

CRARA

Cranley Road Area Residents Association

Newsletter: New Year 2012



Autumn Colours - Hilgay Close

Guildford Town Centre Master Plan - is available for download from www.guildford.gov.uk the consultation ends on Jan 23rd.

The Plan includes moving the Bus Station to Bedford Road. Buses from East Guildford would not use the Bus Station and terminate at the top of North Street. We believe that this would be unacceptable to CRARA residents.

The Plan also includes London Road Station in the Town Centre, potentially allowing high rise offices.

Localism

The localism bill became an Act of Parliament on the 15th November 2011. This Act encourages Neighbourhood plans.

Local Issues

The Snicket-Land adjacent to 109 Epsom Road

Planning permission for a single storey bungalow with associated parking and access on this narrow site was refused by GBC. The developer appealed this decision, and submitted an amended plan for a two storey dwelling. The Inspector rejected the appeal on grounds that the proposal would unacceptably harm the character and appearance of the local area and contravene a range of policies in the Guildford Local Plan.



The Developer has submitted a new plan including an underground garage with turntable.

The Snicket before the trees were cut down.

Former Clavadel Hotel , 1 Pit Farm Road

The sale of the Claverdel Hotel has now been agreed and should complete during March. Building work on the Nursing Home should start in the Spring.

115 Epsom Road

Demolition of the former house and construction of two new buildings, each containing five flats, began in November. A new entrance has been opened onto Epsom Road opposite the Gateways.

Squatters 12 Maori Road

Squatters moved into No 12 Maori Road, after a spate of three break-ins forced the owner to move out. The property has now been reclaimed and boarded up.

19 Maori Road

Building has stopped and a new planning application made to add rooms in the roofspace.

Tormead Road Surface



The poor condition of Tormead Road continues to deteriorate. The tarmac surface is worn out in many places by speeding cars, high tonnage vehicles, the bus service using this road and by school buses. The worsening road surface has exposed the concrete slabs which now show wear and tear particularly at the edges of the concrete slabs and where the road has been dug up through the concrete to access and service the major gas pipeline that runs under Tormead Road.

The high usage of the road by cars seeking access to the nearby schools contributes in large measure to the worsening condition of the road. The safety white line in the middle of the bend in Tormead Road has been obliterated adding to the danger in the road. Whilst neighbouring roads have been tarred at regular intervals, Tormead Road has been excluded from basic repair and maintenance. The residents would like to know why.

Surrey County Council Highways Department say that the concrete slabs are preventing the formation of deep potholes. The wear is only cosmetic and therefore has a low priority.





The CRARA Committee and Road Reps, wish all our members a happy New Year.
If you wish to make CRARA aware of any new neighbourhood issues, please contact your Road Rep (See the CRARA website www.crara.org.uk for details) or send an email to secretary@crara.org.uk

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