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From the Editor

Email Addresses: When I was trying to contact residents about the proposed development of The Forestdale Arms I realised that I could only reach about one third of the community. Email is quick for spreading the word, good or bad. Hopefully the third I have reached have **been able to respond to the Council.** Looking at the Council's website today there are 60 more public comments than yesterday, obviously not all from the ARA catchment area, but some are.

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Objects of the Association: To ascertain the opinions of the residents and to lay them before appropriate authorities when desirable.

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Your opinions to araopinion@gmail.com

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Chairman's Report

First I would like to wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year.

2017 was a year with much uncertainty around the Croydon Development Plan. To this extent members of the committee attended meetings held by the planning inspector where we voiced our concerns. As far as we know the Croydon Development Plan has not yet been finally approved, but the good news is that the fields along Huntingfield and Kent Gateway are safe from Development and Falconwood Meadow, the dog walking field, has been protected.

Unfortunately the intensification zones are still in place but as no compulsory purchase orders are to be issued, any development depends on residents being willing to sell to developers.

*[Since Wiktor wrote this we have received the following from Croydon Council: The Independent Planning Inspector reporting on the Croydon Local Plan has finished his report. His report concludes that both the Croydon Local Plan: Strategic Policies – Partial Review and the Croydon Local Plan: Detailed Policies and Proposals provide an appropriate basis for the planning of the Borough, provided that a number of main modifications are made to it. The **Inspector's report can be viewed on the Council's website at either www.croydon.gov.uk/localplanone or www.croydon.gov.uk/localplantwo. The report contains both the recommended main modifications and the Inspector's reasoning for either recommending or not recommending a change. One of the main modifications is to make it more difficult to open unhealthy hot food takeaways in the area - see notice of the Planning Application service elsewhere in this magazine]***

Members of the committee have also attended the regular meetings and AGM of the London Green Belt Council and we have been informed that a cross-party committee in parliament has been formed to safeguard the Green Belt. The message from the London Green Belt Council is that to save the Green Belt we have to prove that the Green Belt is used. Please bear this in mind and use the Green Belt areas as often as possible.

Members of the committee have also attended meetings with the Councillors where we have been informed of the status of the Whitgift Centre development and the redevelopment of the Fairfield Hall. The planning permission for Whitgift has finally been approved by Croydon Council and should start early next year. Fairfield Hall was scheduled to reopen in March this year, this has now been put back until October and it is likely that only part of it will be opened then with the full opening in the beginning of 2019.

There is at present no more news about Pioneer Place.

Recently a car travelling up Huntingfield, lost control, shot across the road and hit a parked car with the result that both cars were written off. Fortunately neither the driver or the passengers in the car were hurt. We ask all our residents to observe speed limits and drive with due care and attention.

Incidents of antisocial behaviour in several of our areas have recently been reported such as people parking their cars on grass verges and throwing rubbish in the trees across from the houses. This kind of behaviour degrades our areas and we hope that all our residents will refrain from such acts and show respect for their neighbours.

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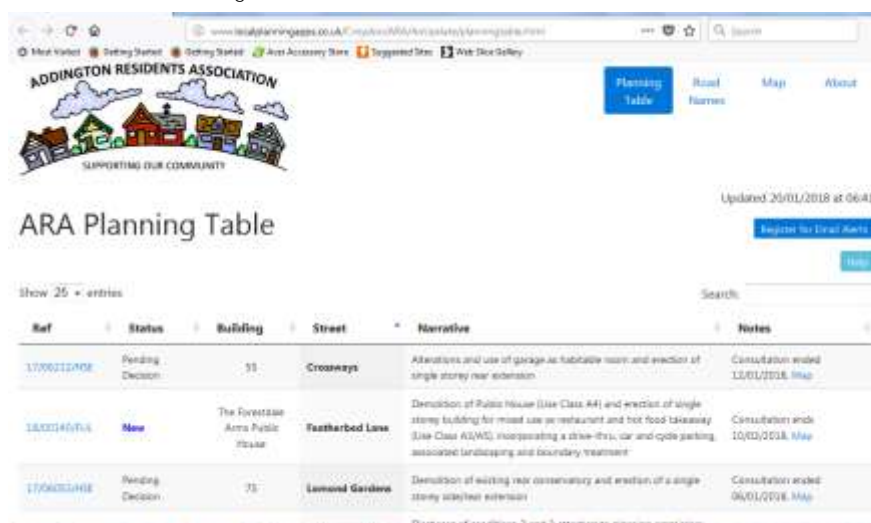
Local Planning App Service

Croydon Council, in line with other Councils, has announced that it will no longer actively advise residents of planning applications which may affect the local area. Instead, they will simply inform immediate neighbours.

