

SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Chichester, West Sussex

“Residents Working Together”

NEWSLETTER – JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2008

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Dear Member

Welcome to our first Newsletter for 2008.

A message from the Chairman

May I start by wishing you all a Happy New Year. This is my first newsletter as Chairman and following in Derek's footsteps has not been easy as he worked very hard on your behalf. The transition has been made easier by the other members of the committee who have been very helpful and supportive.

Sophie Rudge, who has done an excellent job as our Membership Secretary, has moved out of our area and we need someone to take over from her as soon as possible. Would you like to take on this post?

Also, would you be interested in becoming our representative for the South Downs National Park Campaign? It involves downloading information that is e-mailed to us, reading through it and if necessary reporting to the committee.

We do need new members on the committee so please give this some serious thought. If you are interested in any of these tasks or wish to know more about what is involved, then speak to me (telephone 773074) or one of the other committee members.

Two members deserve a special mention. Barry Aldridge, along with our Planning Secretary Andrew Birch, is our representative on the North East Forum and he will attend most of the meetings. Barry is also responsible for liaising with the City Council over the Summersdale Neighbourhood Appraisal and has already done a lot of work on this. He is supported in this by Brian Speed. Stuart Martin is our Gravel Representative and has attended meetings and produced a flyer. I would like to give them a special thank you for all their hard work.

Annual General Meeting - 21 February 2008 at 7.30pm

This newsletter serves as official notice for our AGM which will be held this year in St Michael's Hall on Thursday 21 February 2008 commencing at 7.30pm. Full details are included with this newsletter but if for some reason they are missing please contact the Chairman on 773074.

We are fortunate to have Keith Morgan who is Assistant Director - Buildings and Environmental Management to Chichester District Council, and Adele Maher, who works with him on Design and Implementation, to come and give a short talk on what is happening at Graylingwell and The Barracks, and to answer questions. I look forward to seeing you there.

Membership Subscriptions

Subscriptions for 2008 were due on 1 January. If you have not yet paid, or do not already pay by standing order, please complete the attached form and return it to the Membership Secretary.

Proposal to Increase Subscriptions

You will be aware that there has been a huge amount of activity in 2007 on the planning front. Probably the most important was the Sunrise Appeal, and more recently the proposal by Tarmac to reopen the gravel pits at Hunters Race, as well as the 'normal' planning applications to replace existing properties with blocks of flats and/or terraces of town houses.

The second and third aims of SRA's constitution are 'to preserve the environment and amenities of Summersdale' and 'to foster the interests of Summersdale residents'. This year we have funded the expenses of fighting the Sunrise appeal by drawing money – over £1,100 – out of the Fighting Fund. However, for the future, we need more income if SRA is to be able effectively to fight planning applications which seek to destroy the environment and amenity of Summersdale.

At the AGM, you will be asked to vote for an increase in subscriptions. The proposal is that if you pay by banker's standing order, the annual subscription remains at £2.00 for 2008, rising to £4.00 on 1 January 2009; and for payment by other means it will rise to £5.00 with effect from the end of the AGM on 21 February 2008.

We do hope that you will support your committee – and the community of Summersdale – by voting for this proposal.

Membership

We are pleased to report that our membership in 2007 reached a grand total of 440 households which means we represent at least 1,200 residents in the area. Numbers count: it is very important that we represent as many households as possible in Summersdale, particularly in view of the fact that developers are snapping up large properties and trying to cram an excessive number of houses and flats on each site, which are completely out of character with the area. If you are not a member, please join, or if you are already a member, recruit others.

Summer Party 2008

Many thanks to those of you who supported our Summer party last year at the Lavant Memorial Hall. It was a great success and around 80 members and friends enjoyed a first-class food and an impromptu speech by Ray Brown, Mayor of Chichester.

This year we shall be holding our party on Saturday 28 June at Lavant Memorial Hall commencing at 7.00 pm. We will provide a buffet supper and hopefully some entertainment.

