

Notes from FARA committee meeting 25.2.21

Present Ros Halifax, Janice Munday, Catriona Cook, Mike McKeown, Joanna Hardinge, Jill Gregson.

Apologies Sally Warren

Minutes of the last meeting in September 2020 – noted that the drinks event was cancelled. Our grateful thanks were expressed to Lucia Chaplain for all her contributions to the committee, following her resignation in November.

Proposed changes to ward boundary The changes proposed seemed coherent, with new/large buildings being grouped in the new configuration, which should even up the numbers in each ward.

Serco replacing Veolia. Contract starts October 31st, with reports of savings, introduction of more electric vehicles, extending food waste collections, and the potential of electrical waste collection. No consultation has been received yet.

Crime. Although members are hearing about crime more through WhatsApp chat, there is still a relatively low level of crime in our streets, compared to other parts of the ward. Safer Neighbourhood team have provided materials re cycle theft which have been displayed which so far have not been removed. Suggested positions of more bike hangers – between Clapham Road and Palfrey place on RT and FR. Janice will start application. Regular drug dealing in garages behind RT mentioned – police aware.

LTN Save Oval Streets had meeting with 3 councillors. Lambeth have published their monitoring strategy for all LTNs, done in 2 stages– ours will be undertaken later than hoped, due to the closure of Vauxhall Bridge. Discussed the possibility of moving planters back in FR and RT to allow small amount of trade parking nearest to Clapham Road. The planters on Dorset Road might need to move further back to provide access to the Mar Azul loading bay. Janice to speak to Lambeth.

Planning No reply yet from Councillors regarding request for Europcar to be taken to planning committee. 3RT had visit from Planning inspector last week, six weeks before decision is known. 29/31 RT owners have been written to by the Council as part of a continuing process and following photos being taken showing even more construction on the roof. In the event the problem is not resolved, an enforcement notice will be sent. 70/72 Meadow Road mostly work at the back which doesn't look problematic (post meeting application shared with TARA). Trends discussed – more developments pushing limits and inconsistency in decision making at Lambeth planning.

Greening – no obvious proposals identified. Sustainable drainage solutions required, in areas where road resurfacing and works reduced capacity.

AGM – felt a physical meeting would be ideal so later in the year preferred when possible. Note to go to residents explaining this.

FARA and KOV – Jill and Catriona explained previous involvement in meeting attendance, and it was agreed that it was worth supporting KOV as the umbrella organisation for the wider area. No meetings for some time, but chair Marilyn Evers does send information.

FARA objections to Night flights – the consultation requires a response by March 2nd and is very long, asking same questions as before. Joanna summarised the key issues – needing integrated approach with Heathrow and London City airport as both affect our area, and proposals such as rest days, don't solve the issue if not co-ordinated with both airports. Concentration of flight paths to be

reconsidered so that the noise is shared north and south of the river. Start of night flights overflying us is before 4.30 am so these no fly periods should be extended. Janice to respond to consultation.

AOB Lambeth have recently put out a consultation on the Local Plan. Janice confirmed that this was a lengthy document she had been through before so has only reviewed the comments this time. There does not seem to be anything of concern.

We welcomed both Mike and Joanna to the committee as co-opted members.