMES TUNNEL CONSTRUCTION SITE.

I am writing on behalf of the Peterborough Road and Area Residents Association (PRARA) that represents seven roads in adjacent areas that would be affected by the construction site works.

We wish to register our protest at Thames Water's proposal to site their 'super sewer' drive shaft in Carnwath Road.

Fulham residents were not involved in the extensive public consultation process conducted by Thames Water on the 'super sewer' because we were not deemed a viable site at the time the process went out for public review. Our members have therefore been given no previous opportunity to comment on the proposals for the sewer and potential sites.

We understand that the Carnwath Road site was initially rejected as too small but was reconsidered if the adjacent thriving Carnwath Road Business Park was included (with the loss of 130 jobs) and part of Curry's car park demolished in order to widen the approach road (including the removal of 3/6 trees. You claim that improved engineering techniques would not need as large a space as initially estimated.

What appears to have been ignored by Thames Water is that Carnwath Road and the surrounding streets are densely residential. Within 100 metres are schools, sheltered housing, and social housing specially built for the disabled. The action group, Residents Against the Thames Sewer (RATS), have conducted their own survey of residents within the 100-metre boundary of the proposed site. Of the 1200 residents within this boundary, the percentage of vulnerable, old and young whose health would be profoundly and adversely affected by prolonged engineering works was extremely high. They will submit this detailed report in the RATS submission in due course.

Also severely affected will be the quality of life of the residents in the immediate area – by air pollution resulting from traffic congestion on already busy roads, smell, noise, dust, not to mention the blight on property values which is already beginning to emerge. The anticipated severe traffic congestion in the area will also pose a problem for emergency for the emergency services, especially as the residential roads leading off the main arterial roads will become rat-runs.

Carnwath Road is entirely inappropriate as a site for the construction project which it is estimated would take 7 years of round-the-clock work. Even if Thames Water intends to enclose the construction site in an outsize 'barn' this will do little to protect residents' lives from the inevitable disruption that such a major project will cause. No doubt cranes will be needed – so how do you propose to enclose a crane?

Finally, using Carnwath Road as a sewer construction site would sabotage the South Fulham Riverside strategic development plans and the resultant improvements that will benefit local residents including our members.

On behalf of all our members and the roads in which they live we therefore request that you abandon Carnwath Road as a potential construction site.

I look forward to your reply.

Sue Oriel  
Co-ordinator PRARA.



### **South Park**

The extensive lobbying by local people - and thank you to all PRARA members who did so - and all the work put in by the Friends of South Park for their submissions to, and appearance at, the Public Examination of the Council's Core Strategy resulted in the Inspector ruling against any boundary change. Following this good news the Friends are pursuing their plans to bring the Lodge and North West corner into public use.

The new childrens' play area is now almost all open and is the first high profile element of the regeneration master plan to be completed.

### **The Charlotte Sullivan covenant**

The research undertaken by the Friends to support their objection to the South Park boundary change wanted by the Council, found that four groups of houses in the PRARA area are beneficiaries of the protective covenant that Charlotte created when she sold the land for the park to the Borough of Fulham in 1903. Legal Opinion concluded that the covenant is binding on the London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham (the Council being the current owner of the park) and the Council has acknowledged the covenant. The current owners of the houses with the benefit of the covenant have signed, or are signing, a statement to this effect, in case such a statement is needed to counteract any future threats to the park that might arise. The covenant states that the land must be solely used for the purposes of a recreation ground or park for the use of the public in the Borough of Fulham and the only properties that can be built on the land are those necessary for such recreational use.

### **The Peterborough School building**

Contrary to some reports that have been circulating locally, the Council have advised that the Ecole Marie d'Orliac (the Lycee primary school) is not moving out of the Peterborough School building in Clancarty Road. Discussions are, however, underway on how best to respond to increasing demand for places both on this site and at Holy Cross RC primary school, the Ecole's partner school in the delivery of bi-lingual education. The broad intention is that agreed changes should be in place by September 2013, when Queensmill School (which occupies the other half of the Peterborough School building) moves to its new premises. This move and the Ecole's expansion into the whole building has been planned for some time and there will be community consultation before any strategy decisions are finalised and changes implemented. PRARA is contributing to the current discussions.

### **Neighbourhood Watch report from Lance & Sue Pierson**

The significant change just taking place is the loss of Sgt Mark Trower from the Sands End Ward police team; and the appointment of Sgt Pete Nicholson to lead that team as well as the Parsons Green and Walham team, which he already leads. The announcement of this development came in the spring and took us by surprise: we had been told that, although of course the police – like every other public service – were going to have to take cuts to help reduce the deficit, the budget for the Safer Neighbourhood Teams had been secured without reduction. We protested on PRARA's behalf to the Mayor of London, the Deputy Mayor for Policing and the Borough Police Commander. Part of our concern is that both Wards have had a dramatic reduction in crime during the life of the Safer Neighbourhood Teams; and in our view this has been largely due to the excellent proactive leadership of the Sergeants.

