



PARKSIDE MALVERN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

(Hornsey Park Road, Malvern Road, Park Ridings, Ravenstone Road and The Avenue, N8.)

Chair's Report to Annual General Meeting 2011

This year, we have again planned how to grow the Association, this time to include Alexandra Road. The recent looting of Wood Green proves the need for a strong community in the face of such appalling behaviour. We can be proud of where we live but it is vital that we keep it strong.

We owe particular thanks to Ryan and The Grace Baptist Church for the use of the hall, without which the Association would be without a home and unable to host events like tonight's.

Thanks must also go to the Committee - Niki, Dorothy, Polly, Olga, Ben, Paul, Noray, Clement, Ryan and Linda and also John Miles for much hard work over the year. Thank you also to all who have helped arrangements run smoothly, attended other meetings on our behalf and all who have supported the Association over the past year. Your contributions are all much appreciated.

Over the past year, we have worked on a great many issues affecting our area.

Community Garden Project

This is now well established and remains a partnership with the council and others in our community. This year our efforts have been centred on the Mayes Road/Hornsey Park Road junction and Martins Walk alleyway and we made a start on including the lime trees as part of the project. With grants from the council's Making the Difference fund and Groundworks London and assistance from Wood Green Shopping City and Capital Gardens, we really have made quite a difference.

Web Site for Hornsey Park and Notice Board

The web site has been running for more than a year and is now well regarded. Please let us know if you have something you feel would be of interest or would like to write for it. The notice board in Mayes Road has been inaccessible for a large part of the year but as the road works now finally come to an end, we will gain be posting news and information on it.

Coronation Sidings development

We have worked hard with other residents associations to object to the current proposals and call for something that will provide employment but not blight Heartlands and the New River Village. The application is due to be heard on 12th September 2011. If approved, we have called for the widening of the north footpath beneath the railway bridge to be made a planning condition.

Buses and traffic in Hornsey Park Road

This year we published a strategy to help resolve the long term traffic problems in the road and called for gateways at each end of the road, trees and environmental improvements.

Our calls for buses to use the spine road fell on deaf ears. The road was tested for suitability and it failed. The failure is one of the worst examples of how the council treats residents and fails to resolve simple problems.

Other than the current works around the zebra crossing at the junction of Mayes Road and Hornsey Park Road, the promised improvements failed to materialise at a time of major spending on roads in



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areas around us. The reason given was the impending gas works, only just now starting. We have asked for the temporary one-way working (required for the gas works) to be assessed and lessons learned on how more traffic can use the new spine road.

Heartlands Planning Application - HYG/2009/0503

We have renewed our objections to the current application and continue to work with other residents associations in fighting overdevelopment. It is an outdated scheme which requires complete revision to reflect the challenges now facing Wood Green, as well as the new 'localism' agenda and the need to respect the heritage of the site. The application is due to be heard on 22nd September: Our response is viewable on council's and our web sites.

Betting shops

We continue to raise concern at the proliferation of betting shops and the antisocial problems they bring. Ryan's article on the web site helped stimulate further debate.

Neighbourhood Watch

Through Ryan, we continue to support the Neighbourhood Watch and the Safer Neighbourhoods scheme. We still need a new co-ordinator.

Other bits and pieces

We supported calls to preserve Hornsey Gas Holder no.1 and, again were featured in the local press. Its retention is now championed by the Victorian Society and it was listed for possible protection as a building or structure of Townscape Merit.

We did not manage to have an annual Spring Clean but this popular day remains on our agenda. We still hope to have some sort of community street party soon .

We have written to the council or attended meetings on many other issues affecting our area. We will use meetings, the web site and Notice Board to keep everyone up to date.

In December, we returned to St Mark's Church Hall for our traditional and hugely enjoyable Christmas Quiz night with the Noel Park North Residents Association and friends.

We have heard little from our ward councillors, which is sad, given the pressures and challenges we face. Most of the concerns championed by the Association have passed without comment from our local politicians.

In Conclusion

Thank you for coming tonight and for your help and interest over the past year. We look forward to seeing you again and working together in future, uncertain times.

Marcus Ballard
Chair
For Parkside Malvern Residents Association
7th September 2011