



Peterborough Road & Area Residents' Association

incorporating Clancarty Road, Daisy Lane,
Hugon Road, South Park Mews, Sullivan Road
and Settrington Road

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1 - Our new logo

We hope you like the new PRARA logo - our first change since our association was launched in February 2002. It has generously been designed by PRARA member Peter Smith.

2 - What PRARA is for

PRARA is an independent, non-commercial, non-political residents' association representing people living on the roads around South Park. We offer an opportunity for you to meet your neighbours and share your views. Our role is to represent you in matters relating to community affairs generally and particularly those concerning planning, local safety and traffic plans. We are officially recognised by LBH&F with whom we regularly communicate on a wide range of matters.

PRARA is registered as a Neighbourhood Watch scheme and membership of PRARA automatically enrolls you in the scheme. Although we have a written constitution, we are flexible and informal. Our standing committee consists of one representative from each of our streets plus a planning expert and a Co-ordinator who chairs the meetings. We meet 3 or 4 times per year and every member of the team is available on email for any queries or observations you may have. We send 3 or 4 newsletters by email each year, updating you on local issues.

Joining PRARA is free but we ask for a small donation to help us with our minimal running costs and the cost of events we put on for members, such as our Christmas party.

Our membership is our strength and it is through you that we can achieve a strong voice in local affairs. We are not a commercial forum and we do not recommend or endorse any commercial enterprises; we speak specifically for you in local matters. Please make sure your voice is heard by joining PRARA and by letting us know what you think about how things are run in our area.

To join - contact Luiz Motta, Membership Secretary & Treasurer on luiz.motta@gmail.com to sign up or speak to your road representative. Their contact details are at the end of this newsletter.

3 - Welcome to Acland

We are very pleased to introduce you to Acland Geddes who will be joining us as our new representative for Hugon Road. Acland is lucky enough to have family in Italy who he joins each year for the summer. He will therefore be up and running, as it were, in September. Welcome and thank you, Acland.

4 - Clancarty Road traffic issues

Traffic congestion and disruption outside Ecole Marie d'Orliac at peak school times in the morning and afternoon has been a major problem for some years. We have met with Le Directeur and members of the parents' association many times as well as discussing the problem with the Council's Cabinet Member for the Environment, who has now pushed plans for improvements up the priority list.

The school's traffic plan encourages parents not to bring children by car and also requests scooter users to be more considerate of pedestrians. The school has staggered some class times to reduce congestion but it has no jurisdiction outside the school premises and therefore limited influence on what happens in the street.

The problem that the Directeur, Blaise Fenart, faces is one that he cannot solve. He can only control what happens inside the school gates. He has no jurisdiction over the road or pavement outside, which is where the problems occur. Both Blaise and his predecessors are well aware of the situation and regularly ask parents to co-operate to reduce congestion and selfish use of the road and street.

The Council are fully aware of the vehicle problem, which exists outside several other schools in the borough as well as Ecole Marie D'Orliac. They experimented with a scheme in the north of the borough which failed. It simply caused extensive problems in other roads around the school.

The Ecole is in the process of updating its Traffic Plan which is prepared in conjunction with the Council's School Traffic Officer. (We have had meetings with him but so far no long term solution has been found.) The Plan is designed to reduce the number of children brought to school in vehicles but relies on co-operation. Some parents do co-operate but there are always a number who don't. The school is finding that the children can help as they want their parents to be 'greener' and can nag for less car use.

In the past we have arranged for parking enforcement activity but the affect only lasts for a very limited time. Full enforcement needs police to be present which is very difficult to achieve because of the now limited number of police available in the area. Our Safer Neighbourhood Team is aware of the problem but has so far not been able to do much to help. There do not seem to be enough resources for daily enforcement. We also have to remember that there is a constant turnover of parents and with each intake the problems have to be tackled anew.

5 - Clancarty Road zebra crossing ?

