

Meeting of Corringham, Fobbing and Homesteads Forum Held on 10th June 2019 at 7.30pm in Corringham Hall

Present:

Forum Committee			Sub.C	Residents/Representatives			Sub.C
Jenny Meads	JM	Chairperson	PI	Dave Plant	DP		T/P
Penny Partridge	PP	Secretary	CL	Christine King	CK		
Alex Ridley	AR	Treasurer		Gary Byrne	GB	Councillor	PI
Roy Jones	RJ		P/T	Jean Lindsay	JL		CL
Hazel Parr	HP		PL/CL	Derek Parker	DGP		
Tony Sharp	TS			Jan Hart	JH		
				Peter O'Rourke	PO		PI
				John Fox	JF		P/T/PI
				Fay Plumb	FP		
				David Plumb	DP		
				Shane Ralph	SR	Councillor	
				Michael Farman	MF		
				Carole Rawlings	CR		
				Fiona McLoughlin	FM		

Sub-committees:

T	Thurrock Road User Group	CL	Christmas lights
P	Policing	F	Flowers
PI	Planning		

		Action
1	Apologies for absence Malcolm Knight, Roy & Trudie Eaton, Bill & Rita Dawson, Alan Phillips, Brenda Scott, Cllr Anderson, Kim Tolson, Trevor Hutchinson	
2	Minutes (to approve the minutes of previous meeting) The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.	
3	Matters arising Have the plans arrived from the Architects (Springhouse)? No. PP to chase up.	PP
4	Policing and Safety (PC Victoria Harris, Jackie and Alex) Confirmed that motor bikes are monitored on bank holidays. Parking on pavements and double yellow lines. The council enforce this. Matt Ford will speak to Phil Carver who is Head of Enforcement. Obstructions to pedestrians are dealt with by the community team. Giffords Cross Road, will add to patrol. Increased staffing should maintain and improve crime rates. Incidents of note. 7 th May theft from Boots, arrested and charged. Ongoing youth issues in Southend Road, issued Community Resolution for youth. Stressed again that any youth issues, must be reported and not profiled on social media.	

	<p>Nuisance vehicles – two people arrested. Spot check on suspicious male. Arrested for being on the run. Road safety operation. Two arrests made. Vehicle stolen from Andersons was recovered.</p> <p>Residential burglaries in Thurrock - May 2018, 33, May 2019, 41. Stanford and Corringham April 2018, 3, April 2019, 2. May 2018, 2. May 2019, 3.</p> <p>Theft from vehicles. Thurrock April 2018, 94. April 2019, 74. May 2018, 96. May 2019, 76. Stanford and Corringham May 2018, 5. May 2019, 2.</p> <p>Knife crime, with extra funding they are stopping vehicles, targeting known offenders. Using plain cars.</p> <p>Rest of team has access to fire station.</p> <p>Has there been an increase in the use of cannabis? If you see and know it's being used then report it. Specific information is useful.</p> <p>The law is changing on difficult or noisy neighbours. Can issue a community protection warning, then community protection notice. Report to police if you fear for your safety. If it's their state of mind then call social services. If it's anti social behaviour then the team at the council will direct to right agency.</p>	
5	<p>Matt Ford – Thurrock Council See appendix for matters discussed. In addition:</p> <p>Parking on pavements – Thurrock doesn't have bye laws about parking on pavements. London has different legislation. If there is no obstruction, not much can be done. Minimum footway is 0.9 meters. Police can enforce against driving on footway but must be witnessed by Police. Issues with parking in Williamsons Way, Berkley Hill and Giffords Cross Road were all raised.</p> <p>Abbots Hall School. Increase in traffic in Abbots Drive. Cars are obstructing the road. All schools should have a travel plan to promote walking, cycling, safer environment. Road safety team interacts with police and school. Looking at putting increased funds into budget to work with every school. Abbots Hall haven't put in a travel plan. If it's a safety issue then let the Chair know and Matt's team will look into it. Shane is doing an action plan with Abbots Hall. And will go back and support with travel plan.</p> <p>Are there 5G antennas in lamp columns? Unaware of any notifications for antennas. Suggest you ask the planning dept. Ask Development Management. Matt will look into this.</p>	
6	<p>Dan Ambrose -Kier Construction See appendix for matters discussed. In addition:</p> <p>What is being done to stop lorries when the road is closed? Will communicate with DP World in advance. No physical restrictions.</p> <p>Average speed cameras, are they working? Matt will look at data. Lights are calibrated to ensure speeding is caught.</p>	

	Can anything be done about lorries overtaking? There is a restriction. Not seeing high accident rates.	
7	Treasurer's Report No transactions to report.	
8	<p>Sub committee reports:</p> <p>Planning Tony, Jenny and Carol attended a TAF meeting where they discussed setting up a separate group to claim the Community Infrastructure Levy. The group would put a community plan in place and it will give us a voice. Needs to be researched very carefully and will take a lot of time and effort. Due to a limit on the number of groups, we would have to join with other forums (suggest Stanford and East Tilbury). Jenny suggests this is looked at before the planning group gets established. Maybe meet with Dave Bowling from East Tilbury, as he is very knowledgeable.</p> <p>Planters and flowers See separate report. If the forum is successful in their bid to replace the planters, we will need to raise some funds (around £900). Fundraising should be on the agenda for next month. Gary can donate the Homesteads Hall if it helps.</p> <p>THRUG Pre meeting held and covered by Matt Ford.</p>	PP
9	<p>Public forum It is the 75th anniversary of VE day on 8th May 2020. Any ideas for a celebration? We have until 14th June to submit thoughts to the council about the development of the furnishings store. Tony has looked at installing 'Tommy' alongside the Morrisons sign but plinth may be too small. Weather permitting will look again on Wednesday to see what it's like and make a decision.</p>	
10	<p>Ward Councillor Reports Cllr Shane Ralph. Has complained about the mess at the back of Morrisons. Environmental health have visited. Now cleared up and much tidier. Incidents of cars turning right out of Morrisons. Bushes have now been cut back to the one-way sign is more visible. 17 residents have complained about the junction on Giffords Cross Road.</p>	
11	AOB	

