



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 - Prudential RideLondon**

A reminder that King's and New King's Roads will be closed to traffic from 7.30am until around 7.30pm this Sunday (30th July) for this annual event. The only way to leave our area by car will be via Wandsworth Bridge. Judging by past years we can expect severe traffic problems.

PRARA has liaised with the RideLondon organisers and the Council officers involved to lobby for better stewarding and there was an improvement in quality last year. We have also requested that the route be changed but were advised that this could not happen before next year for contractual reasons.

### **2 - Open Meetings**

We made every effort to arrange a Summer gathering but sadly it did not prove possible. The good news is that Gavin Simmons, the Council Arboricultural Officer, has agreed to give a talk about his work with the borough's street trees at this year's AGM. This will be in October and the date and venue will be announced as soon as they are confirmed.

### **3 - Neighbourhood Watch news**

A Parsons Green and Walham and Sands End Ward Panel meeting was held on 6th June, unfortunately there was an extremely poor turn out. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 19th September, in the Community Room, The Oswald Stoll Mansions, SW6 1DT. We would encourage as many of our members to attend as possible to give support and encouragement to our local police.

Crime reports were presented: (i) Statistics were low for February and March but there was a sharp rise in the number of thefts from vehicles and burglaries in April and May. Many of the thefts from vehicles were from cars driven in to the area from outside and had laptops and brief cases on show. (ii) The most common mode of entry into your house is via the sash windows at the front. The central catch is easily broken with leverage and the screw in attachments on either side of the window, to prevent it opening too far are easily snapped off. Bolts into the frame and locked with a key are more secure. (iii) The setting up of CCTV cameras in the street was discussed. The cameras would have to be agreed to by the Council and many residents don't like them as they invade their privacy. However, if a high

percentage of residents were in favour of CCTV cameras in their street, this might be considered.

If you have information or concerns regarding crime in the area the Police advised emailing our DWO ( Dedicated Ward Officer) and SNT (Safer Neighbourhood Team) at [sandsend.snt@met.police.uk](mailto:sandsend.snt@met.police.uk) rather than ringing 101. Our two wards now each have two DWO's and all police in the area now wear video cameras. Also both Wards are to use Twitter to inform you of any incident or problem. This will require you to open a Twitter account and request to follow them. The Twitter addresses are not available at present, but members of PRARA will be advised when they are available.

#### **4 - Planning News 1**

A further planning application has been submitted for the redevelopment of the office building at 14 - 16 Peterborough Road, this time bringing the building line forward to the site boundary. We have objected because of the impact this would have on the houses opposite. The previous planning permissions have never been implemented.

#### **5 - Planning News 2**

We reported in our last newsletter that the Castle Club, the Grade II listed Victorian gothic building at the corner of Broomhouse Lane and Daisy Lane had recently been bought and was now called the Castle Centre. The new owners, the Thackery Estate, are proposing to restore the building - which is greatly welcomed - but create an extension, above and below ground, to accommodate a a boy's school of some 300 pupils and 40 staff. PRARA was invited to pre-planning application consultations and expressed concerns mostly related to traffic. A formal planning application has now been submitted and Sulivan Road residents, and PRARA on their behalf, are objecting. The main basis is the unacceptable impact on the surrounding, already busy, streets on traffic and parking, with a further concern that the site is too small for a school of this capacity.

#### **6 - Planning News 3**

Two charging points for electric cars have appeared at the west end of Clancarty Road. We have objected to a planning application for them, partly because the equipment has been installed without planning permission and partly because of the loss of ordinary parking spaces.

#### **7 - South Park 'Community Centre'**

Preliminary community discussions have begun on the design and use of the building or buildings planned for the north west corner of the park.. PRARA is recognised as a stakeholder and is participating in this consultation, the next and more detailed stage of which will be in September.

#### **8 - Thames Tunnel works update**

Work is starting on strengthening the river wall to the west of the Tideway worksite, and will last for some six months with plant and equipment brought on site. There will be a temporary hoarding installed next to the residential garden walls. This work is also requiring the closure of the Thames footpath in the area, and the footpath closure in Carnwath Road will be extended to opposite Philpot Square, also for approximately six months.

## 9 - Sullivan School trees

Patricia Hicks, PRARA's founder and first co-ordinator, has secured written confirmation from the Council that a provisional Tree Preservation Order protecting 10 trees in the Sullivan School grounds has been formally confirmed. A copy of the confirmation is on file with PRARA.

## 10 - New Secretary *still* needed !!!!

Will you consider volunteering to become our new Secretary? The main tasks are the newsletters and taking the minutes of the standing committee meetings - which are very friendly, often humorous and highly sociable - and the minutes of the AGM. If you could be interested have a chat with Sue Oriel or Anthony Williams. Their contact details are at the end of this newsletter.

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