



Peterborough Road and Area Residents' Association
incorporating Clancarty Road, Daisy Lane, Hugon Road,
South Park Mews, Sullivan Road and Settrington Road

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1 Super Sewer fight - act now

If we are to stop Thames Water using Carnwath Road as a major Sewer works site for 7 years, everyone who lives in the south of Fulham needs to **respond to the current consultation and say NO.**

Some 500 people attended the Super Sewer Summit on 7th December and raised powerful objections to the use of Carnwath Road for the Thames Tunnel. It was evident from the responses by Richard Aylard and Phil Stride of Thames Water that unless sufficient people register their objections we stand no chance of stopping their current plans.

You can now respond in several different ways and these are detailed on the special supplement included with this newsletter. A site comparison is on the reverse so that you can recommend Barns Elms as the better location.

The deadline for all submissions is 5pm on Friday, 10th February 2012.

The Thames Water on-line consultation is intimidating. If you prefer to use it, do not worry - just answer as best you can and state the reasons for your objection such as traffic, noise, pollution, reduction in property prices, harm on children and the fact that it is not a

brownfield site but in the middle of a dense residential area and would prevent the planned regeneration of the area.

If you would prefer to make a paper submission using the simplified Survey Monkey consultation form it is available as a pdf - please e-mail Ann Rosenberg whose contact details are on page 5. Anyone without a computer who would like a printed copy of the form, please telephone Ann. She also has as car stickers.

It is vital to act in these last critical weeks. If you can, please also write to Caroline Spelman, Eric Pickles and Boris Johnson. Boris is seeking re-election in May so he will be particularly sensitive to your letters. Writing /emailing the Evening Standard is also effective.

Residents Against the Thames Sewer fulham (RATSf), has now become a coalition, Stop them Shafting Fulham (SSF), as more residents' associations and local groups have joined the campaign. RATSf/SSF is fortunate in having the services of a PR agency, Cascade Communications, who will assist in co-ordinating the current stage in the campaign at it reaches the end of the Phase 2 consultation. Please therefore send copies of your letters and the replies to ewaterfall@cascadepr.co.uk or to FREEPOST RSTS-XUJT-LCXZ, Public Consultation (Cascade), Dorland House, 14-16 Regent Street, London SW1Y 2PH.

RATSf/SSF would welcome help. You can contact them through their web site www.fulhamrats.org. There is a lot of lobbying going on behind the scenes. Weekly update bulletins will be circulated via e-mail and posted on the web site - you can add your name to the list via the web site.

2 Annual Social Gathering - Tuesday, 24th January

Do come to our yearly opportunity for you to meet and chat to other members and the PRARA committee over a glass of wine - or something stronger if you prefer.

Once again we shall be in the downstairs bar at Aragon House on Parson's Green. Just drop in for as long as you can anytime between 6.30 and 8.30pm. Please buy your drink at the main bar before going down. We are hoping that our SNT Sergeant, Peter Nicholson and some of his team will join us as well as some of our local councillors.

3 Neighbourhood Watch news

We have had a recent report on NW in PGW Ward (the north end of Peterborough Road and the north side of Clancarty Road). The good news is that residential burglary offences are remaining at a low level and this is down to a number of factors. Many of the burglars believed to have been active on the ward have now been detained for offences, and are out of the picture for the foreseeable future. Residents are also making their homes more secure, fitting good quality deadlocks, letterbox cowls and also sash window bolts. If you don't have all of these fitted we strongly suggest you do so as soon as possible; they will help reduce this crime further. Now that the nights are longer, please use light timers or leave some lights on when you are out. This is always a very good deterrent and intelligence tells us that many crimes will occur between 4pm and 5.30pm at this time of year, as houses unoccupied at that time stick out like a sore thumb.

The bad news is that Thefts from Vehicles increased towards the end of last year. Many have been related to Chelsea FC match days, where visitors to the area leave items in their vehicles and become prey to the thieves. However, we are still seeing far too many residents being victims of this crime and more often than not it can be prevented. Please

leave nothing of value in your vehicle, ensure that all doors are locked and remove any clues to the possibility of a Sat Nav being inside the vehicle. Remove the cradle and wipe off the sucker marks from the window every time. We have deployed decoy vehicles on the ward and suspects have been arrested and convicted. Prolific offenders have been given Anti-Social Behaviour Orders (ASBO's) not to be in specific areas, or to associate with certain individuals. The prisons are full up at the moment, with many prisoners in custody in relation to the summer riots, so this leaves little room for those committing low level crimes such as Thefts from Vehicles. The best thing is to avoid being a victim, so please take note of the advice above.

Street Crime offences or robbery and theft from a person remain at a steady rate, but we still feel these figures are too high. One consistent suspect, active Fulham-wide, is a white male on a bicycle who often wears a hooded top. He will approach victims from behind and then snatch a bag or phone from the victim as he rides past. The victims don't see his face and he has yet to be identified. Please be aware of who is around you at all times, especially when you have had a good night out drinking and are using your phone.

