



LOUGHTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

LOCAL NEWS

Parking proposals: Forest Road area & Kings Green.

LRA has been working for years for a solution to the parking problems experienced by residents in Smarts Lane, Forest Road and neighbouring roads. LRA County Cllr Chris Pond, together with County Cllr Valerie Metcalfe, have finally persuaded the North Essex Parking Partnership to put forward proposals for residents' parking. They strongly suggested that an initial suggestion by NEPP of parking on one side of the road only was unlikely to meet residents' needs, or their approval, and this was dropped.

The next step is for residents to give their comments – please do copy us in at contact@loughtonresidents.co.uk

NEPP's Statement of Reasons Smarts Lane/Forest Road/High Beech Road/Nursery Road

“A resident parking scheme will improve the parking provision for local residents and their visitors, with spaces often assumed by non-residents associated with the nearby tube station and town. The introduction of nominal double yellow lines will serve to enhance the sight lines in the vicinity to improve safety and access. Limited waiting bays will also provide customers with an opportunity to utilise an element of free parking encouraging footfall to the nearby businesses. “

You can see the proposals, and how to comment on them, here:

<http://www1.parkingpartnership.org/north/uploads/policies/efdc-amendment-no.9.pdf>

<http://www1.parkingpartnership.org/north/uploads/policies/tro5419-066a1forest-road-loughton.pdf>

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Kings Green-Loughton.

One of the residents of this row of cottages asked LRA Cllr Chris Pond whether anything could be done about their parking problems. Unusually, this is a small area and residents were prepared to make a unanimous request to NEPP (things are rarely this simple!)

NEPP's Statement of Reasons.

“The road is within a short walking distance of a tube station and town and is regularly utilised by non residents for parking. A resident parking will improve the parking provision for local residents and their visitors. Dual use of the bay will also be encouraged to offer shoppers parking spaces during specified times, when bays use is limited, to visit local shops and businesses.”

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Nu-Bar.

A District Council Licensing Sub-committee* met on Tuesday – you can see the agenda papers and background documents at

<http://rds.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=428&MIId=8741&Ver=4>

*Cllr Brian Surtees (in the chair), Cllr Alan Lion, and LRA Cllr Caroline Pond

A new licence was granted, following an agreement between Greene King, the Premises Licence Holders, and the Police. This followed a Review of the Licence in May 2016 and closure of the premises by the police in February 2017 because of multiple breakings of the conditions of the licence. The old operators were evicted on 3 March, the premises returned to direct control of Greene King, and the locks changed.

The new licence provides, among 3 pages of stringent conditions:

- hours to be conventional pub hours (usual exceptions Xmas/New Year etc)
- the name to be changed
- to be run as a traditional pub and/or cafe-bar
- the pub to be closed 21 days, and Greene King say it might be closed longer than that while they find a new operator
- regular discussions between Greene King and Essex Police to prevent future trouble



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5. To enlarge a picture, click on it and then drag one of the corners outwards
6. EFNW = Epping Forest Neighbourhood Watch

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