



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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THE THAMES TUNNEL - THE PLANNING INSPECTORS ARE LISTENING !!

The Planning Inspectors want to hear from YOU personally about Thames Water's application to locate a major drive site in Carnwath Road. So they can listen to people who were unable to attend or speak at the first Hearing, they have arranged an

EXCEPTIONAL SECOND OPEN FLOOR HEARING

**Thursday, 30th January at Hurlingham & Chelsea School
Registration from 6.30pm Hearings from 7.00 - 9.00pm**

The use of Carnwath Road would bring major disruption to our lives and local businesses for 8 years or more. The Planning Inspectors have not yet formulated their recommendations to the Secretary of State so, if you have not already done so, it is vital you come to the meeting to tell them of your concerns.

Even if you attended the first Hearing at The Worx, please endorse your objection to the use of Carnwath Road just by attending this second Hearing.

NUMBERS COUNT - HELP FILL THE SCHOOL HALL !

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1 - Thames Tunnel

The Examining Authority is taking a forensic approach to their consideration of Thames Water's planning application for the Tideway Tunnel. They are asking some extremely pertinent and detailed questions, including what adverse impact would result from the use of any of the proposed tunnel sites. Very specifically, they are now comparing the use of Carnwath Road versus Barn Elms as a main drive site.

This has been an unexpected and encouraging development and both the Carnwath Road Coalition - of which PRARA is a member - and the Council have been and are submitting strong arguments against the use of Carnwath Road. The Council have also proposed an alternative drive strategy prepared by consulting engineers which would avoid the use of either Carnwath Road or Barn Elms. Quite exceptionally, the Council have been given permission to cross-examine Thames Water on this matter at specific hearings on Wednesday 22 January (with the following day Thursday 23 January if necessary) at the Glaziers Hall, 9 Montague Close London SW1 9DD. Anyone can attend. The hearing starts at 10.30am.

Over 150 residents attended the first local Open Floor Hearing on the morning of 20th November. This was an extremely visible and impressive turn-out and greater than at other such open floor hearings. 21 people spoke, all of whom presented strong arguments against the use of Carnwath Road. (A summary of the meeting is available on the PRARA web site.) It is therefore significant that the Planning Inspectors have arranged a second Open Floor Hearing locally, this time in the evening. We urge everybody to try and attend, whether or not you wish to speak.

Even if you spoke at the first Open Floor Hearing, you can speak again as long as it is on a different topic. The Inspectors will have made a note of your first submission. Numbers are important because this is the last chance for Fulham residents to make the point that they are all opposed to Thames Water's selection of Carnwath Road for a main drive site. As there is an alternative site - Barn Elms - the Planning Inspectorate has the option to refuse planning permission for Carnwath Road.

Even if you cannot arrive until after 7pm it should be possible for you to register to speak and have the opportunity to do so.

Let's fill the hall at Hurlingham and Chelsea School so it is standing room only ! Please offer to escort any elderly friends or neighbours to the meeting if they are reluctant to go out after dark.

A short briefing sheet is attached to this newsletter as a reminder of some of the key points that are being made to support objections to the use of Carnwath Road. The Council are also publicising the Hearing with additional information.

2 - Sullivan School

The Council's Cabinet is scheduled to make a decision about the future of Sullivan School at their meeting on 20th January, which is during the time this newsletter is being distributed.

In a Report to the Cabinet, the Tri-Borough Education Department is recommending that the proposed amalgamation of Sullivan and New King's Primary Schools should proceed, which legally means the closure of Sullivan with all pupils transferred to New King's. This would require all pupils to be temporarily accommodated on the Sullivan site whilst building works take place on the New King's site. The main justification for making this recommendation is that there are surplus primary places in South Fulham which the amalgamation would reduce.

The Report states that

The options open to the Council are to:-

(a) reject the proposals

(b) approve the proposals

Any approval should be conditional on:

- *planning permissions being granted for both the interim accommodation at the Sullivan site and the proposed extension and remodelling of the New King's Primary School buildings by 1 August 2014; and*
- *the making of any agreement under section 1 of the Academies Act 2010 by 1 August 2014 for the establishment of New King's Primary School as an academy*

(c) approve the proposals with a modification or modifications after further consultation, as appropriate, including with Sullivan Primary School and New King's Primary School.