Other dates for Your Diary - Committee meetings / AGM

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Gravel Extraction at Hunters Race

It was very heartening to have 89 people turn up to the meeting on 28 September to discuss the proposed gravel extraction. To bring you up to date, R.A.G.E. (Residents Against Gravel

Extraction) has not gone to sleep! We have been doing a traffic analysis, questioning the Council about various data, and gathering statistical information to support our arguments.

Tarmac's application has not yet been put to the WSCC planning committee. WSCC has required Tarmac to provide further information regarding the environmental impact. When this has been received (which was due to be at the end of November but is not yet complete), the new information will have to be sent to all the previous Objectors plus the statutory consultees (City and District Councils). One month has to be allowed for comments to be received. The consultation period is likely to be mid January to mid February, and the most likely dates for a hearing at the full WSCC planning committee are 11 March or 8 April.

With this in mind, R.A.G.E. has arranged an Open Meeting on **Friday 1 February 2008 at St Paul's Church at 6.30pm with Andrew Tyrie M.P.** (Parking in Northgate car park only please.) Even if you came to the previous meeting, please turn up again for the latest news and to demonstrate how widespread is dismay at the plans.

Whatever information Tarmac supply, we feel it is unlikely that we shall be able to support their application, as the proposal will presumably still involve a processing plant in the Lavant Gap, a new bridge over Centurion Way, a roundabout with lighting etc on the A286, and unacceptable large lorry movements.

R.A.G.E. is in the process of setting up its own website, which will be <http://www.chi-rage.co.uk>. As soon as the relevant dates are known for the consultation and for the actual planning committee meeting, this will be put on both the RAGE and SRA websites. Please look at either site regularly in the New Year, or the SRA noticeboard on The Broadway, as we do not have the resources to contact everyone individually, but we do need your written and physical support at the crucial time. The battle is by no means lost, but the next few months will be vital.

Planning

We are very grateful to our planning officer, Andrew Birch, who has spent a lot of time this year dealing with applications and assisting members in their responses to the District Council and others. Andrew summarises below the current situation with regard to applications, and he is willing to continue assisting as required. However, please remember that he also works full time, so he would appreciate it if you phone him at a reasonable time during the day.

Specific planning applications

2 The Drive - 07/05328/OUT -6 flats & 2 Town Houses

This outline planning application is due to go to committee on 9 January 2008. At the time of going to print over 38 letters of objection have been submitted to the Council in respect of the demolition of a distinctive substantial single family house on the corner of The Drive and Lavant Road and the replacement with an apartment block of 6 flats either of one or two bedroom design and 2 town houses. The development would have 11 car parking spaces. The scheme if approved will include a 20% element of affordable housing, which is now a requirement on schemes of this size. The City Council have strongly objected to the scheme on the basis of over development. An application for a larger scheme at 2 The Drive was rejected by the District Council in March 2007.

The density is lower than other recent applications along Lavant Road. The application again demonstrates the changing character of Lavant Road and the Northern approach from larger detached family houses with large plots to mixed schemes of smaller apartments and town houses. Similar schemes may have been rejected at appeal, however again the District Council Officer's recommendation is to approve and strong opposition is expected at the planning meeting.

Object: your voice counts

Planning applications can be viewed on Chichester District Council's website at http://www.chichester.gov.uk/what_do_you_want_to_do/_view_planning_applns.cfm. Any objections to a Planning Applications should be marked "Objection" and include the reference and be addressed to Mr S R Carvell, Head of Development and Building Control Services, Chichester District Council, East Pallant House, 1 East Pallant, Chichester, West Sussex PO19 1TY.

6 Lavant Road - 07/03043/FUL - 10 flats

This application was reported in the last newsletter and received strong opposition from local residents. The application was withdrawn by the applicant just before the committee meeting of Chichester District Council, where the case officer had recommended the application for approval in the report to the Council. The SRA is currently monitoring the situation with regards to any revised or amended application.

