



## RAMSHILL ROUNDABOUT

*The Newsletter for Residents of Ramshill Estate*

*December 2016*



This is our first newsletter since our AGM in July so thank you to all those residents who attended and supported their Residents Association. As you will read below we need more of our neighbours to be involved with your estate as without your support the Ramshill Residents Association may not be able to resolve our outstanding Legacy Issues and as detailed below.

If you would like to be actively involved with your Residents Association please email us:  
[Chair@Ramshill.org.uk](mailto:Chair@Ramshill.org.uk).

- **GREEN SPACES & CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND:** Some time ago we were informed by Taylor Wimpey that the Greenbelt Group would acquire these community areas by default unless the RRA could provide an alternative. We believe the Greenbelt option would not be welcome. The RRA therefore petitioned the Petersfield Town Council a year ago and thanks to their support and commitment to Ramshill, transfer negotiations are currently at an advanced stage and we will continue to monitor and report on progress.
- **ADOPTION:** We have been informed the legal issues between Taylor Wimpey and Southern Water have been resolved and formal Adoption of Ramshill by Hampshire County Council should now proceed. The RRA will be monitoring progress.
- **SKINNERS LANE:** The RRA have continued to petition EHDC, Hampshire County Council, South Downs National Park Authority and Taylor Wimpey (TW) for a final resolution and the construction of this vital footpath. This came to a head in September following meetings we had with the authorities and in précis HCC may not adopt Skinners Lane unless it is built to their "Adoptable Standards" specification. This would include major drainage work involving pipes from Skinners Lane to the bottom of Ramshill to connect to existing sewers and we are informed this work could cost between £200k and £300k, an amount TW are reluctant to spend.

We now understand the latest EHDC proposal would be for TW to complete Skinners Lane to a compromise and less complex design and then bequeath the lane to a

private Management Company who would take ownership in perpetuity, although it is unclear how this would or could work in practice. And the RRA are concerned this option is being seriously proposed by EHDC as in our experience third party private sector companies responsible for maintaining community land is not a positive experience.

We are currently speaking with our MP (and his Case Worker is actively working with EHDC) to see if there is a resolution to the Skinners Lane issue.

Skinners Lane continues to be a vital and safe pedestrian alternative into the town centre and we will continue to investigate our options and work closely with our MP, elected Councillors and the authorities.

- **FLY-TIPPING:** We are aware of fly-tipping of garden waste at the estate end of Skinner's Lane. Please look after our estate and its environment and let the RRA know of any further instances of fly-tipping so we can report this to the relevant authorities.
- **CAR BREAK-INS:** These have been reported recently on the estate. Crime is mercifully very rare in Ramshill and Petersfield but we all need to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the police by dialling 101 (if it is not urgent). The RRA have considered setting up the Neighbourhood Watch scheme on the estate and we would welcome any residents who would like to work with the Residents Association and help to set this up and monitor the estate. Please email [Chair@Ramshill.org.uk](mailto:Chair@Ramshill.org.uk) if you would like to volunteer.



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