

## SLEEPERS HILL ASSOCIATION - HALF YEAR REPORT - MAY 2014

**AGM AND MEETINGS** The AGM will be held on Sunday 14th June between 11.30am and 1.30pm. It will be held in the hall at the bottom of the Hill. All members of the Association are invited to attend. The AGM will be held in the hall at the bottom of the Hill. The AGM will be held in the hall at the bottom of the Hill.

**ROAD MAINTENANCE** The road surface is bearing up reasonably well and there are isolated areas requiring patching which will be addressed. We will arrange for our Road Consultant to inspect the Hill once the various construction projects along the Hill have been completed.

**THE DAY HOUSE** The ground works are well under way and other trades should be starting on site shortly. Alfred Homes have agreed to pay The SHA a contribution of £5000 as a contribution in respect of road maintenance. They have asked us to consider options for a traffic management scheme on their frontage during the next phase of construction and discussions are ongoing. Completion of the houses is scheduled for April 2015.

**ROAD DRAINAGE** Our Road Consultant has developed a scheme for installing a small number of soakaways along the Hill to help reduce the volume of storm water. We approached the ground work contractors involved with the Day House but on receipt of their quote have decided to seek further quotations. We will continue to liaise with frontagers whose properties are in the vicinity of the proposed soakaways.

**20MPH SPEED LIMIT** Sleepers Hill has been included in the Council's scheme for a 20 mph speed limit within the St James/St cross/Stanmore residential area and the consultation stage has been completed. The new scheme will be implemented over the coming months and the Council will be installing 20mph "terminal" road signs at the Romsey Road junction turning into Sleepers Hill and pairs of 20mph roundel road markings at 200 metre spacing along the Hill towards Airlie Road.

**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT CHARIS HOLT** On 26<sup>th</sup> March WCC issued outline planning consent for four units at Charis Holt, comprising two large houses and two smaller houses in the approximate area occupied by the existing house and outbuildings. The design should be completed by July with work on site starting in October. The developer will consult with neighbours.

**USE OF SLEEPERS HILL ASSOCIATION NAME** It has been brought to our attention that a letter of complaint was sent to the Enforcement Department of the City Council regarding a dispute on a planning matter. This letter purported to come from the SHA in some form of official capacity but this was not the case. Your Committee was appalled by this action and has recently written to the City Council setting out our position and seeking more information about the sender.

**PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON THE ROMSEY ROAD** The SHA Committee organised a petition and over 200 signatures have been collected. Progress within the County Council has been slow, however an engineering report and traffic/pedestrian survey have been completed. The outcome show that the numbers of pedestrians do not support the installation of a crossing but the weightings given to young and elderly people are under review and may help our cause. We are making arrangements to hand the petition in person to the Council's Executive Member for Economy, Transport and the Environment.

**UNAUTHORISED PARKING** Unwanted and dangerous parking on the Hill is becoming a cause for concern once more. At the lower end, University students have started parking their cars and we have been working with the University's management to get this stopped. At the top of the Hill cars have been waiting to collect students from various schools and the management at King's School have written to all parents asking them regarding this. We are in discussions with contractors which are licensed to manage unwanted parking and we will develop a scheme which can be introduced if and when considered appropriate, subject to the approval of residents.

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Paul Barlow  
Chairman