Your Committee in 2007/08 - until the AGM

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We are always on the lookout for new blood to augment the committee and share the workload, and if you would like to join, and especially if you would like to be Membership Secretary, or assist on planning or R.A.G.E. or liaise with the South Downs National Park campaign, then do call the Chairman, Margaret Whitehead, on 773074.

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A message from the Chairman

About 80 people attended the AGM on 21 February where Keith Morgan and Adele Maher from the District Council explained some of the points in the North East Chichester Development Brief Supplementary Planning Document. Many members also attended the Community Planning Weekend at Graylingwell Theatre, the ‘Report Back’ held on the following Tuesday and the Forum at The Assembly Rooms on 7 May.

We are very grateful to Mrs Vanessa Stern who has kindly agreed to take over as Membership Secretary from Mrs Sophie Rudge. I would like to record our thanks to Sophie for all the hard work she has done over the years in making sure that the subscriptions are paid and for all her work on the committee.

New committee members are always needed, so please give some serious thought to this. If you would like more information please get in contact with any member of the committee.

Summer Party

This year's Summer Party is being held at Lavant Memorial Hall on Saturday 28 June commencing at 7pm. There will be a buffet supper including drinks (in moderation!) and a live band, Sounds So Familiar, so you can either listen, or, if you are feeling energetic, dance to them. Tickets are £11 each and are available from Margaret Whitehead (773074) and Sue Spooner (528467) or get in contact with any other committee member.

Come and enjoy a social evening, meeting and talking with other SRA members.

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Goodwood Aerodrome and Motor Circuit

We are represented on the liaison committees for the Aerodrome and the Motor Circuit, both meet twice per annum. The Goodwood Estate Company Ltd says it takes its responsibilities seriously in compliance with the various planning requirements and with its concern for the local community.

Aerodrome

- Over the past ten years total aircraft movements per annum have steadily declined from 47,800 to 33,100. This decline may well continue due to the steeply rising price of fuel.
- Complaints phone line: messages can be left on 01243 755166. The Aerodrome Manager has confirmed that his staff will return all calls provided that the complainant leaves a phone number.
- The Harvard: this is not the most popular aircraft to use the aerodrome due to the harsh noise generated by the propeller tips breaking the sound barrier - this is particularly noticeable when the plane draws level with you. (Of course, some older residents have nostalgic memories of this from the War). One of the pilots gave an informative teach-in to us at the last meeting, and it is encouraging to note that certain extra noise abatement measures have been taken, viz: low-level fly pasts have been stopped; pilots are urged to reduce throttle by the time they cross the aerodrome boundary on take-off (within the limits of safety); joy rides are restricted to 15 minutes each and to a total of 80 hours per year; and joy rides must vary routes. The Harvard is very expensive to operate and is not likely to increase in activity.
- Summer operation: from May through September the aerodrome is open until 2000 hours (previously last light).
- Flight paths: pressure is being maintained by the control tower to encourage pilots to follow the correct paths.

Motor Circuit

- Programmes: Planning permission has been granted for a special evening race on Saturday 20 September to celebrate 10 years of the Revival Meeting. The Chairman of SRA wrote on your behalf to CDC expressing concern that the addition of a day to this event should not be taken as a precedent for the future.
- Permission has also been given for an extra day on the Thursday preceding the Festival of Speed in 2009. This will feature a parade of 'super cars' around the circuit. These are top-of-the-range cars which are beyond most people's pockets and will not be raced. It does mean, however, that the usual traffic congestion in the area will extend for an extra day. There will be a limit of 15,000 visitors to the track.
- Noise control July-Dec 2007: This continues to improve: the total number of breaches decreased from 82 to 72. Furthermore, the annual totals have declined from the range 450-550 in the years 2000-2003 to around 165 in the past two years.

Bus Services, walking and cycling

With the focus on carbon emissions and the cost of petrol increasing every day, the need to look at alternative methods of transport has been a significant feature of the planning meetings on Graylingwell and the Barracks.