PRARA is not just concerned with Clancarty Road traffic problems but also the potential danger to children in the area and especially after school when many cross the road to South Park. We have supported the school's request for a proper pedestrian crossing as the two raised sections are not effective, but until now with minimal result.

In April, two groups of pupils from the Ecole went to the Houses of Parliament and both groups met Greg Hands, MP. They shared the circulation problem around the school with him and he pledged to write to the Borough. The reply he received advised that the Council is currently developing a scheme to improve road safety and crossing facilities around the school entrance. Details of this are in Item 6 below.

As well as making the road safer for pedestrians we believe a properly designated crossing - i.e. a Zebra crossing - will also help to control vehicle traffic. The proposed scheme simply moves the existing two crossing points but does not provide such a crossing.

6 - Clancarty Road highway consultation

Project Engineer Alan Eastwood launched a consultation on 17th June on proposed highway improvements outside Ecole Marie D'Orliac / Fulham Bi-lingual. These include widening the footway outside the school and will require a net loss of 3 pay and display parking places. The scheme is primarily designed to improve road safety for children and does not appear to address any of the traffic issues. Links to the consultation letter and the proposed design can be found in the separate news item. Feedback is required by 5pm on Friday 5th July. If you have any questions please ring Alan Eastwood on 020 8753 6993.

PRARA is formulating our response to the consultation but encourages members to make their own submission if they wish to do so.

7 - Play Street initiative

Members who receive e-mail notifications will already be aware of the partial closure of Clancarty Road that took place on Saturday, 22nd June between 8am and 4pm as part of the national Play Street initiative. The idea behind Play Street is to make streets safe for children's play as they were very many years ago. The initiative is being promoted by the Borough.

PRARA was consulted and, along with the Friends of South Park, we supported a one-off closure on a non-weekday, with Saturday 22nd June selected to co-incide with the Ecole's tenth anniversary celebrations. Blaise Fenart, the Directeur, invited all PRARA members to join the school activities and his invitation was conveyed via a special e-mail. The anniversary event was a great success.

8 - Junction at Peterborough Road / New King's Road

Together with our local councillor, ex PRARA committee member Ann Rosenberg, we are pressing the council for a review of the way this junction is now working. Many of you will notice that long tailbacks build up along Peterborough Road because of the difficulty of vehicles turning into the New King's Road. Ann has organised a meeting with the Highways Department to discuss the issue and will report back to us after it has taken place.

9 - Bollard update

After two letters to LBHF, the bollard was finally working again in mid-May. However, it was hit by a vehicle not long after. Further discussions with council officers established that a very complicated bit of technology (each bus has the ability to signal to the bollard that it

must lower and then raise) matched with a very old bit of technology, a small motor that lifts and lowers the bollard. It is the road equivalent of the home office printer! As we go to press we are pleased to report that the bollard is - at last - working again. Despite the difficulties, we will continue to press the council to sort things out each time we notice the bollard is hors de combat.

10 - Peterborough Road major development

PRARA has been invited to comment on the proposed redevelopment of 14-16 Peterborough Road (the office building next to the The Duke public house) which is classified as a major development. The site extends to the end of Peterborough Mews.

The original application was submitted by Savills on behalf of the building's owners, Martin's Properties (Parsons Green) Limited in June 2017. Earlier this year a structural engineer's report was additionally submitted and shortly afterwards revised drawings. On the 6th June an 'ADDENDUM DAYLIGHT AND SUNLIGHT REPORT' was submitted. This detailed report (on page 14) concluded that:

5.6 Following a detailed technical assessment, the overall effect of the Proposed Development upon the daylight and sunlight amenity to existing neighbouring residential properties generally follows the guidance and recommendations set out in the BRE Guidelines. Whilst there are some relative reductions beyond the BRE guidelines if rigidly applied, when considering the level of retained daylight and sunlight, alongside the site context and general planning balance, it is our opinion that it should be considered to be acceptable and accord with the intentions of the Hammersmith and Fulham's planning policy.

