

SOUTHDOWN RISE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING: 6th FEBRUARY 2013

Present: Rob Rosenthal, Ed White, Gren Nation, Hazel Nation, Helen Weir, Ann Jones

Apologies: Jo Whitehead, Val Knight, Steve Marsh, Jim Crozier

RESIDENTS' PARKING CONSULTATION

RR presented the compiled comments from SRRRA 30.1.13 meeting regarding CPZ Traffic Orders. It was agreed that it was not possible for the meeting to reach a definitive position on particular proposals which the SRRRA could put forward except for :

'Amount of lines, signs and meters in our conservation area: We would like consideration to be given to absolutely minimal legal signage, linage and ticket machines in this conservation area, for example: Lewes has reduced width yellow lines and reduced sized signs. We would like lamp posts to be used for signs minimizing the amount of new posts.'

There was also common agreement that 'exclusive pay and display' on Rugby was not justifiable and should be shared. It was also agreed that instead of 2 hours p&d, there should be 11 hour p&d shared around the school.

It was not clear if there was an residents' consensus on the issue of white lines vs yellow lines across drive ways. Ed had encountered demand for yellows during canvassing, while RR had encountered demand for whites –as also raised on 30th Jan.

It was agreed to circulate the compiled notes among the committee, and members invited to add any responses to the list of points as 'review comments' in the margin. These should be returned to RR for compilation and further review. If the committee can identify consensus on certain issues we can put them forward from SRRRA. Otherwise, we will simply present the list from 30th without annotation to Council officers.

LETTER FROM DOWNS SCHOOL GOVERNORS

The group's suggestion that p&d by the school should be 11 not 2 or 4 hours was seen as supportive to the school's needs as well as residents ad their visitors. However there was consensus that our response to the Governors should reiterate our role as a residents' –not community- association.

We therefore stand to represent above all residents' interests. Parents, teachers and governors are all welcome to participate in this as residents should they live in the area. The meeting noted that how people arrange to travel to work is their own personal responsibility and could see no reason for why teachers represented a special case regarding their commuting needs or why this involved our organisation. It was noted that the school is well served by public transport. In addition the school will receive some staff permits which it could distribute as it sees fit. It was also agreed that the school should encourage parents to walk their children to school rather than drive. It was agreed that we urge that the school should make its representations directly to the Council.

TREES

Ed White apologised for leaving the meeting on 30th January early and regretted that he had not been able as a result to explain that the progress of tree planting in Springfield Road was not satisfactory. Ed is disappointed that Council officers have not fulfilled their promises re the timescale for this and that councillors have not adequately monitored and pressurised this officer work. EW to draft a summary of the case, to be drafted by RR as a letter to go to the councillors.