

Meeting of Corringham, Fobbing and Homesteads Forum Held on 9th September 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	Jean Lindsay	JL		CL
Alex Ridley	AR	Treasurer		Gary Byrne	GB	Councillor	PI
Hazel Parr	HP		PL/CL	Derek Parker	DP		
Tony Sharp	TS			Fiona McLoughlin	FM		
Brenda Scott	BS		F	Shane Ralph	SR		
Roy Jones	RJ			Peter O'Rourke	PO		PI
				John Fox	JF		P/T/PI
				Gbenga Olajugbage	GO		
				Fay Plumb	FP		
				David Plumb	DP		
				Michael Farman	MF		
				Trevor Hutchinson	TH	DP World	

Sub-committees:

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

		Action
1	Apologies for absence Christine King, Bill Dawson, Kim Tolson, Rita Dawson, Alan Phillips, Tony Benson, Malcolm Knight.	
	The meeting began with a reminder that items should go through the chair.	
2	Minutes (to approve the minutes of previous meeting) The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.	
3	Matters arising Item 8 (Police). DP raised at the IAG meeting the issue of training and induction for local police. The next meeting has been deferred. AR asked if we feel the fire station trial has been successful? The Police will realise there are still concerns but this matter should be raised with Essex Police. It isn't a permanent police station but it is an access point.	
4	Dan Ambrose – Kier Construction (A13 works) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A13 work is progressing well; including drainage across the site, bridge foundation and support work at Orsett Cock roundabout and the demolition of Saffron Gardens Farm Bridge. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The weekend closure of the A13 between 30 Aug and 2 Sept for the bridge demolition highlighted some additional areas to be addressed during future weekend closures including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Temporary signals at Buckingham Hill Road were prone to getting stuck on red and working inefficiently. To tackle this, the council is planning to close Buckingham Hill Road during future weekend closures to enable traffic to flow more freely in the area. The Tip will remain open, but should be accessed from the southern side of Buckingham Hill Road. This may be revised once the permanent traffic lights are commissioned at Buckingham Hill Road. ○ Horndon on the Hill was severely affected by the amount of drivers taking their own ‘unofficial’ diversion through the village – numerous steps being taken to discourage this and minimise the congestion through the village, including improved signage, one-way system and closing the ‘hole in the wall’. ○ C2C Trains were running a replacement bus service. Both C2C and Thurrock Council (A13 Project) have significant amounts of work to deliver and it would be incredibly difficult to avoid each others’ closures, without extending the length of time to complete the works. • There are a series of weekend closures planned, which will close a short section of the A13 beneath the Orsett Cock roundabout. Diversions will be via the exit slip roads, roundabout and entry slip roads. As before, we will be advising non-local traffic to avoid the area to lessen the impact on the borough. The closures will be from 9pm on Friday night, until 5am on Monday morning. On the following dates: 20-23 Sept, 27-30 Sept, 4-7 Oct, 11-14 Oct, 18-21 Oct, 25-28 Oct, 1-4 Nov 2019. • More info online www.thurrock.gov.uk/a13 <p>Questions and comments</p> <p>It was pointed out that the works were not supposed to start until the Buckingham Hill Road work had finished. JM will email Matt Ford about this.</p> <p>There has been excessive noise at night. Also, the speed signs are impaired by trees. Dan will look into this.</p>	JM
5	<p>Matt Ford – Thurrock Council</p> <p>Item cancelled but the following information was submitted for the forum:</p> <p>SLH PPA – There are a few scheme amendments currently under consultation to increase limited waiting bays around the Doctor Surgeries on Wharf Road, Town Centre and for St. Joseph’s school/ Hardie Park, following representations from residents.</p> <p>Southend Road average speed camera – a report has been drafted detailing the effectiveness of the scheme over the last 12 months. This has been used to change</p>	

