

Thanks to everyone who turned up yesterday evening for our meeting with local councillors at the civic centre. As with all our meetings so far there was a really good turn out and we had lots of messages from people who wanted to come but couldn't make it.

Pete Mitchell was there, who lives in Wolseley Road and who many of you know, but also one of our new councillors, Lucia Das Neves. Our third ward councillor, Mark Blake, couldn't make it as he has his leg in plaster at the moment.

The tone was positive and we aired a lot of our concerns. Full minutes of the meeting will be posted in due course but here's a brief summary of what we discussed - it doesn't include everything we discussed only the highlights.

### **Opening up of conservation area**

We expressed our total opposition to turning the conservation area into a 'green path' and handed over our petition. Both councillors said they could not see any positives from opening it up and said we had their support in our campaign to keep it closed. At the next round of consultations we need to build on the opposition we've already generated.

### **Local developments - Bus Garage, Council Offices, Green Ridings House, Ashley House**

The main concerns voiced were about the heights of proposed buildings. The councillors said the plan might be revised by the new admin and there will be another round of consultations. All buildings will have to go through the statutory planning process but the area around the tube station has been granted permission to have tall buildings. There's obviously more work to be done in terms of objecting to these developments.

Pete did draw our attention to a planning proposal for Ashley House which is next to the bus station. Plans have been submitted for a 20 storey building so we need to respond to this en-masse!

### **Rat Run**

We registered our objection to the rat run and to the ineffectiveness of the soft width restriction on Watsons Road. The councillors asked for our ideas on the matter and seemed willing to work with us on solutions to be found in the Low Traffic Neighbourhoods campaign. More work needs to be done to get them to buy in to a concrete set of proposals but they were sympathetic and it was useful for the new councillor to hear the full history of our attempts to get the road closed.

### **Parking Issues**

People felt parking had got easier since the recent campaign and media attention but still had issues. Pete was aware of the issues and said he would keep the pressure on council enforcement.

### **Anti-social Concerns/Rogue Landlords**

People raised concerns about anti-social behaviour, especially in Warberry Road. Pete had been made aware of them and the perennial problems at 1A and is trying to resolve them.

### **Wood Green Places**

Pete drew our attention to the grant from the GLA to make improvements to the Wood Green Area which has already been discussed on the FB page. Here's the link <https://woodgreenplaces.commonplace.is/>

If anyone's got any suggestion on how to brighten up the place let us know or leave a comment on the site.