

Village Voice - Kingswood Residents Association



Firstly, I would like to introduce myself as the new Chair of the KRA. I bring to this role over 30 years global experience in architecture, project management and business leadership across several sectors. As a key focus of the KRA is to protect the character of our village through encouraging 'appropriate' development, I believe that my experience will add value.

There are currently two local developments of importance to our village:-

The Station site works are now well under way. The new set-down area and car park work well, and the drainage improvements at the bottom of Furze Hill should address the road flooding problem. These works, and the extensive renovation to the Station building, should significantly enhance the 'gateway' into Kingswood. We are currently awaiting the commencement of construction of the housing component.

The L&G site, having stood vacant for some time, "Inspired Villages Group" (IVG) who are part of L&G, are developing proposals for a retirement village. The KRA has set up a working group with members from KRA and KVCA, to monitor, review and provide feedback to IVG on their emerging proposals. We will meet with IVG regularly and will relay comments or concerns of our Residents. One key issue that will need to be addressed is traffic generation, both during construction and once the retirement village is operational. I would encourage all residents to participate in the public consultation at L&G House on 17 and 18 May. We will share links to the IVG proposals as these develop and welcome your comments at kingswoodviewsonlg@gmail.com

The KRA AGM was held on 26 March and once again the Village Hall was filled. Guest Speakers included Inspector Angie Austin and PS Clifton-Sinclair of Surrey Police, Paul Wyborn of Govia Thameslink, the holding company for Southern Rail and Jamie Bunce and Keith Cockell from IVG.

On behalf of the KRA and the Residents, I would like to extend our thanks and gratitude to Des Camblin for his valuable contribution as Chair of the KRA since 30 April 2013. We have been privileged to have had Des representing our interests for the past 6 years, including his work alongside the Council relative to the Strategic Planning Document, Station Site, and most recently the challenge to the Boundary Commission. All these initiatives have significantly benefitted Kingswood village and we are grateful to Des for the part he played in their success.

Valerie Evans (Chair KRA)