The proposals to discontinue Sullivan Primary School and enlarge New King's Primary School are related and should either be approved together or rejected together (whether with a modification or not).

Certain stakeholders have the right to refer Cabinet's decision to the Schools Adjudicator, an independent decision maker who will consider the proposals afresh in the event of such a reference.

The Report records that submissions supporting the proposal were received from the Chair and Head of New King's Primary School and Greg Hands, MP. Submissions disagreeing with the proposal were received from eight organisations including PRARA and HDRA. Further submissions were received from Hurlingham & Chelsea School including one from the staff body with 59 signatories formally objecting to the proposal.

On the 4th December the Committees of PRARA and Hurlingham District Residents Association (HDRA) - who are also deeply concerned about the impact on their area if the Sullivan site was to be used by the new Fulham Boys School - called another meeting with the Council, this time attended by, in addition to Ian Hegggs of the Tri-Borough Education Department, Andrew Christie the Head of the Department, and Cllr. Georgie Cooney. We questioned these people at length but did not receive satisfactory answers to our letter to Cllr. Cooney to which there had been no previous response. Nor did we receive satisfactory answers to further questions arising from additional information we had obtained which confirmed that the original consultation about the closure of Sullivan School was deeply flawed. This included wrongly recording HDRA's objection as support. Both associations therefore formally submitted their objection to the proposals in the second, legal, consultation to amalgamate Sullivan and New King's Primary Schools. The PRARA objection can be seen on our web site.

At our first meeting with the Council in August of last year we obtained a commitment for them to undertake a holistic survey of the potential impact on our area if the 800 pupil Fulham Boys School were to replace the 300 pupil Sullivan Primary School. This commitment was confirmed at the open meeting at Sullivan School on 10th September. We only received this report immediately prior to our December meeting and all it did was to review the travel plans for existing schools! It completely failed to provide the requested impact report. We therefore explained again the necessity for such a report and obtained a commitment for our approval to be required for the terms of reference for it.

It was indicated at the 4th December meeting that the report would not now be commissioned unless and until the Sullivan closure is confirmed and a definite decision is made to make the site available to the Fulham Boys School - but we have been assured that this would be subject to the findings of an impact report of such use on the local area. This has

subsequently been confirmed verbally but we have not yet received the requested written confirmation.

3 - New street lighting

Clancarty and Settrington Roads have both had new street lighting installed. The new lights are brighter than the previous yellow sodium lamps in order to give better coverage, especially when the trees are in leaf. They are also more efficient than the sodium lamps, use less electricity and should last for six years without the need for any lamp replacement. The initial intensity will soften after about six months. If, however, you find you are suffering from excessive light spill on to your property, it should be possible for the Council to fit a shield to the lamp causing the problem.

4 - Boris Bikes: how to use them

All the Barclay's Bike stations in the Borough are now installed and open for use. If you want to use one of the bikes and do not yet know how the bike scheme works, here's the information you need, at its simplest.

Each Station has a touch screen terminal where you enter your credit/debit card details before getting a 'release code' to type into the bike stand and release the bike. To return the bike it needs to be pushed firmly into an empty docking point and it automatically recognises the bike via its code. Locally the Bikes can be found at

Broomhouse Lane
Hugon Road
Parsons Green
Peterborough Road
Wandsworth Bridge Road

Very fortunately Transport for London did not pursue the use of Clancarty Road for a bike station.

There are 60 docking stations around the borough and 1,700 bikes to choose from but many potential cyclists are put off by the risk of head injury. If the idea of cycling without a helmet is putting you off then a solution is on its way Morpher..... a folding helmet that has been created to help encourage helmet use by making it simpler and easier to always have one at hand. The hat is folding and portable in design and far easier to carry than a traditional bulky helmet. Morpher is currently in production and will be on sale in the Spring. For further details please see www.morpherhelmet.com.

One of our committee members recently hired a Boris bike for 24 hours at a cost of £2. She reports that it was extremely efficient and comfortable, the lights, gears and even the bell all worked. Her only caveat was that it was heavy to lift over a fallen tree on the tow path – which shouldn't be a typical problem for most users!