We have had no similar report for SE Ward (the rest of the PRARA area) as yet, but will keep you posted. Sgt Pete Nicholson now leads the teams for both Wards and he is finding it quite difficult to keep on top of an area twice as big as he did before.

The other problem we are aware of is local youths riding mopeds at great speeds in our streets and in South Park. They often race each other, doing wheelies. This is highly dangerous, and the police want to stop it. But they can do nothing unless we can report the date and time of an incident and the registration number of the bike or bikes. If you can record this information, please pass it on to Lance or Sue Pierson (NW co-ordinators – contact details at the end of this Newsletter).

4 Peterborough School building in Clancarty Road

Discussions continue on the expansion of the bi-lingual education programme of Ecole Marie d'Orliac, the Lycee primary school, with Holy Cross primary school. If the expansion is approved, this would double the number of children on the Peterborough Road site by 2018, with the Ecole taking over the entire building after the Queensmill special needs school moves to a new location.

There would be renovation of the historic main building and a limited amount of new build. The latter is still at very early stages but early indications are that it would not be intrusive. Of much greater concern is the increased amount of pedestrian, scooter and vehicle traffic that will occur and a very robust traffic plan will be required. We are in discussion with the Council about this. There will be further public consultation before anything is confirmed and this is anticipated for sometime this month.

5 South Park update

The Friends of South Park (FoSP) are pleased to report a successful year, including the trial of a café cart in the park that allowed the toilets to be open to the public, the expansion and installation of the adventure playground—the first component of the master plan—and the continued protection of the northwest corner of the park. This year, the Friends also saw the first growing season of Fulham's Heritage Market Garden, the introduction of South Park's Gardening Club, and the launch of two events in the park that they hope to become annual events: the picnic in May and the Harvest Festival in October. FoSP will hold its annual general meeting on 30 January 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at Thomas's School on Hugon Road. Elections are to be held and FoSP are looking for people who are interested in taking an active role in the stewardship of our park.

If you live in Sullivan Road or 46 - 84 Peterborough Road and have not yet signed the Charlotte Sullivan Covenant Statement, please contact your road representative to do so. Contact details are at the end of this newsletter.

6 The Duke on the Green licensing review

Mainly as a result of concerns or objections about the level of noise from customers using the pavement area outside the pub at night, a review of the pub's licence took place on 12th December. Environmental Protection, supported by a number of residents, were requesting that outside use should cease at 9pm instead of 11pm.

It was accepted that the pub was generally well managed with no history of trouble but Young's acknowledged that there was a noise issue at times and offered an additional condition under which a dedicated member of staff would supervise the outside area on the busiest nights during the summer months. After considerable deliberation, the Licensing Committee imposed the following condition: "From March to September, from 8pm to 11pm, 1 fully trained and identified member of staff will have sole responsibility for ensuring that customers are quiet and are contained within the licensed area." In all other respects the existing licence conditions remain the same. PRARA had submitted a statement expressing concern about the problem and proposed a probationary period to enable the landlord, who had for a time been managing additional premises but was now again full time at The Duke, a chance to properly deal with the problem.

7 Pizza Deno licence application

The owner of this daytime cafe has applied for a licence to sell alcohol with food until 11.00 pm seven nights a week. PRARA expressed concern in view of past anti-social problems that had occurred on and around the Sullivan Court forecourt where the cafe is situated but did not formally object, but with the caveat that if problems did arise and neighbours were adversely affected there would be an immediate review and if appropriate a suspension or withdrawal. A decision is still awaited.

8 Please tell the committee

PRARA is here to help you. If you have a community or council problem please bring it to the attention of your road representative or any member of the PRARA Standing Committee. If we don't know about it, we can't do anything to help. Please remember that PRARA representations carry more weight than individual ones.

9 Safer, Healthier, Friendlier Streets?

As well as acting as Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator for PRARA, Lance Pierson wears another hat as a local representative for the sustainable transport charity Sustrans. It is one of 28 national environmental bodies who have come together to campaign for the speed limit in London's streets to be reduced to 20mph.

Where 20mph has been introduced, as in Portsmouth, the streets have become:

- SAFER: 22% reduction in road casualties. 161 walkers and cyclists are killed or seriously injured every week in GB, over half of them in areas that currently have a 30mph limit.
- HEALTHIER: air quality improved through lower carbon emissions.

- FRIENDLIER: more people taking to their feet or bikes and engaging with their neighbours.

If you like this idea, there is an easy way to ask for it. Sustrans' contribution to the campaign is a stock of postcards to the candidates in next year's election for London Mayor asking them to consider this change for our city. All you have to do is sign it, stick on a stamp and post it as early as possible in the new year. To get a card (or more for your friends and family), call in at 48 Peterborough Road, or phone (020-7731 6544) and I'll drop them round to you.