Whilst these new developments may attract significant investment in public transport, the existing bus service in Summersdale is limited to Lavant Road and the Route 55 along Summersdale Road and through Winterbourne Road, Maplehurst Road and Ferndale Road, with no direct bus service along the top section of The Drive to serve Marchwood or Stanton Drive developments. The existing bus services are reliable; however a 30 minute frequency is not that useful when time is important to you.

We would be interested to hear from members who have concerns about the bus service with a view to identifying recommendations that we can make about improvements and alterations to services and routes. The recent Government free travel initiative to encourage retired residents to use public transport may have tempted some members back onto the buses and your experiences would be useful. Please send any comments to the Newsletter Editor, Peter Bickley.

Within our response to the CDC consultation on the Barracks and Graylingwell developments we have recommended that cycling and walking through these new areas to the City Centre and the East of the City should be made safer and easier from all areas of Summersdale.

Post Office Closures

We are delighted for the residents of Parklands and their hard-fought campaign to save their post office. The result demonstrates the impact that a strong case, backed up by a well-organised local campaign helped by significant political support, can have. This was only one of three post offices saved within a batch of over 50 proposed for closures in West Sussex and Surrey. In the other two cases alternative post offices were listed for closing in place of the saved post office: however in Chichester no other post office has been listed for closure, which we hope means that The Broadway post office will remain safe for the foreseeable future.

As you may be aware, the proposed closure of the post office in Sadlers Walk will proceed and the longer term plan is allegedly to relocate the existing PO services to W H Smith in North Street.

RAGE (Residents Against Gravel Extraction)

At the very end of April WSCC at last received a response from Tarmac concerning issues the Council had re the application for gravel extraction at Hunters Race. As soon as the planning department has had time to analyse this, it will be open for public consultation and response. RAGE & the SRA will obviously respond, but this will be the opportunity for everyone to have their say, and numbers will be important to show the depth of feeling. We will contact all who have given us an email address.

The address to write to etc. will be put on our website www.chi-rage.co.uk as soon as the new information is known, and you are urged to keep looking at the website and at the SRA notice-board at The Broadway over the next month.

Graylingwell

Consultation on the draft North East Chichester Development Brief Supplementary Planning Document, which covers Graylingwell, has now closed. CDC received over 80 responses which are currently being analysed. The document is scheduled to go to the Council's Executive Board on 2 June for consideration and to Full Council on 24 June for approval for adoption.

The Community Planning Weekend on the re-development of Graylingwell on 14/15 March was well attended, as was the Report Back meeting on 18 March at which the developers presented an indicative masterplan for the whole site. Feedback from the Community Planning Weekend and the indicative masterplan can be viewed on the English Partnerships, Linden Homes and Downland website for Graylingwell Hospital www.graylingwellchichester.com/ (click on 'Click here to download feedback flyer ...' on the Homepage).

The indicative masterplan and other issues were discussed on 21 April at the North East Chichester Planning Forum, at which we were represented. The next meeting of the NE Forum will be on Monday 19 May.

Reference the message from the Chairman, the first Graylingwell Community Forum is being held in The Assembly Rooms, North Street, on 7 May at 6.30, to which the public has been invited.

CDC expect to receive an application for development from English Partnerships, Linden Homes and Downland in mid July.

Planning

Summersdale Neighbourhood Character Appraisal

The Summersdale Neighbourhood Character Appraisal is nearing completion. It was to be presented for discussion at the meeting of the City Council Planning & Conservation Committee on 7 May. In due course we hope to put the whole document on the SRA website for community comment.

Resources

We are very grateful to our planning officer, Andrew Birch, who spends a lot of time dealing with applications and assisting members in their responses to the District Council and others. Andrew summarises below the current situation with regard to applications, and he is willing to continue assisting as required. However, please remember that he also works full time, so he would appreciate it if you contact him at a reasonable time during the day.