5 - Hurlingham Retail Park redevelopment

This site, currently occupied by Curry's and PC World, is scheduled for redevelopment within the next five years regardless of the outcome of Carnwath Road tunnel use. The scheme submitted for planning approval differed considerably from that presented to the Standing Committee in March of last year. The Committee reviewed the application design and submitted a PRARA response objecting to it and requesting major changes. The developer subsequently only made some very minor alterations to the scheme and our objections as to its scale and appearance therefore still stand. The proposed scheme is predominantly residential but with space for replacement commercial use and associated car parking underneath.

6 - Neighbourhood Watch

Reported crime in our Wards (and indeed throughout the Borough and the whole of London) continues to fall year on year, and is now at a historic low. This is of course no comfort to any victims of crime, but is nonetheless good news. The causes seem to include improved security and, at least to some extent, the impact of neighbourhood policing and Neighbourhood Watch. But we can never afford to be complacent or relax our vigilance. Most existing crime continues to be opportunist and to rely on residents' lapses in security.

Reductions in the police budget mean that we now have only one PC and one PCSO dedicated to each of our two Wards. This is expected to work satisfactorily but sadly, in our case, both PC's and the Parsons Green & Walham PCSO have been off sick and are still on light duties. That is why our own familiar faces have not been around, and a police presence from the central pool has only been drafted in when there is a special need.

In this new circumstance of less guaranteed police presence, the Council have stepped up their investment in local policing, especially in providing information and background support. That is why we now receive messages from Simon Paterson of the Council rather more often than from Pete Nicholson, our police sergeant, but these are less frequent than before.

7 - Ecole Marie d'Orliac traffic

Serious congestion continues to occur in Clancarty Road during school arrival and leaving times. A particularly bad incident occurred on a wet Friday afternoon in December which required police attendance. It took one of our members 35 minutes to drive from Peterborough Road to Settrington Road. We have raised our concerns again with the school who are trying to respond to them as best they can, but without the council help they have requested.

Pupil numbers at the school are due to double to over 900 which will only worsen the traffic situation and this reinforces our concerns about the potential impact of adding 500 pupils to the Sullivan School site.

8 - E-mail addresses

We only use your e-mail address to send notifications of crime alerts and any other notices that need immediate circulation and, if you are happy to receive them, issues of the PRARA newsletter electronically. If you have not already done so, please confirm your correct e-mail address and other contact details by sending an e-mail to Jonnie Godfrey at jgodfrey@icuknet.co.uk. indicating if you are happy to be sent electronic copies of newsletters.

9 - How are we doing?

Are we doing what you want? The committee would like to hear how you think PRARA is doing as **your** residents' association. Please tell us if we are dealing with the issues that concern you. Please tell us too if there are things you think we should be doing and are not, or could do better. Just e-mail or speak to your road representative - contact details are at the end of this newsletter.

10 - Good neighbours

We are introducing this occasional feature to offer neighbourly tips suggested by our members. We have to give the customary caveat that we are not endorsing any of the tips but hope you will find some of the ideas useful.

- When you are standing at the check-out of a well known supermarket and are handed a coupon for money off your next visit, why not give it to the person behind

you? Chances are you won't be back there before the coupon runs out or you'll have lost the piece of paper anyway!

- If you like grass but not cutting or otherwise looking after it, then have you considered artificial grass? There have been tremendous advances in technology and current versions are now fully porous and often recyclable, so are environmentally friendly and provide a green alternative to solid surfaces. One British make is **easigrass** which has an information point in Peter Jones. There are other manufacturers.
- Sands End Seniors Table Tennis, a thriving mutually supported social club, would welcome new members. Thanks to Head Teacher Phil Cross and his staff, the Club meets three times a week in the drama suite at Hurlingham & Chelsea School. It already has 20 members, who have the use of two tables. Most members are over 70, with three over 80s. The oldest is 86! The Club is self supporting and assists the school in several ways e.g. by providing table tennis supervision. Any local senior citizen wanting to join should apply to PRARA Committee Member Brendan Bird, c/o the school.

11 - Putney Bridge Closure - consultation

Wandsworth Council have secured funding for essential major repairs of the bridge, which is Grade II listed, to be carried out this Summer. They are currently consulting on whether to elect for a shorter complete closure or a more expensive partial closure for a longer period. Whichever option is chosen we can anticipate significantly worse traffic congestion in our area, with Wandsworth Bridge Road being particularly badly affected.