10 Sands End Seniors Table Tennis Group

Sands End *Seniors* Table Tennis Group is relocating from the community centre in Broughton Road to Hurlingham and Chelsea School with effect from the 9th January. *Seniors* guarantees all 60, 70 and 80 year-olds a game and will be recruiting new members once the club is up and running in its new home. Games are played on Monday and Wednesday mornings between 9.30 - 11.30.

11 Hurlingham & Chelsea School sports grant

The school has been awarded £90,000 in the latest round of grants from the Mayor of London's Sports Legacy Fund. It will enable the purchase of a mobile boxing ring, with the remainder of the money being invested in gym refurbishment. The school, in partnership with Sands End Police Community Boxing Club, offers boxing sessions twice a week. These are held immediately after school for students and there is an open session for the public later in the evening. There is also a public session held every Saturday.

12 *Happy New Year !*

Your Standing Committee wishes you all a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

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our neighbourhood going down the drain

Dear Neighbour,

Supported by:



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We wanted to get in touch with you to share our concerns about Thames Water's proposal to use Carnwath Road as the site for the main access shaft to construct the Thames Tunnel – sometimes called London's 'Super-Sewer'.

Just like you, we are Fulham residents; few of us are engineering experts and it is certainly hard to argue against a cleaner River Thames. However we are currently being consulted on whether Carnwath Road should be selected as the preferred site for construction work (**which will take 7 years**) and a permanent building required to operate the main tunnel. The site includes Hurlingham Wharf, Whiffen Wharf and the Carnwath Road Industrial Estate.

We have many concerns about the suitability of this site, located so close to homes, schools and businesses. These include:

- **29,000 HGV** lorries using Wandsworth Bridge Road and Carnwath Road according to Thames Water's figures
- **7,800 school children** located within 1 mile of the site
- **Noise, air and dust pollution** affecting not only the closest residents to the site but residents up to 1.5 miles from the site
- **Impact on local businesses** in the area
- **Prevention of regeneration** in this location preventing public access to the River Thames

What can you do right now?

At a public meeting this month, Thames Water said only 130 people had responded to their consultation. In our view their consultation is inaccessible; too long, badly drafted and requires expert knowledge to complete. We want more residents to be heard so we have simplified their consultation document to a questionnaire. We ask residents to complete the questionnaire and return it freepost (no stamp required) to:

FREEPOST RSTS-XUJT-LCXZ
Public Consultation (Cascade)
Dorland House
14-16 Regent Street
London, SW1Y 4PH

Alternatively, you can complete the survey online at:

www.surveymonkey.com/s/FulhamSewer

Your responses will be sent to Thames Water without delay. If you would prefer to complete the detailed Thames Water questionnaire, it can be accessed at:

www.thameswaterconsultation.co.uk.

For more information on the local campaign against the sewer, go to

www.stopthesewer.com

THE CONSULTATION ENDS ON 10TH FEBRUARY 2012

THE THAMES TUNNEL AND YOU

PRARA INFORMATION PACK

SITE SUITABILITY?

CARNWATH ROAD

- A tiny urban wharf in centre of densely residential locality and at the apex of commuter traffic bottleneck
- At least 180 homes directly bordering site with more than 800 residents, plus a junior school for 320 children, all within an 110 yard radius
- Business park and at least 150 full-time jobs destroyed
- Would completely kill off imminent wharf regeneration and all new riverside recreation amenities and facilities
- Site still 50% too small without two compulsory purchases. Unalterable size and shape restrictions make area difficult and expensive to develop for drive shaft
- Commercial and site development costs up to £200m higher. This cost would be passed on to all Thames Water customers
- Lives of hundreds of adjacent residents blighted for years by unavoidable dust pollution, noise, smell, visual blight and traffic congestion. Home-owners badly hit by resulting property value or saleability blight.
- Social cost for thousands of local people more generally due to loss of planned riverside regeneration and huge increase in local traffic congestion

BARN ELMS

- A very small part of huge available area of flat green recreational space, well away from homes and buildings
- No homes within 220 yards and site completely screened from most nearby homes by stand of tall mature trees
- Not a single full-time job lost
- Less than 2% of available large area of ordinary, unlandscaped recreational land taken up. Few trees lost and no rare species harmed. Remaining 98% of recreational and leisure land unaffected and unspoilt
- Thames Water's original preferred site. Available unoccupied space around site allows optimal site design, shape and dimensions
- Comparative site development costs minimal
- No significant construction impact since no homes within 220 yards and site already naturally screened from nearly all local homes. No adverse impact on local home values
- 98% of unspoilt recreational and green space would still remain available for use of all Barnes residents and other visitors