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This outline planning application went to planning Committee at Chichester District Council in January and was deferred for further consideration as several members required more information on the history of the existing property and on possible alternative options to prevent demolition of the existing character property. The application has not been returned to the committee and we assume that negotiations are ongoing following comments from the Historic Building Officer who was opposed to demolition.

Object: your voice counts

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Dear Member

Welcome to our final newsletter for 2008.

A message from the Chairman

After a wet summer we are hoping for a dryer Christmas.

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Owing to forthcoming retirements, we are going to need new committee members by the AGM. You don't have to have a portfolio, just be able to come to a meeting about every six weeks. Is it not worth a small amount of your time to help keep Summersdale as we the residents want it?

Despite the recession there have been plenty of planning applications which have needed our attention, and more about those later from our Planning Officer, Andrew Birch. We would also like to record the thanks of the SRA to Barry Aldridge, Cllr Plowman and Marianne Hoskens for all their time and hard work on preparing the Summersdale Neighbourhood Character Appraisal (of which more below). As to Graylingwell (also covered below), following the lodging of planning applications, we are looking at the many documents and considering a response based on how the major application will interface with Summersdale and serve the new Graylingwell community.

The Summer Party had to be cancelled due a lack of interest as only ten tickets were sold. If you would like a social function then please let the Committee have your ideas. A couple of thoughts that we are considering are something in the summer in the afternoon that all ages could enjoy, or a 'drinks and nibbles' after the AGM instead of a presentation.

Dates for Your Diary - Committee meetings / AGM

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Hedges

After a wet summer, such as we have had this year, all the foliage has grown far more than normal. Those of you that have hedges, bushes, etc that front onto footpaths please make sure that they are kept trimmed and do not obstruct the footpaths.

Recycling

A lot of us use paper shredders these days to shred important documents or receipts which may have our details on. Please do not put the shredded paper either loose or in a bag in your recycling bin as it clogs the machine that sorts everything out. Either use it for compost, or stuff it in a cereal box or such like which can then be put in your recycling bin, or put it in a bag in your normal (black) bin.

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Good neighbours

Good neighbours are quiet neighbours. Those of you who have parties in the garden or play music are asked to be considerate to those who live nearby who might not have your taste in music or indeed wish to listen to anything but the sounds of nature and, as we live in Summersdale, aeroplanes. Equally, if you have a complaint, then express your view nicely.

The Rainbows/Brownies/Guides would like to meet you!

Girlguiding UK are very pleased to announce a new Rainbow Group in Summersdale. Rainbows, for girls aged 5 - 7 years, is the youngest section of their organisation and is coming to St Michael's Hall on a Wednesday afternoon from 5 November 2008.

Brownies (for girls aged 7-10 years) already meet on a Tuesday late afternoon and Guides (for girls aged 10-14 years) on a Thursday evening at St Michael's Hall.

If you (or your daughter) would like to join one of the groups, or if you can spare some time to help run one of the groups, then please contact Catherine Howard, 42 Ferndale Road, 01243 774184 or email via chidivcomm@hotmail.com.

Gravel extraction at Hunters Race - Report by Residents Against Gravel Extraction (R.A.G.E.)

Very many thanks to those who responded so generously to the appeal for funds.

WSCC have asked for an archaeological study to be carried out in one area of the site. This will continue until November and then a report has to be compiled. It is therefore unlikely that Tarmac's application will go before the Planning Committee until January or February 2009.

Meanwhile, please make a note for your diaries:

Monday 24 November
6.15 - 8.00pm
St Paul's Church Hall
(bottom of Broyle Road)

Come and meet members of R.A.G.E.
Find out what we have learned and what research we have carried out
Give us particular points you are concerned about
And share your ideas
DISCUSS FUTURE ACTION

This will not be a formal meeting, but an opportunity for you to drop in at a time to suit you.

This will be the last opportunity to meet before the planning committee meeting.