Unfortunately the transfer of Mark Trower to other duties within London was a *fait accompli*, and we must make the best of it. If anybody is well equipped to lead the two teams jointly, it is Pete Nicholson, and we wish him well; but he himself is sorry at the inevitable reduction in time that he personally can spend out on the streets. There is talk of a further reduction in the number of sergeants next year: we hope that the strength of our protest may help persuade the authorities at least to reconsider this idea. In the meantime we shall be watching the crime figures very closely to try to ensure that they don't start rising.

In her report at the Neighbourhood Watch AGM, the borough commander Lucy D'Orsi, said that although the number of crimes had gone down people were still fearful which was a pity. She also spoke about the variety of things going on in the borough such as 3 football clubs and new shopping centres. Her priority is to target youth violence and knife crime. She also begged people to lock their cars properly and not to leave any valuables on display. She finished by saying, "My commitment to you all is, you tell us and we will act on it". Just a reminder that you only dial 999 if you see a crime being committed or about to be

committed. Otherwise for non-emergencies i.e. to report a crime or to speak to your local police station, you phone the new number 0300 123 1212.

### **The Duke on the Green -Rugby World Cup**

The Duke has obtained Temporary Event Notices for the week-ends of the Rugby World Cup. This means the pub can open early for the sale of alcohol and for the viewing of the games on TV. Tables can be booked for breakfast and the manager says the intention is to open for all England games and only for others if there are bookings. There will be no outside drinking and it is not anticipated that there will be any problems, after all the focus will be on the games. The final is on Sunday 23rd of October.

Only the police are able to object to these notifications and only in terms of crime and disorder. There is no public consultation.

### **2012 Cycle Race**

Everyone who remained in Fulham on 14th August will have appreciated the enormous disruption to local life that was caused by the Olympic test cycle event, even with the impressive amount of advance publicity that the race received in our area. The Standing Committee concluded that requesting a route change would be a futile exercise and all we can do is remind everyone to keep a look-out for next year's information sheets and be prepared to plan accordingly.

### **PRARA is growing**

As a result of requests by some of the residents of Dymock Street and Breer Street, which run off Hugon Road and have no residents' association of their own, the Standing Committee have concluded that it would be appropriate to enlarge the PRARA area so that residents of these two roads become eligible to be full members and have a voice in the community.

### **MEMBERSHIP DONATIONS**

***Voluntary donations are due at the date of the AGM so we would be very grateful if you could make your donation either at the AGM / Open Meeting, or give it to your road representative or any committee member. Donations cover the cost of newsletters and other printing and maintaining our website.***

### **COMMUNITY INFORMATION: TAI CHI**

Fulham resident and renowned Tai Chi instructor Orrin Ezralow will start a six week beginners course of Tai Chi at the Parsons Green Sports and Social Club in Broomhouse Lane, in October. The classes are open to everyone, including non-members.

**The start date will be on Monday 10 October 6.30 - 7.45 pm and Wednesday, 12 October 3.00 - 4.15pm for the 6-week beginners' session. Please ring the Parsons Green Club on 020 7736 1401 to book a place.**

TAI CHI is of benefit to everyone irrespective of age or fitness. Tai Chi is very good for mental and physical health and can be practiced for its Health benefits as well as improving motor skills for sport. Thus Tai Chi is good for bowlers, tennis, squash, croquet and snooker players and even those who like to play cards or bingo, or sit too long at the computer!

There are various studies which show that regular practice of Tai Chi, can lower high blood pressure, improve circulation, improve balance, ease arthritic and muscular pain, increase strength, calm the mind, increase concentration, improve memory, alleviate depression and much more. It is a very practical method to refresh one's self from tension and exhaustion.

The cost per session is £10 (up to 8 students) or £8 (9 or more students). Although benefits may be felt from the very first session you should attend at least six 75 minute beginner sessions to gain benefit. The more one practices the greater the benefits. Orrin is also available to chat after the classes.

There is no need for special clothing or footwear. Any loose fitting comfortable clothes and flat-soled shoes including trainers are fine as long as the sole is not too angled.

**Teacher Orrin Ezralow**, an ordained Buddhist instructor and practising doctor of Traditional Chinese Medicine began his training 32 years ago and has studied 3 forms of Tai Qi, Yang style as taught by William C.C. Chen, Chen style as taught by Xu Guo Ming, Yang Style as taught by Gu Liu Xin. He will be teaching the Yang Style 108 Long Form.



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