**Next meeting is on Monday 8th July 2019 at 7.30pm
Corringham Hall**

Corringham & Fobbing Transport Development updates

Matt Ford – Thurrock Council

Section 106 update

There has been no change to the S106 allocations and expenditure, following the last meeting.

Southend Road Average Speed Camera Scheme

Speeding fines issued to date:

February 2019	355
March 2019	388
April 2019	250

Scheme is nearing 12 months from implementation, so a review report is underway to determine the effectiveness of the scheme. This will include, accident searches on the CRASH database, speed surveys on Southend Road and a review of the surrounding roads; i.e. the rat-running concerns on Branksome Avenue.

A1014 Manorway Resurfacing & Improvement works

Discussions are underway between the Authority and DP World, RE: final highways improvement trigger for HEO/LDO to resurface A1014, between Port Access RAB and A13/A1014 Interchange.

As part of these works, Highways Maintenance will take the opportunity to rectify defects in the carriageway and TD will be looking to undertake improvements to the central reservation and cats eyes to enable the use of the contra-flow system.

The funding for the improvements will likely be secured from the DP World Highways amenity fund. This part of the works will need to go through an approval process with the PfH for Highways & Transport

A13/A1014 Manorway interchange Speed and Red Light Camera

A review of the junction this year has identified in excess of 17 Personal Injury Accidents over a three year-period. The majority of these accidents are as a result to vehicle speed and jumping the red light.

Whilst this junction still does not meet intervention level, compared to other junctions and roads within the borough, it is likely that the DP World Amenity fund could secure a red light and speed camera at the junction to help prevent vehicle jumping the red light at speed. This will need to go through an approval process with the PfH for Highways & Transport

Gifford Cross/Springhouse Lane junction

A review of this junction this year has identified 5 Personal Injury Accidents over a three year period. The majority of these accidents are due to:

- Failure to judge the flow of traffic/failure to give way
- Vehicle speed

Considering that the A13/A1014 interchange does not meet intervention level, this junction is even lower on the list and as such unlikely to be treated.

However, it is likely that the Authority could demonstrate that the DP World Highways Amenity fund could be applied to advance a scheme this financial year. This will need to go through an approval process with the PfH for Highways & Transport.

Speed and Red Light at The Sorrells

Request by forum to install a westbound speed and red light camera. Speed surveys will be undertaken to ascertain what the 85th percentile speeds are and liaison with SERP at next available meeting.

Bus Shelter at White Post Corner (Southend Road/Lampits Hill Junction)

The forum has requested a shelter. This has been passed to the Authorities PTU. However, they are finalising the new contract for shelters so will not be in a position to review this location for a few months. An update will be provided at the next update meeting.

Kerb it schemes

The current funding for Kerb it programme has been allocated and committed, with schemes being implemented in SLH, Aveley and South Ockendon. Representations from the Forum to look at Berkley Hill, SLH has been provided and will be investigated for suitability onto the next round of funding; which may become available later in the year. However, this is not guaranteed to come forward.

Kier Construction – Dan Ambrose

- Lane widths have been narrowed on the A13, with **temporary crash barrier installed to enable construction works to take place at the side of the road – without the need to reduce the number of lanes available** – to keep traffic flowing.
- A **temporary 40mph speed limit** is now in place on the A13 between Orsett and Stanford-le-Hope.
- **Feedback from drivers has been positive so far** – traffic appears to be flowing well with the lower speed limit.
- Drivers may have recently noticed the **large cranes** at the side of the road between Orsett Roundabout and the BP Services – digging underground shafts for deep drainage.
- Piling works starting at **Horndon Road Bridge** – daytime works to minimise the disruption to residents.
- National Grid Gas are undertaking major diversions near **Saffron Gardens Bridge** throughout the summer. Most of their works will take place in farmers fields and won't impact road users.
- Elsewhere, **BT** are working around Orsett Cock Roundabout and along Stanford Road to install new underground chambers and cables.
- Finally, in July, there are some **weekend closures planned** for the A13. The road will be closed in both directions underneath the Orsett Rbt. Diversion is via the exit slip road and entry slip road. The closures will be in place from Friday night at 9pm to Monday morning at 5am. On two consecutive weekends, from Friday 19th July and Friday 26th July. *(Please note, these dates are different from the dates I mentioned yesterday, by one week).*
- We have a defibrillator on site and have registered it with the **National Defibrillator Network**. This connects the ambulance service and bystanders with details of local defib services helping to get urgent assistance to those having an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest.
- We recently attended the **South Essex Skills workshop** at South Essex College in Grays – a good opportunity for us to speak to young people about career opportunities in construction and on this project.
- We are trying to benefit the local economy whilst we are here, by using local suppliers and sub-contractors. In April 2019, **we have invested nearly £470,000 on businesses within a 10 mile radius** of the project.
- We hold a **monthly 'Meet the team'** event at our offices at the old Toomeys garage – to offer people a chance to ask any questions they have about the works. Next date is Thursday 20 June 9am to 6pm.