Therefore, a new service which will advise all residents of planning applications is to be introduced immediately. To access the information please go to the ARA website and click on the link on the Planning Report page. Alternatively you can type the following into your browser:

<http://www.localplanningapps.co.uk/Croydon/ARA/AnUpdate>

You should see the following:



The screenshot shows the 'ARA Planning Table' website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Planning Table', 'Road Names', 'Map', and 'About'. Below the navigation bar is a logo for the 'ADDINGTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION' with the tagline 'SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY'. The main heading is 'ARA Planning Table'. Below this, there is a search bar and a button 'Register for Email Alerts'. A table of planning applications is displayed, with columns for 'Ref', 'Status', 'Building', 'Street', 'Narrative', and 'Notes'. The table shows three entries: 1. Reference 17706212708, Status Pending Decision, Building 99, Street Crossways, Narrative Alterations and use of garage as habitable room and erection of single storey rear extension, Notes Consultation ended 13/01/2018, Map. 2. Reference 1802146764, Status New, Building The Forestdale Arms Public House, Street Featherbed Lane, Narrative Demolition of Public House (Use Class A4) and erection of single storey building for mixed use as restaurant and hot food takeaway (Use Class A1/A2), incorporating a drive-thru, car and cycle parking, associated landscaping and boundary treatment, Notes Consultation ended 10/03/2018, Map. 3. Reference 17706213418, Status Pending Decision, Building 35, Street Leonard Gardens, Narrative Demolition of existing rear conservatory and erection of a single storey side/rear extension, Notes Consultation ended 06/01/2018, Map. Below the table, there is a note: 'Discharge of conditions 2 and 3 attached to planning permission'.

Ref	Status	Building	Street	Narrative	Notes
17706212708	Pending Decision	99	Crossways	Alterations and use of garage as habitable room and erection of single storey rear extension	Consultation ended 13/01/2018, Map
1802146764	New	The Forestdale Arms Public House	Featherbed Lane	Demolition of Public House (Use Class A4) and erection of single storey building for mixed use as restaurant and hot food takeaway (Use Class A1/A2), incorporating a drive-thru, car and cycle parking, associated landscaping and boundary treatment	Consultation ended 10/03/2018, Map
17706213418	Pending Decision	35	Leonard Gardens	Demolition of existing rear conservatory and erection of a single storey side/rear extension	Consultation ended 06/01/2018, Map

Discharge of conditions 2 and 3 attached to planning permission

To get regular updates please click on the blue button titled 'Register for email alerts' and if you want to see an application in detail just click on the reference number in the left hand column.

Please note the second item shown in the screenshot above – demolishing The Forestdale Arms and building a fast food restaurant complete with Drive Thru. Click on the reference number and you will be taken to Croydon Council's Planning page which shows all the necessary documentation including letters/plans etc for the proposed restaurant/takeaway with Drive Thru. The associated documents/plans show access via Holmbury Grove near the doctors surgery. This is also where parents walk when collecting children from Forestdale Primary School.

The next ARA meeting is on Tuesday 6th February where this matter will be discussed. Residents can make their own comments on the Council's website.



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This year you have raised over £9,000 which the Rotary Club of Sanderstead & Selsdon will use to support charities and individuals within the local community and abroad as and when disasters occur. Thank you so much for your support.

On Christmas Morning we met for breakfast before delivering parcels to elderly members of our community who might otherwise not receive a visit on the big day. It was super fun for everyone.

There is much still to come in the second half of the Rotary year for our Club; the **St George's Dinner in April**, the ever popular Quiz Night in March, the annual Ramble in May, the Craft Fair in November, and this year we have a new event, a Murder Mystery evening in May. As ever so much to do.

Keep watching our facebook page which will change to the Rotary Club of Sanderstead & Selsdon soonest, and the website. Keep watching our progress and enjoy all that comes within the Rotary year.

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New Addington in 1946

By 1939, when the outbreak of World War II suspended construction, 1,023 houses and 23 shops had been built. The new estate was popular, but the provision of amenities had not kept pace with the house building. Only one of the proposed schools and few of the shops were in operation. For employment, decent shopping and entertainment, the residents had to travel off the estate. There was limited public transport and the residents felt isolated and had to wait another 60 years for the arrival of Tramlink.

After the war, there were concerns about the amount of green space being used for building around London. Much of the countryside around the developing estate was declared Green Belt. The County Borough of Croydon bought the unused First National Housing Trust land and a further 400 acres to add to it for extensive further development. Many dozens of single-storey, detached, prefabricated houses were built in the Castle Hill area of the estate and these were inhabited until the 1960s when they were demolished and replaced with brick-built two-storey homes. At the same time as the smaller prefabs were built, larger two-storey semi-detached houses were also built. These houses, which had metal upper skins, still survive around the King Henry's Drive area near Wolsey School. This was more development than had originally been envisaged but it brought about the structure of the estate as seen today. There was a great sense of community in the early days. Families that arrived from the

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