To participate in the consultation e-mail putneybridgerepairs@wandsworth.gov.uk or call 020 8871 8201 by Friday, 31 January 2014. Tell them which of the two options you prefer:

Option 1: Fully close the bridge to vehicles for an estimated 6 months

Option 2: Partially close the bridge to one traffic lane for an estimated 11 months

Under both options, at least one footway would remain open at all times for pedestrians. Cyclists will have to dismount and use the footway to cross the bridge.

11 - Hammersmith Bridge Closure

The southbound carriageway is now closed on weekdays from 7am until 3pm until the end of February for repairs to the bridge's wooden decking panels. There will also be three full weekend closures, which are currently proposed for January 25-26, February 1-2 and February 8-9, from 8am on Saturday to 5am on Monday.

13 - New roadworks web site

It is now possible to look up past, current and future roadworks for the last two weeks and next three months on an interactive web site which details the nature, time and duration of all the works. The link is <http://public.londonworks.gov.uk/roadworks/home>. The site is searchable by road, postcode or borough, or the whole of London, with the results shown either on a map or as text. A test search showed the street lamp works in Clancarty Road that took place earlier this month as well as all the street lamp works in the roads running off Settrington Road over a January/February period.

14 - The PRARA web site

The news section of our web site is updated as frequently as possible with brief reports on current issues. So, in-between issues of the Newsletter, do check the web site for the latest

information. We also use the web site to publish our submissions and other documents which would take up too much space in the Newsletters.

15 - Not yet a PRARA member?

You are receiving this copy of the PRARA newsletter because it is vital to alert as many people as possible who would be affected by Thames Tunnel construction, to encourage them to attend the Open Floor Hearing on 30th January. The newsletter is therefore being distributed to as many households as possible in and near the prime PRARA membership area and not just to PRARA members.

If you are not yet a member of PRARA please consider joining. The more members we have the more effective we can be on your behalf. We ask for a donation of £5 to cover printing and other costs, but that is all. If you join you will receive three or four newsletters a year, e-mail crime alerts if they are needed and be automatically enrolled in the Neighbourhood Watch scheme. Membership form can be downloaded from the PRARA web site www.prara.org.uk. Alternatively please contact our Membership Secretary, Jonnie Godfrey, or your road representative.

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***Please see overleaf for the Thames Tunnel /
Carnwath Road briefing sheet***

SITE SUITABILITY ? BARN ELMS vs. CARNWATH ROAD RIVERSIDE

CARNWATH ROAD

BARN ELMS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Site is a tiny area of urban land in the centre of densely residential locality and at the apex of commuter traffic bottleneck and the congested Wandsworth Bridge Road▪ 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▪ Site requires 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 than at Barn Elms. This cost would be passed on to all Thames Water customers▪ Lives of hundreds of adjacent residents blighted for years by noise unavoidable dust pollution, visual blight, traffic congestion and smell. Residents including children with asthma and other conditions seriously affected▪ Home-owners badly hit by lower property values, saleability blight or forced to move▪ Permanent loss of riverside and negative impact on area from chimney and tunnel service area | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The tunnel works site is only a very small part of a huge area of flat green recreational space, well away from homes and buildings▪ Only a handful of homes around 250 metres away and site completely screened from most housing by stand of tall mature trees▪ Not a single full-time job lost▪ Uses less than 2% of available large area of ordinary, unlandscaped recreational land. 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 nearest dwellings 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 when construction completed |
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CARNWATH ROAD - LOCAL IMPACT

- There are 1,212 people living within 200 metres of the site
- This includes 202 people who live 1 metre or less from the site
- 202 of those living within 200m of the site have a health condition which includes 77 people with asthma which would be made worse from construction pollution
- At least 244 children under 15 live within 200m of the site
- Over 4,500 children attend the 17 schools and nurseries within 1,500m of the site and would be affected by decreased air quality, shown to aggravate respiratory illnesses like asthma
- Light noise and vibration pollution from the site would go on 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for 4 years. Work on the site would continue for 7-9 years – the length of a child's primary education.