

<u>RAMSHILL ROUNDABOUT</u>

Our Christmas Newsletter for Residents of Ramshill Estate

December 2017



This is our first newsletter since our AGM in July so a BIG thank you to all those who attended and supported your Residents Association. Visitors included our District and County Councillors plus the Petersfield Town Mayor.



This is your estate and your home and as you know we have been battling for 14 years to secure our future by resolving the three Legacy Issues:

- 1. Adoption of the Estate by Hampshire County Council
- 2. Adoption of our Green Spaces & Playground by the Petersfield Town Council.
- 3. Planning Approval and Construction of Skinners Farm Lane.

If you would like to be actively involved or show your support for YOUR Residents Association please email us: <u>Chair@Ramshill.org.uk</u>.

- **ADOPTION:** We have been informed the legal issues with Southern Water have been resolved, the legal agreement signed and remedial works on storm drains completed. HCC will be carrying out an inspection of the estate on January 8th and will instruct Taylor Wimpey concerning any remedial works required. Formal Adoption of Ramshill by Hampshire County Council should then proceed. This is real progress and the RRA will be monitoring developments.
- GREEN SPACES & CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND: Some time ago we were informed by Taylor Wimpey that the Greenbelt Group based in Glasgow would acquire our 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 over a year ago and thanks to their support and commitment to Ramshill, transfer negotiations are currently at an advanced stage. Residents will have seen the PTC Ground Team maintaining our grassed areas throughout the summer, and the significant improvement we have seen. This is in agreement with TW on an interim basis and until our Green Spaces are formally adopted by the PTC. We understand there are some minor issues relating to

Southern Water having legal access to our open areas and once that is resolved the transfer of title to the Town Council can proceed.

- SKINNERS FARM LANE: The Residents Association has continued to petition EHDC, Hampshire County Council, South Downs National Park Authority and Taylor Wimpey for a final resolution and for the construction of this vital footpath which should have been completed 14 years ago. And real progress has now been achieved. Taylor Wimpey recently agreed revised and final planning drawings with HCC and the EHDC Planning Department. Also, the application for Discharge of Planning Condition 24 was validated on Friday 1st December. Application <u>SDNP/17/06178/DCOND</u> which includes the revised plans can be viewed on the SDNPA website. This is a Local Authority "delegated decision" so Planning Committee approval is not required. However, TW have to negotiate and agree construction work required to secure adjacent garden walls which could further delay final approval. We will be monitoring developments.
- **CONCLUSION:** The above shows real progress in the battle to resolve the 14-year Legacy sagas which at one time I am sure we all thought would never be resolved. We are not there quite yet but we now have the political support we need and influential voices working on our behalf. We are therefore confident with the continuing support of our **District & County Councillors** and our **MP and his team** we can achieve success in 2018.

We need to hear from our residents too so please email your comments to : <u>Chair@Ramshill.org.uk</u>



WITH BEST WISHES AND SEASONS GREETINGS TO ALL OUR NEIGHBOURS

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