Planning

Summersdale Neighbourhood Character Appraisal

On 10 September the Chairman and Barry Aldridge were handed a cheque by the Mayor of Chichester, Cllr David Siggs, on behalf of Chichester City Council. This was a grant given to the

SRA to help pay for the costs of the Neighbourhood Character Appraisal incurred by Barry Aldridge on our behalf. He completed the Appraisal, along with help from Cllr Richard Plowman and Marianne Hosken. It has now been adopted by the City Council and forms an Annex to the Town Plan Document. The Appraisal, which is on our [website](#) and published on the Chichester City website under 'The Council' link, is intended as a blueprint for other areas within the City.

Chichester District Council North East Forum

This committee last met on 14 July. The major issues were the theatre and/or new community hall and highways issues. The next meeting will be on 2 December. This will include matters deferred from a meeting that was to have been held on 7 October, namely the Graylingwell theatre coupled with the attendance of a Historic Buildings specialist, and a presentation by a developer of a care home and polyclinic package (not part of the Graylingwell project).

Graylingwell

The third Graylingwell Community Briefing was held on 16 July. Like at the NE Forum, the major issues were the theatre and/or new community hall and highways issues.

The planning application, a weighty set of documents, was submitted in late August, and is on the CDC web site (08/03533/OUT). The application in the first instance is in **Outline** for the whole development site and in **Full** for Phase 1 in the NW of the site for 93 new build 2, 3 and 4 bedroom houses; a 3-storey apartment block, a new-build multi-use community hall, 5 refurbished apartments in the present admin block, chapel, café, water-tower refurbishment and energy centre.

An Application for Conservation Area consent for selective demolition is also on the website (08/03534/CAC), including a Heritage Statement assessing the merits and future of the theatre and other specified buildings.

The 21 day statutory deadline for comment expired on 16 October and whilst this cannot officially be extended, responses are likely to be accepted by CDC until the date of the relevant committee meeting, whenever that might be. We suspect that the application is unlikely to be resolved any time soon.

The multiple Application, with some in Outline and some Full, is confusing, but in Phase 1 the theatre issue and the integrated power supply are addressed only in concept, without detail. As regards the theatre, the current thinking in the absence of a permanent (minimum five year) costed and viable proposal is for demolition. What you can comment upon in the applications is the architecture and all other infrastructure, except a transport plan external to the site which is seen as key. Although a study on highway issues has been submitted (and is available on the web), WSCC work is still in hand on the way ahead for NE Chichester in general, and specifically for traffic leaving the site to the west. This awaits a modelling response incorporating the full mitigation measures.

Full applications for Phases 2-9 should follow in due course, but the Outline application referred to above is the only application expected for the whole site.

Other current Planning Applications to which members are asked to object

Hunters Rest, Lavant Road

The Application (08/01977/OUT) has been updated with Substitute Plans and Additional Information which necessitated its readvertisement for public comment. This application is for 27 2, 3 and 4 bedroom houses and 17 flats on a site south of the Esso Garage in Lavant Road, involving the demolition of one existing dwelling (with an agricultural tie). If approved this would result in a reduction of the Lavant Gap. SRA has formally objected. Please object too.

Vodafone Mast

The Graylingwell water tower refurbishment necessitated removing and resiting mobile phone aerials. Vodafone's application (08/03468/TEL56) proposes another, higher (16.2 metres) mast, rising above the treetops, with six aerials and cabinets alongside the existing Orange mast on land to the west of Centurion Way. We objected but it was approved.

35 Highland Road

08/03031/OUT (1 additional dwelling) and 08/03066/OUT (2 additional dwellings): we have objected to Applications for extra chalet bungalows on the basis of overcrowding and reduced privacy to neighbouring properties. *STOP PRESS*: application for 2 refused but 1 permitted.

Object: your voice counts

Planning applications can be viewed on Chichester District Council's website at <http://www.chichester.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=5427>. Any objections to Planning Applications should be marked "Objection" and include the reference and be addressed to Mr S R Carvell, Head of Development and Building Control Services, Chichester District Council, East Pallant House, 1 East Pallant, Chichester, West Sussex PO19 1TY.

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