A full copy of the report is on the councils web site link:

https://public-access.lbhf.gov.uk/online-applications/files/BF0114DED452814EE3E3ACDB8B1D823C/pdf/2017_01837_FUL--2218906.pdf

As always, other issues such as design, density and construction impact remain issues of concern which we are endeavouring to discuss with a somewhat elusive Case Officer.

11 - The Castle Centre (formerly the Castle Club) - planning objection

New plans for the "Castle Centre" development by owner The Thackeray Estate have been made public. Residents considered that the design of the East wall looked more like shipping containers than a sympathetic building for Alzheimer's and dementia sufferers. It would be much too street dominant. Local resident's submissions to the planning application were backed up by a letter of objection from PRARA. The letter also objected to the sheer mass and scale of the proposed extension and its dominance over its neighbouring listed building. The scheme also did not take into account the fact that it was in a conservation area. Additionally it seemed entirely insufficient that only one parking space was allocated to visitors when there was already serious parking problems in Daisy Lane. Garden space for patients is not provided when the importance of a natural environment for sufferers is well documented.

Although ostensibly the new scheme is a better idea than 300 school children on the site, it was not acceptable to local residents as it is and we await Thackeray's next step.

12 - Neighbourhood Watch

The main message in this newsletter, as always, is to never leave anything of value visible in your car. This advice also applies to items of clothing which may contain a wallet as well as to baskets and bags which a thief may think could contain valuable items such as a camera or phone. Also a reminder that if you ever have an incident you should always notify Jeremy Gilkes (our Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator) and your SNT, in addition to any immediate action that you had to take.

13 - Tunnel progress



PRARA has been a founding member of the Community Liaison Working Group which leads discussions with the tunnel contractor, Tideway, about residents' concerns. These are now focussed on problems encountered by those living closest to the tunnel work site in or just off Carnwath Road. 10 complaints were dealt with in the last four months.

The picture show workers at the bottom of the shaft assembled for the blessing of the tunnelling machine, which is named Rachel, prior to the commencement of tunnelling. This is a long-standing tradition to ensure a shrine to Santa Barbara, the patron saint of miners. Father Bill from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church attended site to conduct a short multi-faith service.

Tunnelling is now taking place, with both spoil from the excavation and concrete rings to form the tunnel wall, being transported by barge. Lorry movements, which originally were our greatest concern, are now minimal. The current timetable, which is subject to some flexibility, has shaft works being completed in May 2021 and the Carnwath Road works site vacated by September 2022.

14 - Polo in the Park

This now annual event took place on 7th, 8th and 9th June in Hurlingham Park. If you were adversely affected either by the event itself or the activities on the days before or after, please tell your road representative so we can take your concerns to the Council.

15 - Prudential RideLondon changes

This years event will affect our part of London on Sunday 4th August. Pedestrians will be able to cross New King's Road whenever there is a gap between cyclists. Nominally there will be no way for vehicles to cross that road from early morning to early evening. However, a very limited number of vehicles will be able to move between Wandsworth Bridge Road and Harwood Road when they are adequate gaps between cyclists. Expect to queue in both roads as past experience has shown that large numbers of people from outside

Fulham are entirely ignorant of the event and come across Wandsworth Bridge and cause congestion and gridlock in some of our roads. Our advice is to avoid car use on that day.

16 - Next Door

PRARA now has a group on *Nextdoor.com*. If you are a user of that web site, please join our group to receive news about PRARA - including new editions of the newsletter - and discuss any other topic you consider relevant to the Association.

To join, please search for our group or send an email to our Membership Secretary (Luiz Motta - luiz.motta@gmail.com).

17 - We need a new Secretary

Do you have a neighbour who you think would be a good Secretary for PRARA? (That is, if you couldn't do the job yourself.....) The role is not onerous. Just let us know and we'll do the rest.

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