	<p>Council Policy to increase average speed camera schemes across the borough onto similar high category roads. On the list is Lampits Hill, Corringham Road, A1014 Manorway, etc</p> <p>Rundown of tickets issued:</p> <p>Oct 18 – 194 Nov 18 – 503 Dec 18 – 715 Jan 19 – 373 Feb 19 – 410 Mar 19 – 410 Apr 19 – 268 May 19 – 227 Jun 19 – 349 Jul 19 – 330 Total – 3369</p> <p>Giffords Cross junction – investigations are ongoing into finding a solution to the issues at this junction. However, be mindful that there is no funding for a scheme and the Authority will have to look outside the ITB for funding.</p> <p>Speed and red light cameras A13 interchange – under investigation with the authority’s consultants but are awaiting authorisation from DfT for the new high mounted cameras to be granted,</p>	
<p>6</p>	<p>Trevor Hutchinson – DP World</p> <p>One building has just been occupied and another under construction. 2nd phase of the infrastructure is taking place. Canteen facilities at the truck park are really good and Trevor invited forum members to visit, a date will be suggested.</p> <p>A member asked why £28,000 of the section 106 money has gone out since April. Cllr SR will look into it, and JM will ask Matt Abbott. DP World are responsible for resurfacing part of the Manorway but discussions are taking place with Thurrock about when this should be done.</p> <p>Questions were raised about the Catcracker roundabout. The Thames Enterprise Park Transport Assessment includes proposals for a junction improvement scheme to the Catcracker roundabout area. The new Thames Enterprise development will have a significant impact on the area. A member noted that the roadmarkings at the Catcracker roundabout are very poor.</p> <p>The proposed Lower Thames Crossing is being modelled. TEP transport assessment is underestimated, TEP is not yet committed so the traffic it will generate is not currently being considered by LTC whatsoever. The LTCG have been highlighting incorrect traffic numbers.</p> <p>A member noted that there are a number of motions from MPs suggesting</p>	<p>SR JM</p>

	changes to the proposed crossing.	
7	<p>Treasurers report. Payments out have been to strengthen Tommy (silent soldier) and for plants. Thank you to all those who have contributed to both projects.</p>	
7	<p>Sub committee reports:</p> <p>Planning JM has emailed the group to get a date together, but response has been poor. JM will try again. TBC will not be able to attend future meetings as it stands. A meeting with TBC about future forum visits was postponed. JM will be attending a TAF meeting next week.</p> <p>Planters and flowers The weather has been changeable but the planters look good nonetheless. A meeting was held with Lynn Gittins about the bid to purchase new planters and a bench. Should know the outcome by the end of September.</p> <p>Fundraising HP and FM have a number of ideas to fundraise. Want to hold a Christmas party for children with entertainer and Santa but need to secure a venue. Possible market in the square? Competition with school children to design a logo? Easter event in the town?</p> <p>Christmas lights Uncertainty over whether Christmas trees can be supported by the current planters. Lynn Gittins is getting someone to take a look. Noted that Matt Abbott at DP World is leaving and will be replaced by Laura Harrison. PP will email Matt. Stanford have a switching on ceremony on 1st December with a carol service.</p>	<p>JM</p> <p>PP</p>
8	<p>Public forum JF met with Matt Ford at TBC and was provided with some interesting statistics about the average speed cameras in Southend Road. Up to July 2019 3369 tickets had been issued.</p> <p>Additional funding for police will not go to Corringham, but to South Ockendon, Purfleet and Stanford. Cllr SR has raised this – it's due to the crime statistics.</p>	
9	<p>Ward Councillor Reports Cllr GB asked why a new bench was planned when anti-social behaviour was an issue.</p> <p>Cllr SR had visited Ramos to discuss the disposal of fat. They were warned and fined following a spot check. The rubbish has now been cleared.</p> <p>The footpath going through the park is broken up and an inspection by TBC has confirmed this.</p>	

	<p>Cllr SR visited the CCTV hub and was impressed with everything he saw. Manned 24/7.</p> <p>Cars are still parking badly in Berkley Road.</p> <p>Reports of planes flying very low over the area. Evidence has been sent. Suggest PP writes to TBC about the noise pollution.</p> <p>The next phase of the work at the railway station will be starting on 25th.</p> <p>Cllr SR is trying to locate the landlord of the town centre, to get the footways painted.</p>	PP
10	<p>AOB</p> <p>Please report every single crime.</p>	

**Next meeting is on Monday 14th October 2019 at 7.30pm
Corringham Hall**